



Maynooth Newsletter

Recording the Social Footprint of Maynooth since the 1970s



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'If These Walls Could Talk'

18th August, 5pm - 6:30pm
18th August, 6:30pm - 8pm

General Paints Group - Colourtrend
Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co Kildare
W23 X7R8

Join us on Thursday 18th of August at Colourtrend Paint and Wallpaper Store in Celbridge to hear from local historian, Cathi Fleming about life in the Celbridge Famine Workhouse through stories, pictures, and song. Followed by a tour of the paint factory, seeing how the workhouse is being used today.

- Not suitable for children under 12
- Booking required please email info@colourtrend.ie in advance to secure your place.
- No walk-ins

Further Information: 01 628 8224 - info@colourtrend.ie



National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

13 -21 August 2022

www.heritageweek.ie for full programme

'Leixlip in the Rare Auld Times'

15 August, 7:30pm - 9:15pm

Gerry Keane
Our Lady's Nativity Church carpark
Maynooth Road, Leixlip, Co. Kildare

The event will commence with an introductory powerpoint presentation by local historian, John Colgan. This will be followed by a 'Walk and Talk' through the village of Leixlip commencing in OLN Church carpark and will end at the Middle Shop.

John Colgan is an experienced local historian who has written a book on Leixlip for which he did all the research himself. He will carry an amplification unit so everybody should be able to hear comfortably.

- A guided or specialist tour
- Suitable for families
- Free
- Accessible by public transport
- Car parking available
- Fully wheelchair accessible

Further Information: 0871273585
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'Exhibition and Tours' at the Russell Library, Maynooth

16th & 18th August

Special Collections and Archives,
Maynooth University

Russell Library
St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Please join us for daily tours of the historic Russell Library. You will also have a chance to view an exhibition of items from our collections.

Please note that there is no wheelchair access at this site.
Further Information on tour times contact: 01 7083890 or library.russell@mu.ie



Heritage Week at Castletown House

13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th & 20th August,
3pm - 4pm
Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare

Join us in Castletown House for Heritage Week
13th to 21st August.

Re-Use, Re-Purpose and Re-Cycle, a look at 18th Century sustainability. 300 years ago being sustainable was the order of the day repurposing items a part of everyday life. For Heritage Week we are upcycling a Georgian dress into the Regency style, this project is

being filmed and will be uploaded to our Facebook page with the finished dress on display in Castletown during Heritage Week. We will also be repurposing old costumes, upcycling material into new children's costumes for our Living History tours in Castletown.

Saturday August 13th and Sunday 14th at 3pm
Who Am I? A children's tour of Castletown House in which children are given a costume that replicates a portrait in the house.

*Places are limited to 2 adults max per ticket.
Adults €10 Senior €8 Children under 12 Free

Tuesday 16th Wednesday 17th and
Thursday 18th August at 3pm

From ashes to animal fat nothing was wasted in the 18th house, discover how everything was reused, recycled and repurposed.

Adults €10 Senior €8 Children under 12 Free

Saturday 20th August
Wild Child Day 10.30 to 4pm
North Kildare Bee Association exhibition in our Bio-Diversity garden. A selection of outdoor games for children available in the garden.
Free

Saturday 20th August at 3pm
Outdoor tour of the house with the focus on the architecture and how building material was repurposed throughout the estate.
Free.



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Letters to the Editor

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Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

In addition we undertake the following:

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

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

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

Maynooth Newsletter Archives

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

www.maynoothcep.com.

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

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

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter

Editorial

One hopes that we didn't have a short-lived Summer last month when we had temperatures over 30 degrees and that August will give us more good weather particularly so that we can enjoy Heritage Week events. The town seems to be very busy no matter what time of the day even at the weekends. While it is great to see people coming out to enjoy the facilities in the town, I am also conscious that there are many visitors in the town. At weekends these include GAA supporters of the counties that qualify for the concluding rounds of the football and hurling championship games in Croke Park. With the train service from Maynooth directly serving Drumcondra station for Croke Park, Maynooth has become a carpark for fans going to these matches. Hopefully these crowds add benefit to the businesses in Maynooth.

Thankfully the proposal from AIB Bank to make seventy branches throughout Ireland cashless was overturned. While Maynooth branch was not included in the list, Celbridge was one of the seventy branches. Celbridge has a much bigger population than Maynooth and based on the queues that I have already seen when I need to use the Maynooth branch there is no doubt that the queues in future would have included Celbridge customers. Perhaps with the number of businesses in Maynooth and in the hinterland as well as Maynooth University students the level of branch visits in Maynooth merits continuing the service which of course isn't free. There is no doubt that the option to purchase goods without cash has greatly increased but then when you need other services that require you to visit a bank the branch may not be there anymore. We need to be aware if we no longer use some services by choice sooner or later, they will be withdrawn.

Talking about services in post Covid Ireland my experience is that generally the quality of services has deteriorated. Without mentioning any particular business that I have engaged with on-line my experience has been poor. Yes, there is a shortage of staff and in many businesses blended working arrangements have meant that staff are continuing to work remotely including myself. However, if circumstances do not improve Ireland will get a reputation for poor services.

Finally, as we were close to publishing this month's Maynooth Newsletter we got the sad news that our former Chairperson Tom McMullon has passed away. Over the past four decades Tom has been involved in many community groups and activities giving tirelessly of his time to support his adopted home place. On behalf of myself, the directors and staff of Maynooth Community Employment Project & the Maynooth Newsletter we offer our sincere sympathies to his wife Maura and his sons Andrew and James and his extended family. Tom will be missed by all of us but especially by his family.



Tom McMullon RIP

**Paul Croghan
Editor**

**Copy date for the next edition of the
Maynooth Newsletter will be 5pm on
Friday 26th August 2022**

MAYNOOTH DRESSES

Find us at Unit 3 San Feliu, Fagan's Lane, Maynooth
(Behind EBS Main St)

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also **www.maynoothdresses.ie**

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(Closed for Lunch 1pm to 2pm)



August Events at Maynooth Community Library

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Children's Events

**Ceardlann Drámaíochta le Clíona de Brí /
Drama Workshop with Clíona de Brí**

Friday 19th August

2.30pm – 4.30pm

Maynooth Community Library

Age: 7–12 years

Make a show based on your favourite book/story. We will work with masks and puppets, mime and movement, for building a piece of theatre. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cruthú amharclannaíochta le Clíona de Brí – seó gairid bunaithe ar leabhar nó scéal le drámaíocht agus scéalaíocht. Mascanna agus puipéid a úsáid mar chuid den scéal-insint chomh maith le geáitsí agus gluaiseachtaí. Caithfear tuismitheoir / caomhnóir a bheith in éineacht le páistí faoi bhun 8 mbliana d'aois.

Cuir áit in áirithe anois le TicketTailor! / Book now through TicketTailor! <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735208>

Pokémon Trainer Arts and Crafts Workshop at Maynooth Library

Wednesday 24th August, 2.30pm- 3.30pm

Maynooth Community Library

Age: 7+ years

Come visit your local library Pokéstop and hunt for our 3D-printed Pokémon around the library. Once you have found a Pokémon you can then paint it and begin creating your Pokédex.

For ages 7+ with limited spaces available. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. Book early to avoid disappointment at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/maynoothlibrary/735220>

Baby and Toddler Stay & Play Group (New)

Every Thursday starting 4th August

10:00-11:00am

Maynooth Community Library

If you have a young baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents in the area, come to our new stay and play group every Thursday morning at 10am.

Bring a coffee and chat to other parents while your babies play with the toys and books provided. No need to book, just drop in!

Secret Saturday Cinema

Every Saturday in August starting 6th August

2:30 - 4:00pm

Come to our animated children's film screenings every Saturday afternoon in August at 2:30pm! Every film will be a surprise on the day, but all will have a "U" rating. Booking required, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

6th August 2:30pm - 4:00pm

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735898>

13th August 2:30pm - 4:00pm

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735912>

20th August 2:30pm - 4:00pm

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735913>

27th August 2:30pm - 4:00pm

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735914>

Weekly Story-Time in Maynooth Library

Friday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th August, 10.00am–10.30am

Ages: 2-5 years

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Join the Maynooth staff for some in-person stories with nursery rhymes and songs. Each week we will have a new theme. Places are limited and one ticket is required per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Book Via Ticket Tailor:

Friday 5th August: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735379>

Friday 12th August: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735380>

Friday 19th August: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735381>

Friday 26th August: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/735382>

Adult Events

Poetry Picnic: An Evening of Sharing Poetry [Online Event]

Thursday 11th August, 6.30 pm- 7.30 pm

Join us for a spread of poetry on a summer's evening, hosted online by Maynooth and Ballitore Libraries. Some of you may wish to read a poem aloud, or you might like to just listen, while we enjoy a taste of your favourite poetry. All welcome.

Booking via TicketTailor <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/maynoothlibrary/730507>

Regular Events

Wednesday Morning Book Club: [Please note the book club will not meet during the month of August but will resume from September]

Third Wednesday of each month

11.00am–12.00 pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

If interested, please contact Maynooth library by email at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or by phone on 045 980 493.

U3A Book Club

Monday [Please note the book will not meet during the month of August but will resume from September]

10.30am–11.30am (Second Monday of the month)

Location: Maynooth Community Library

If interested, please contact Maynooth library by email at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or by phone on 045 980 493.

Every Monday [Please note the knitting group will not meet during the month of August but will resume weekly meetings from September]

Knitting / Craft Club

12.00pm–1:00pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Come and join like-minded people for an hour of chat, knitting and crafting.

If interested, please contact Maynooth library by email at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or by phone on 045 980 493.

German 'Stammtisch', informal conversation meet-up for adults

Thursday 25th August at 6.30pm-7.30pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Do you want to practice your German? Maynooth Library hosts a monthly informal German conversation meet-up, for anyone with an interest in the language and culture in German-speaking countries.

All levels from learners to native speakers are welcome. Meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of every month. For more information please contact Maynooth Library at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or 045 980493

For all ages

Reader Pens Now Available in Maynooth Library

Maynooth Library now have reader pens available for lending or alternatively you can just borrow one for the duration of your library visit.

These text-to-speech pens read words and full lines of text aloud, promoting independent reading and confidence.

Key Features of reader pens: Read text aloud – Promote reading independence – Built-in dictionaries – Secure and private – No WiFi required – Built-in speaker & earphone jack – Rechargeable – Easy to use

Helps with: Reading or pronunciation – Dyslexia – Language learning – Vision problems.

**For more information, ask a staff member at the library desk /
email Maynooth Library at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie /
phone us on 045 980493.**



Gold Medal Winners

2016
2017
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2021

At the time of writing we are still expecting the Tidy Towns Judges to grace us with their presence around the streets of Maynooth. Judging ends on the 31st July and we should know the results sometime in September. Fingers crossed that we retain our Gold Medal status for 2022. Our volunteers have been very busy during the month of July sowing Sunflowers and trying to keep the flowers in the Square and other areas watered during that very hot spell. We had help from Christina and the clients in Leap Services a couple of times, much appreciated, long may it continue.

We also helped Michael Sheeran celebrate a very special birthday with cake and a few songs after clean up one Saturday morning. We are having problems removing the weeds everywhere, we hired a machine called a Weedex but unfortunately it didn't impress. We don't use any form of Weed Killer as it's so bad for the environment. We are taking part in The Flossie Beach Clean on the 30th of July, we don't have a beach but we do have the wonderful Royal Canal. We have asked on Facebook if anyone has the loan of a Boat and lifejackets for 2 hours that morning. We are continuing our clean ups on Saturday morning 9-11 am, Sunday morning on a rota basis and Wednesday from 7pm. Our volunteers have been wonderful all year turning up in great numbers every week.

Please follow us on Facebook for more updates on our clean ups.

Mary Molloy PRO - Maynooth Tidy Towns Association



Up to €14k Tax Free Income for Homeowners



Did you know, if you share your home with a student, the income you earn (up to €14k per year) can be tax free under the Rent a Room Allowance? If you have a spare room, you might consider letting it on a self-catering or full/partial board basis – whatever works!

Currently we are advertising accommodation for incoming students who will study at Maynooth for **the 2022-2023 academic year**. Additionally, we host ERASMUS students during Semester 1 who will require accommodation.

We require accommodation for both 5-days/week and 7-days/week.

We offer a free online advertising service to homeowners to advertise your accommodation to Maynooth University students.

Just log on to www.maynoothstudentpad.ie to set up your account and advert – no charge!

Further details from homefinder.service@mu.ie or ring (01) 708 4729

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Community Employment (CE) scheme

- What is the CE scheme?
- Am I eligible for the CE scheme?
- How long can I stay on the CE scheme?
- Working on a CE scheme
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- What is the CE scheme?

The Community Employment (CE) programme (more commonly known as the 'CE Scheme') is designed to help people who are long-term unemployed (or otherwise disadvantaged) to get back to work by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. If you are a participant in the CE scheme, you can take up other part-time work during your placement. After the placement, you are encouraged to look for permanent jobs elsewhere, based on the experience and new skills you have gained while on a Community Employment scheme.

You can find out more about CE and the experience of CE participants in the [DSP video on Community Employment](#).

If you are a CE supervisor or a CE assistant supervisor, you can get a once-off CE Ex-Gratia Payment after you reach retirement age. You can find out more on gov.ie.

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) gives allowances and funding to assist with the Community Employment scheme, for example, your wages, supervisor grants, materials grants and specific skills training grants. Community Employment sponsors are the voluntary organisations or public bodies that manage CE schemes at a local level. Detailed information is available in the [Community Employment procedures manual \(pdf\)](#).

Am I eligible for the CE scheme?

How you qualify for a CE scheme depends on your age and your personal situation.

If you are aged between 21 and 55 years. In general, you must be unemployed.

You must also be getting any combination of the following payments for at least 12 months:

- Jobseeker's Benefit (JB)
- Jobseeker's Allowance (JA)
- Jobseeker's Transitional payment (JST)
- One-Parent Family Payment (OFP)
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension or Farm Assist

Note: If you are aged 21 and over, and are getting JB or JA, you can have worked up to 30 days in the 12 months before starting the CE scheme and still be eligible for the scheme.

Other schemes that count towards the qualifying period
Time spent on the Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) can count towards the CE qualifying period. You must establish your entitlement to a qualifying social welfare payment before you start on CE.

If you were getting basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) before getting one of the payments listed above, the time on SWA can also count towards the qualifying period for CE, provided there are no breaks between different payments – for example, if you spent 2 months on SWA followed immediately by 10 months on Jobseeker's Allowance.

If you were getting Carer's Allowance (CA), the time spent on CA can also count towards the eligibility period, but your caring responsibilities must have ceased and you must currently be getting either JA, JB or OFP.

Time spent on a CE-qualifying disability-related payment can count towards the eligibility period, provided there is

no break – for example, if you spent 3 months on Illness Benefit followed immediately by 9 months on Jobseeker's Allowance.

Time spent on a recognised training course such as SOLAS/ETB, a VTOS course, Youthreach or in prison may count as part of the qualifying period.

People on the JobPath programme and the Tús scheme are eligible for CE.

Schemes that do not count towards the qualifying period for CE

Generally, time spent on Gateway, Rural Social Scheme, Springboard or getting Back to Education Allowance will not count towards the eligibility period. There are some exceptions to this, which can be found in the [Community Employment procedures manual \(pdf\)](#).

Time spent as a qualified adult dependant on another person's claim does not count towards CE eligibility.

If you are aged 55 years and over

You must be getting a qualifying social welfare payment for 12 months – as outlined above for people aged between 21 and 55 years.

You can stay on CE for a maximum of 3 consecutive years. It may be possible to re-qualify for CE after a further 12 months on a qualifying payment. See information below for participants aged 60 and over.

If you are aged 60 years and over

CE participants aged 60 years and over who meet the eligibility requirements may stay continuously on CE up to the age at which they qualify for a State pension, providing there are places available.

Other ways to qualify for CE

If you do not qualify for CE under the eligibility criteria for your age group above, you may still be eligible for the scheme if you are aged 18 years and over and you are:

Getting Disability Allowance, Blind Pension or Invalidity Pension, or Getting Illness Benefit for at least 6 months, or A member of the Traveller community, unemployed and getting Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance for any length of time or One-Parent Family Payment for at least 1 year, or A person with refugee status and getting any DSP payment for any length of time, or Referred following an appropriate assessment according to the National Drugs Rehabilitation Framework protocols, an ex-offender who has been referred by the Probation Service or other designated service, or an ex-offender not referred by a designated service who has been getting JA or JB for 12 months, or

Living on one of the offshore islands and currently getting a CE-qualifying payment for 6 months or more (see list of CE-qualifying payments for people aged between 21 and 55 years below).

How long can I stay on the CE scheme?

If you are aged between 21 and 55 years, your CE placement generally lasts for one year. However, if you are working towards a major education award, your CE placement can be extended by up to 2 years to complete this award. You won't get an extension beyond 3 years (or 4 years for people on a disability-linked social welfare payment).

If you are aged over 55, you can stay on CE for 3 consecutive years.

If you are aged 60 years and over and meet the CE eligibility requirements, you can stay continuously on CE until you qualify for a State pension, once you meet the terms and conditions of the scheme and providing that there are places available.

In general, the maximum amount of time you can spend on a CE scheme over your lifetime is 6 years (7 years if you are getting a disability-linked social welfare payment).

Time spent on CE before 1 January 2014 will not be

counted. This 'baseline year' of 2014 will be updated annually, so that it stays 7 years behind the current calendar year. For example, in 2022, the baseline year will increase to 2015. This gives CE participants, who remain unemployed, further opportunities to participate on the scheme.

If you started on CE before 3 July 2017, you can stay on the scheme under your existing CE eligibility rules, if this is to your advantage.

Staying on CE until your employer finds a replacement
Even if your CE term has ended, you can stay on the scheme until a replacement CE participant is found. This will reduce the impact of vacancies on the scheme and make sure the community services are maintained.

Working on a CE scheme

You must work for 19.5 hours per week (excluding breaks) for your sponsor to be eligible for a grant towards the cost of wages. Your sponsor may agree with DSP to arrange your work hours differently for example, 39 hours every second week, or 19.5 hours every week, in combinations of full or half days or 2.5 days per week.

You are paid weekly by your sponsor and you have certain statutory employment rights including annual leave, public holidays, maternity leave and a written statement of your terms and conditions of employment. Tax may be deducted from your pay, if applicable, but your CE pay is exempt from the Universal Social Charge.

You are entitled to a maximum of 56 hours (7 full days) of medically certified sick leave in a 52 week period. The DSP provides the sponsor with a support grant towards the payment of sick leave. In general, there is no payment for uncertified sick leave. However, in certain cases the DSP officer may allow, a maximum of 2 uncertified days (8 hours) in any 12 month period. Detailed information on sick leave is available in the [Community Employment procedures manual \(pdf\)](#).

CE participants pay PRSI at Class A8/A9, which counts as a full Class A contribution. If your CE payment is less than €352 a week, you do not pay any employee contribution. If your CE payment is over €352 a week, you pay an employee PRSI contribution. Detailed information is available in the Community Employment Procedures Manual (pdf).

Age limit

Funding is not provided for CE participants who have reached the qualifying age for a State pension.

The current qualifying age for all State pensions is 66. An increase to 67 in 2021 and to 68 in 2028 was planned. In Budget 2021, it was announced that the qualifying age for a State pension will continue to be 66.

However, under the Programme for Government 2020 a Commission for Pensions will be set up to examine sustainability and eligibility issues with State pensions and the Social Insurance Fund.

If you need childcare

If you need childcare in order to become a CE participant, you may be eligible for the Community Employment Childcare (CEC) programme, which provides subsidised childcare places for children up to the age of 13. The CEC programme closed to new registrations on 14 February 2020. If you are already registered for CEC, you can choose to stay on the programme until August 2021 or you can register for the National Childcare Scheme (NCS). The NCS is a new Scheme providing financial support to help parents to meet the costs of childcare.

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Training and development

You will get training as part of your CE scheme to help improve your ability to get a job when the scheme is over. Everyone on a CE scheme must have an individual learning plan where training is identified. You must be allowed to join in any approved training that has been identified on your individual learner plan.

There are a range of recognised QQI Awards and qualifications available to CE participants. If you are between 21 and 55 you must be working towards a QQI Award on the NFQ Framework of Qualifications or an industry equivalent, to be eligible for up to an additional 2 years on CE (maximum total of 3 consecutive years). If you are 55 or over you should be given access to training and development, and supported with any issues you have accessing employment (you can stay on CE for 3 consecutive years).

Getting other payments and CE

If you get a place on a CE scheme and your spouse or partner is claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JA), Disability Allowance (DA) or Farm Assist in their own right, they can claim an Increase for a Qualified Adult with their JA, DA or Farm Assist. Your income from the CE scheme (as a single person) is then assessed as insurable employment against their payment.

Extra benefits of the CE scheme

You will keep your medical card when you are on CE. You will keep your entitlement to the extra benefits you were getting immediately before going onto CE, provided you continue to satisfy the conditions for these benefits. The amount of Rent Supplement that you get may be reduced. You may be able to keep part of your Mortgage Interest Supplement.

Since January 2022 the minimum weekly payment for new participants based on 19.5 hours worked is €230.50. If the actual social welfare payment (including dependants) you were getting was €208 a week or less, then you will get the minimum CE weekly rate of €230.50 (that is €208 plus €22.50). If your actual weekly social welfare payment (including dependants) was €208 or more, then you will get the same rate as your social welfare payment plus €22.50.

If you have any additional income

If you have any additional income, for example, from part-time work, it will not affect your CE payment. However, the rules on change of circumstances that apply to your original social welfare payment also apply to your CE payment. For example, if your qualified adult gets a job, their income will be assessed as means and your CE payment may be reduced. However, your CE payment cannot be reduced below the current minimum rate of €230.50

In order to avoid any possible overpayments, if there is any change in your circumstances, you should immediately inform your CE supervisor and the local DSP Community Development Officer responsible for your CE scheme. (Your CE supervisor will give you contact details for the local DSP Community Development Officer.) There is more information about change of circumstances in section 3.2.6 of the [Community Employment procedures manual \(pdf\)](#). If your spouses or partner also gets a place on the CE scheme. If you are on a CE scheme and your spouse or partner gets a place on a CE scheme, you will each get a single rate of the CE payment together with half of the Increases for a Qualified Child for any dependent children.

How to apply for the CE scheme

To participate in the Community Employment scheme, you must register at your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. There are a limited number of CE places

available. Your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office can provide information about CE job opportunities. [Job listings are also available online.](#)

Voluntary organisations and public bodies may sponsor CE projects that are for community and public benefit. They should contact their Intreo Centre for more information.

Leaving and re-entry to Community Employment

If you leave a CE scheme, you cannot participate in another CE scheme for 12 months after you leave, and you must be getting a qualifying payment for those 12 months. If you have the opportunity of full-time work, you can take one period of temporary unpaid leave with your sponsor's agreement for up to 26 weeks. If the work opportunity continues beyond 26 weeks, you must leave the CE scheme.

Contact your [local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office](#) for further information about Community Employment.

What are tips, gratuities and service charges?

Tipping is mainly associated with the hospitality sector. It is also common among other services such as taxi drivers, hairdressers, tour guides and delivery drivers. Employees usually get tips from customers through one of the following types of payment:

- Mandatory service charge
- Discretionary service charge
- Tip or gratuity paid to the employer by credit or debit card
- Tip or gratuity paid into a communal pool, for example a staff box or similar
- Tip or gratuity handed directly to the employee

The [Payment of Wages \(Amendment\) \(Tips and Gratuities\) Act 2022](#) became law on 20 July 2022.

New regulations are needed to give effect to the Act. This page will be updated once the new regulations are introduced.

What is a mandatory service charge?

A 'mandatory service charge' is a payment that a customer must pay for certain goods or services, in addition to the cost of the goods or services.

What is a tip or gratuity?

A 'tip or gratuity' is a payment made by a customer which they assumed would be kept by the employee or shared with other employees.

It is either:

- Voluntarily made to, or left for an employee of group of employees
- Voluntarily made to an employer

Upcoming changes to tips and gratuities and service charges

The [Payment of Wages \(Amendment\) \(Tips and Gratuities\) Act 2022](#) became law on 20 July 2022.

The Act, introduces new rules about how employers share tips, gratuities and service charges amongst employees. It also makes it illegal for employers to use tips or gratuities to make up basic wages. The legislation will be reviewed after one year to assess its effectiveness and decide if further measures are needed.

New regulations are needed to give effect to the Act. Consultations will start shortly with employee and employer organisations, leading to the new regulations.

Proof of identity to open a bank account

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When you are [opening an account with a financial institution](#) such as a bank or credit union, it must establish proof of your identity and verify your address. This requirement is set down in [anti-money laundering legislation](#).

The Central Bank has an explainer on [why you must prove your identity when opening a bank account](#).

Rules

When you are opening an account, you cannot use the same document as proof of both your identity and your address. The bank can decide to use any of the following documents for verification (and they can also look for further information from you).

The bank can request any of these documents as **proof of identity**:

- Valid passport
- Valid driving licence
- National Age Card (issued by An Garda Síochána)
- Irish Government Travel Document
- Temporary Residence Certificate
- Irish Residency Permit

Your proof of identity must be in date. The name on your photo ID must match the name on your proof of address.

The bank can request any of these documents as **proof of your address**:

- Current utility bill (such as a gas, electricity or telephone or mobile phone bill)
- Current car or home insurance policy that shows your address
- Document issued by a government department that shows your address
- Copy of your Tax Credit Certificate (TCC)
- Statement of Liability (previously P21) from Revenue

Your proof of address must be less than 6 months old (or 12 months for an insurance policy).

In some cases a bank may ask you for your [PPS number](#) – for example, if you are claiming tax relief on the interest paid on a mortgage loan.

Copies of the documents you use to establish your identity must be kept by the bank for 5 years after an account is closed.

If you cannot provide the standard documents

If you cannot provide the standard documents requested, contact the bank for advice on alternatives that may be acceptable.

There is a [guide to opening a bank account for refugees and asylum seekers \(pdf\)](#). You can also download the [guide for international protection applicants in other languages](#).

Requests for information on transactions

Bank staff must know the nature of their customers' business and can ask for information about the level and type of business that is likely to be transacted through the account. You can also be asked to provide confirmation of the source of your funds and to give reasons for carrying out certain transactions.

How to apply

Contact your bank or financial institution to get full details of the identification it requires.



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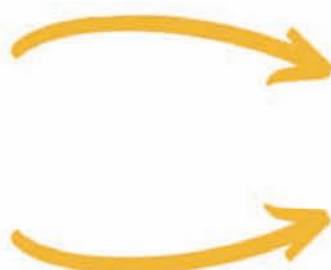
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Maynooth University hosts 2022 IVI Summit – Minister of State Robert Troy launches new Digital Innovation Space

5th July 2022: Maynooth University has hosted the 2022 Innovation Value Institute (IVI) Summit. The theme for this year's event was 'Digital Transformation – Shaping the Hybrid Future' with Minister for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation Robert Troy delivering the opening keynote address and officially opening the new Digital Innovation Space facilitated by the Innovation Value Institute.

The Digital Innovation Space is designed to help organisations to manage the digital transformation journey. It will be a platform to share best practices and examples of Digital Transformation. It will enhance the existing IVI portal with access to a repository of digital transformation use cases, examples and descriptions of digital transformation paths from various sectors. It will link to digital collaboration platforms that allow interactive discussions and workshops. Combined with the existing Capability Maturity Framework, digital readiness and benchmarking tools, the digital innovation spaces will provide a comprehensive space for collaboration and co-creation to work with a range of stakeholders, from SMEs to Multi-nationals in a range of sectors, including private and public sector.

The in-person and virtual one day summit featured experienced industry leaders, policy makers and academic speakers addressing key issues concerning digital transformation today and into the future. Topics covered at the event included digital transformation for good and its societal impact, the green transition and sustainability, data governance and the work of the SFI Funded Research programme on Data Governance – EMPOWER, as well as European digital skills.

Launching the Digital Innovation Space, **Minister Robert Troy**, said “We cannot stem progress, but we can embrace it. Technology will continue to evolve and we need to plan for the changes coming. We must keep evolving and improving, and for our economy that means embracing digitalisation.



The work of the IVI and its partners across industry, academia, Government, and policy spheres concerning digital transformation is extremely important and the Institute's new Digital Innovation Space will be a vital asset to support our enterprise base to embrace digitalisation. An ongoing and necessary process, digital transformation will future-proof businesses and the broader economy, enabling growth across all aspects of society at a local, regional, national and global level.”

Director of the Innovation Value Institute, **Professor Helfert, Maynooth University** highlighted the importance of this initiative and said “The new ways of collaboration to co-create digital transformation paths will provide an evidence-based repository to understand success and barriers of digital transformation. With the ambition to address the two essential challenges of this decade, Digital and Green, we need far more insights on how organisation can manage the digital transformation journey. The Digital Innovation Space is key to co-design successful digital transformation paths at the Innovation Value Institute with our members, industry, policymakers and the wider stakeholder groups.”

Maynooth University receives its highest-ever number of CAO applications

Over 18,300 applicants have applied to the University, an increase of 8% on 2021 figures.

07.07.2022: Maynooth University has received its highest-ever number of applications for admission in September 2022. Over 18,300 applicants have applied to the University, according to the figures released after the recent CAO Change of Mind option closed on July 1st. This is an increase of 8% on 2021 figures.

The record number is in line with a general upward trend of applications to the University over recent years. First preference applications across all degree courses have increased by 8% over July 2021 figures, demonstrating the ongoing popularity of Maynooth University for undergraduate studies.

First preference applications have grown substantially in Arts (by 14%), making it the most applied to degree across all of the CAO's courses for the last number of years. This reflects the popularity of Maynooth's flexible curriculum in which students can choose to progressively specialise while pursuing a broad range of studies.

There have also been increases across Science (26%), Business (26%), Science education (22%), Media Studies (13%) and Computer Science (11%) illustrating that students are

increasingly recognising Maynooth as a preferred option across a diverse range of subjects.

New degree programmes in Business and Languages and in Economics have also attracted a significant number of applications, illustrating the growth in scope and breadth of degree offerings. These increases occurred against the backdrop of a decline in CAO honours degree applications of 1% nationally.



Commenting on the figures, Prof Eeva Leinonen, President of Maynooth University, said: “These impressive CAO application figures are evidence of Maynooth University's reputation for excellence and wide appeal among students. We enable students to guide their own educational experiences, while ensuring that they are equipped with the critical skills and ability to adapt to today's rapidly changing employment demands and societal needs. This combination of flexibility underpinned by a comprehensive academic experience ensures we continue to be a university of choice.

“We look forward to welcoming new students for the academic year 2022-2023 into our collegial and distinctive teaching and learning environment. In choosing Maynooth University, they are becoming a part of our diverse campus community, within which they can develop a rich social and cultural life.”

Maynooth University success at the Arnold Palmer Cup

5th July, 2022: David Kitt, Maynooth University Paddy Harrington golf scholar and 3rd Year Business Management student, was part of the International Golf team that defeated the USA to win the prestigious Arnold Palmer Cup (APC) at Golf Club de Geneve in Switzerland this week.

The International Team had 13 singles wins during the final day matches to secure a 33-27 victory. David was the only Irish player on the International Team that featured golfers from 18 different countries.

He earned his place on the international side as Europe's leading male student golfer after winning the R&A Student Tour Series (Europe's elite student golf tour) men's order of merit title last April.

David becomes the sixth representative from the Paddy Harrington golf scholarship programme at Maynooth University to compete in the Arnold Palmer Cup with University students compete in a remarkable eight Arnold Palmer Cups in the last ten years, a feat not matched by any institution outside of the United States.

Barry Fennelly, Manager of the Paddy Harrington Golf Scholarship at Maynooth University Office of Sport, and assistant men's coach with International Team, was on hand with David and the rest of the team throughout the event highlighted the accomplishment, commenting:

“I was an honor to work with such talented rising stars of the game at the APC this week, including our own David Kitt. His contribution and level of playing at such a high profile International tournament is something he should be very proud of, he showed great sportsmanship throughout the week and is a credit to Maynooth University and our golf scholarship programme”.

David, who arrived home from Switzerland today, recognised the support he has received from the University and wider community:

“Being chosen for the Arnold Palmer Cup International Team has been a huge honour for me and an amazing experience, topped off by our success in winning the tournament. I can't thank Barry and the Maynooth team enough for the opportunity that the Scholarship programme has given me, along with the support of my family and friends at Athenry Golf Club.”

The event is a Ryder Cup-style tournament featuring the top men's and women's university/college golfers.



Barry & David with APC Trophy

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Cllr Feeney calls for more seats along the Greenway

At the July MD Council meeting, Cllr Feeney asked the Council to issue a request to Waterways Ireland to install more seating along the Royal Canal Greenway. Cllr Feeney said that the Greenway is a real success and is being used by walkers and cyclists, locals and tourists alike. Cllr Feeney added that many people have been calling for some additional seating, to give people a break along the way, to sit and enjoy the space, maybe have a bite to eat and then continue on their way. The provision of more seating along the Greenway would add to the enjoyment of the Greenway. All members agreed to Cllr Feeney's request.

Footpaths at Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr Feeney asked that the footpaths immediately to the left and right of the old entrance at Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth be surfaced in tarmac to enhance accessibility. Cllr Feeney stated that most of the other pathways in the cemetery are tarmacked; however these remaining paths, if tarmacked, would make it easier for those with mobility issues, people with buggies to visit the cemetery. The Council agreed that this will be added to the footpath works for the municipal district and will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Yellow Box at The Crescent

Cllr Feeney asked the Council to confirm that the installation of a yellow box at The Crescent, Maynooth will be considered in its review of yellow boxes in the municipal district in order to facilitate the residents accessing the Straffan Road Maynooth. The Municipal District Engineer said he would assess this request in line with Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual and the road marking guidance for the Council. In speaking to the motion, Cllr Feeney said that the Straffan Road is an extremely busy road and that the installation of a yellow box at this location would allow the residents of the many houses in the Crescent exit more safely. It would also make it safer for the parents and many children from the crèche in the Crescent.

Vacant House Allocation

Cllr Feeney asked for an update as to when a vacant house in the Council ownership would be available for occupancy. Cllr Feeney said that having a house like this vacant for over a year is hard to believe given that we have so many people on a waiting list for a council house. In its response, the Council stated that unfortunately, this property became vacant due to the passing of the resident tenant. Following consultation with the family, the property has however been secured and is currently with the Council's Housing Maintenance department. The Council confirmed to Cllr Feeney that the vacant property would be re-allocated as soon as possible.

Housing Emergency needs to be called out

At the Plenary of the Council in July, Cllr Feeney called on the Council to support the 'Raise the Roof' campaign by writing to the Minister for Housing calling for urgent action, through legislation, if necessary, to address the current housing emergency and growing levels of homelessness in the county.

Cllr Feeney in speaking to the motion stated that the private rental market is at its lowest in terms of supply since online records began. More and more people are turning to their local authority for help. The number of properties within HAP limits advertised continues to decline and that potential homes are being lost to short-term let solutions. Cllr Feeney stated that homelessness is a serious issue in the county and there are thousands of people waiting on the Council's social housing waiting list. However, not all members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing calling for urgent action. The motion did not receive the support of the majority of FF/FG councillors so it fell by one vote.

Kildare's Age Friendly County Survey

Have Your Say! Kildare County Council in association with Kildare's Age Friendly County Alliance and the Kildare OPC have launched an online survey seeking the views of older people (55 years and over) living in County Kildare. The survey is part of a suite of consultations being undertaken to inform the development of the Kildare Age Friendly Strategy 2022 – 2027 and ensure that age friendly activities and services are developed to improve the quality of life for people in County Kildare. Follow link below to take part in the survey: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSchAvOFrFHPhd.../viewform>
The survey remains open until August 31st

'Our World' Exhibition

Cllr Feeney attended the 'Our World' inclusive toys and books exhibition at Maynooth public library on July 16th showcasing the Maynooth Access Group's 'Our World' disability-awareness toy library for children. The collection features toys, books and puzzles highlighting different disabilities all of which can be accessed and utilised free of charge by preschools, schools & community groups. This collection will help start conversations around disability, diversity and inclusion with the students/members and staff leaders at your school or community group. We encourage parents, as well as minders and staff working in childcare settings to come along and find out more about this wonderful collection.

Disabled Parking Bays at Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr Feeney is happy to see that the Council has acted on her motion, calling for the installation of Disabled Parking bays at Laraghbryan Cemetery. The Council has also agreed to Cllr Feeney's request to do a tarmac resurface on the footpaths just inside the main gates to make it easier for visitors to use whether in wheelchairs or on foot.

Meetings attended by Cllr Feeney since the last Newsletter

July 1st: Council MD
July 8th: Special Meeting of MD
July 25th: Full Council Meeting

July 25th: Speed Limit Review Meeting
July 25th: Special In Camera Meeting of Council

How to stay cool in Hot weather



A lot of us like the warm dry and sunny weather, but when those hot days turn into potentially record-breaking and deadly temperatures, it can put stress on our bodies.

There are lots of simple and effective ways to stay cool in warm weather and most of them are very affordable.

Here are some top tips on how you can cope with the hot weather:

Stay well hydrated

Stay hydrated. Water is essential for keeping you cool during hot weather. Water keeps your body cool and should be drunk even if you don't feel thirsty.

Drink plenty of water and avoid excessive alcohol.

If you're travelling, remember to take a bottle of water with you to stay hydrated.

Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Drink plenty of water before engaging in any activities.

Choose cooling foods. Food can keep you cool provided you make the right choices. Choose salads, fresh raw food, vegetables and fruit.

Look out for other people

The elderly, those with underlying health conditions and those who live on their own are particularly at risk.

It's important that you should not leave pets or children in closed, parked vehicles for their health and safety as they could overheat and become unwell.

Keep your home cool and stay indoors

During the day, you should close your curtains and windows in rooms that face the sun to help keep rooms cool.

The sun is at its strongest between 11am and 3pm so you should avoid being out during the hottest time of day.

Open windows when you think it's cooler outside than inside, otherwise you'll just let the hot air in. Often this is at night, and try to get some air flowing through.

Turn off any lights and electrical equipment when it's not in use.



Wear lighter clothing

Lightweight, loose-fitting clothing will help to keep you cooler. If it is light in color, it's even better, as this will reflect the heat and sunlight better. Shorts and short sleeved shirts are good choices. Something that lets the air flow freely through, hitting the sweat on your body, works best. The following suggestions are specific ways clothing can maximize your ability to stay cool:

Cotton and linen clothing tends to keep you cool and absorb moisture.

Clothes you can hold up to the light and see through are great choices.

Be sure to apply sunscreen when wearing really thin clothing, however, as the clothing doesn't provide adequate protection from the sun's harmful rays.

Synthetic clothing tends to trap moisture, which makes the fabric feel heavier, stick to your skin, and restrict air-flow.

Working in lower humidity settings with short sleeves has been shown to have a minor benefit. Weigh the options of UV exposure with your choice of clothing.

Take precautions outdoors

If you do head out, make sure you use cool spaces considerably.

People are advised to walk in the shade, to regularly apply sun cream and wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose clothing.

If you want to exercise, you should avoid doing this during the hottest part of the day (between 11am - 3pm). Schedule activities early in the morning or later in the afternoon.

Some people are particularly vulnerable to heat and should stay in cool places during hot weather, such as children, the elderly and those who have health problems.



What are the signs of heat exhaustion and heatstroke?

The main causes of illness and death during a heatwave are respiratory and cardiovascular disease. There are two specific heat-related illnesses are Heat exhaustion & Heatstroke

Signs of heat exhaustion include feeling sick or irritability, dizziness, muscle cramps, feeling faint, headaches, fatigue, heavy sweating, loss of appetite and being very thirsty.

If someone has heat exhaustion, they should lie down in a cool place with their feet slightly raised. They should drink plenty of water and cool their skin either with a spray or sponge with cool water, a fan or cold packs around the armpits or neck.

Signs of heatstroke include hot, dry skin or excessive sweating, confusion, loss of consciousness, unresponsive, seizures or fits and a very high body temperature. People are advised to call 999 if someone shows symptoms of heatstroke, which includes feeling unwell after 30 minutes of resting in a cool place.

A person suffering heatstroke should be placed in the recovery position if they lose consciousness while waiting for help.

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

Climate Action

After years of inaction, the Irish government has taken major steps to address the reduction in carbon emissions with the Climate Bill, Carbon Budget and an international commitment of a 51% emission reduction by 2030. The extent of cuts for the key sectors - transport, energy and agriculture - is under discussion among government parties. The transport and energy sectors accept a reduction in the range of 40 to 80% but the Department of Agriculture is pushing back against a reduction of 30%. Climate change is no longer affecting Africa and other far away countries (not that that is any excuse to ignore it). Record high temperatures have resulted in widespread fires in many European countries and at the end of July, we saw record rainfalls which resulted in flooding in Donegal and Derry. Despite this, the Minister for Agriculture, (at the time of writing) is reported as holding out for cuts at the lowest end of the proposed range of 22%

Farming groups claim that Irish farming is the most carbon-efficient food producers in the world but Hannah Daly, who is a professor in Sustainable Energy and Energy Systems Modelling at University College Cork tweeted that “Irish politicians calling their ruminant livestock-based agriculture system “one of the most sustainable food producing nations in the world” is like Saudi Arabia claiming to be the most sustainable energy producer, because the oil it exports is not as dirty as shale oil.”

Transport and energy have a major challenge to meet binding commitments to our European partners and already there is doubt that they will be able to meet them. If the target for agriculture is at the lower level, then the targets for transport and/or energy sectors will have to increase further to unreachable levels.

Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme

Kildare County Council is a key partner of government in implementing its climate action strategy. While its impact on energy and agriculture is limited, Kildare County Council is a major stakeholder in relation to transport. In recent months, it went to Public Consultation on two cycle schemes - Meadowbrook Road Maynooth and Green Lane Leixlip. Maynooth Cycling Campaign made a detailed submissions on each of the schemes.

At the end of July, councillors approved the Chief Executive’s report on the Public Consultation for Meadowbrook. The Health Services Executive made a submission on Meadowbrook which is something we have not seen previously. Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the involvement of the HSE as their focus on health will help to reduce the focus on “vehicle movement”. It is the first time that health authorities have been involved with transport in Kildare since they were invited to join the now abolished Kildare Cycle Forum. It was also noted that the Beaufield bike shop Maynooth Cycles was contacted by Kildare County Council as a third party.

They made no submission and none of the other businesses were contacted. Maynooth Cycling Campaign would point out that it has been making submissions to Kildare County Council for more than ten years but has never been considered as a third party.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign was disappointed that the report appears not to have taken on board two suggestions in particular. One was the failure to quantify the financial benefits of active travel and to quantify the reduction in carbon emissions. This links in with the previous section on Climate Action. As a result of several decades of experience, the European Cycling Federation state that monitoring and reporting change is an essential element of managing transport change but Kildare County Council has stated that its (sole) priority is getting projects started on site. The second suggestion was for traffic calming to reduce the risk of an accident by minimising the width of traffic lanes but this was not accepted either.

Road Fatalities

Road fatalities continue to increase. The latest figures show an increase of 42% compared to the same period in 2021.

Year	Fatalities 1 Jan to 25 July
2019	78
2021	66
2022	94

The government has doubled the fine for speeding and installed a further 61 speed cameras.

In the recent speed review in the county, Maynooth Cycling Campaign called for a default 30kph speed limit in urban areas. Instead Kildare County Council officials propose to increase speed limits in many areas but at a special meeting at the end of July, councillors did not adopt the draft bye-laws.

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



BBQ Food Safety Tips

BBQ season is here! We can't wait to get cooking in the sun and below are some tips for cooking safely this Summer.

PREPPING YOUR BBQ

If this is your first BBQ of the Summer, give your grill a good clean by scrubbing the metal rack with a suitable cleaner. Remember to rinse it thoroughly with warm, soapy water afterwards.

WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with hot water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food.

SEPARATE RAW AND READY TO EAT/COOKED FOODS

Ensure that raw food is kept refrigerated and away from ready to eat/cooked foods at all times. Food being marinated should also be kept in the fridge and covered. Ready to eat foods (such as salads, vegetables, sauces) and cooked foods should never come into contact with raw food as this causes harmful bacteria to contaminate the cooked food.

It is best to use the lower shelves of the fridge for raw meat storage, and the upper shelves for the storage of cooked or ready to eat foods. Always ensure that you use different chopping boards/utensils for raw and cooked foods, and always wash your hands after handling raw food

COOK FOOD THOROUGHLY

Harmful bacteria, such as E-Coli and Salmonella, cause food poisoning and these harmful bacteria are killed by cooking. This is why it is vital to cook food thoroughly to ensure that food is safe to eat.

Always check whether meat is cooked by taking a fork and a sharp knife and slice into the thickest part of the meat.



The colour of the meat in the center should not have any pink colouring or it needs to cook longer.

Burgers should always be cooked thoroughly and never be served pink. Alternatively food thermometers can be purchased in most supermarkets and will easily tell whether meat is cooked by probing the meat to ensure a minimum temperature of 75 degrees Celsius. They are a really handy tool to have in your kitchen too!

SERVE FOOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER COOKING

Do not let cooked food sit at room temperature as this allows harmful bacteria to grow. Once food is cooked, serve immediately. Alternatively you should cool quickly, refrigerate and consume with 2 days.

ALWAYS KEEP FOOD COVERED

Always keep food covered to ensure that flies are not contaminating your food.

USING LEFTOVERS

If you have any leftovers from your barbeque, these should not be left outside where they could be in the sun and where insects and animals could get at them. As with all leftovers, cover these foods and allow them to cool down in a cool place (your kitchen) before refrigerating within two hours of cooking. If you’re reheating leftovers, reheat them only once until piping hot but if in doubt, throw them out.

Source: www.thefoodsafetycompany.ie/bbq-food-safety-tips
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Traditionally July is a very quiet month for the Band with so many of our members away but nevertheless our Monday night rehearsals still went ahead as we have a very busy programme for the remainder of the year.

August gets under way with a recital Monday 8th in the Square where we will "playing support Band" to the Bleckhornen Music Academy Band (Photo Below) all the way from Luden in Sweden. They will be on a week's visit to Ireland and asked to include Maynooth as part of their tour. We are delighted to welcome them to the town and they will have 45 members in their Group with ages ranging from 20 to 39 and they play a wide range of music which will definitely entertain what we hope will be a large audience. The music begins at 7.30pm and finishes up at around 9.15pm depending on light and also depending on a rain free evening.

On Sunday 14th August the Band gives its first ever recital in the Square in Kilcock, again weather permitting, as four members of the Band are long term residents of the Town and probably deserve a hometown gig after all their years of service to the Band. The recital starts at 3pm and we hope to entertain people dining and drinking in the pubs and cafes around the Square. At the time of writing there is a chance that we might be involved in an event that we understand is happening in Maynooth University on Wednesday 24th August to celebrate the Ukrainian National Holiday as there are so many of that nationality staying in Maynooth at this time.



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By e-mail: chair@maynoothet.ie

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



It is with great delight that we were able to welcome our senior citizen members back to our Thursday Morning Club. We are opening for one morning per week until the end of August. It was heartening to see such a good turn out and excitement in the hall was very evident. Our committee was there in strength to welcome everyone back. There was tea and plenty of chat before getting down to a game of bingo... and such was the concentration you could hear a pin drop, but this was interrupted by the wonderful slugging as one side of the house seem to be winning all round them. But that was the first week! The second week saw a reversal of fortunes when the other side got their own back.

We welcomed some new members to the Group with others expressing an interest in joining the morning club activities. We also restarted our art classes this week. We resumed our mass bus service on Saturday evenings which was very welcomed by our senior members. We are thinking ahead to the next few months and planning for the months ahead.. We need new members on the Committee if we are to resume even some of the activities that we ran before or if and when we develop new ventures/activities. Fundraising will be key and we are thankful for the support of various members in the community who continued to give generously during the Covid period.

As you may be aware our new Chairperson is Garry Bermingham who represented the organisation at the Picnic in the Harbour recently where he received some expressions of interest from people who may be interested in joining the committee. They are invited to come along and see what volunteering for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee involves. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall.

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School Bus Service to Moyglare

Catherine Murphy TD has been corresponding with the Minister for Transport in respect of provisioning additional Bus Éireann School Bus Services and in particular to service the Moyglare area.

Last year, Bus Éireann indicated there would be a service covering Kilcock/Moygaddy/Moyglare. They had initially accepted payments and issued tickets but then pulled the service without telling families, as only 9 children paid, the minimum number was set at 10. Parents only found out on the first day of school that there was to be no service. Parents and children had been waiting at the bus stop on the first day of school but it never turned up. It had taken over a week to get a response from Bus Éireann.

This year the request for services has commenced. Parents are trying to use public transport to ease this congestion and stress on both the town and the families.

Thank you for the query on behalf of Deputy Murphy and I hope the response below assists. Bus Éireann provides the school transport service to 5,600 students in Co Kildare each school day.

Bus Éireann operates the school transport scheme on behalf of the Department of Education. Children are eligible for transport where they reside not less than 3.2 kms from and are attending their nearest education centre as determined by the Department of Education/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language. Distance eligibility is determined by measuring the shortest traversable route from the child's home to the relevant education centre. In order to establish a service, a minimum of 10 eligible pupils residing in a distinct locality, as determined by Bus Éireann, are required before consideration may be given to the establishment or retention of school transport services, provided this can be done within reasonable cost limits.

For school bus operating purposes a "distinct locality" is a cluster of eligible children who reside in the same general area, in the same general direction from the school attended, as determined by Bus Éireann taking cognisance of the local road network. A service to convey a group of children who homes are at scattered points in a school district would not be considered. Children who are not eligible for school transport, under the terms of the scheme, may apply to Bus Éireann for transport on a concessionary basis subject to the following conditions:-

- A Transport Application Form is completed and submitted to Bus Éireann.
- There is a suitable service, as determined by Bus Éireann, operating into their education centre.
- There is spare capacity on the service.
- Routes will not be extended or altered, additional vehicles will not be introduced, nor will larger vehicles or extra trips using existing vehicles be provided to cater for children travelling on a concessionary basis; no additional State cost will be incurred.
- The appropriate annual charge is paid; Medical Card waiver is not applicable.

The availability of concessionary transport may vary from year to year, is not available on public scheduled services and cannot be guaranteed for the duration of a

child's school education cycle. Where the number of applications for transport on a concessionary basis exceeds the number of seats available, Bus Éireann will determine the allocation of the tickets.

Applications for school transport are due by 29 April, to allow time for assessment and service planning during May, June and July.

Applications for Scoil Uí Fhiaich Maynooth have been assessed. All pupils who can be catered for on the existing three services operating to this school have been identified and scheduled accordingly. There is a number of eligible pupils identified as having no service currently. However, there is not the minimum requirement of 10 eligible pupils residing in a distinct locality to establish a service under the terms of the scheme. These families have been informed of this outcome and may be entitled to a remote area grant towards the cost of private transport arrangements.

Applications for Maynooth Educate Together National School have been received and are being assessed to determine if a service is viable based on the above criteria. If a service is viable the local school transport office will be in direct contact with families to advise further.

I hope this information is helpful,

Sincerely

Corporate Communications, Senior Manager

For Written Answer on : 12/07/2022

Question Number(s): 1149 Question Reference(s): 37195/22

Department: Rural and Community Development
Asked by: Catherine Murphy T.D

QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to develop and or enhance the connected hubs in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth in 2022 and into 2023; if she has engaged with the national hub network in respect of the provision of services and facilities in the mentioned towns and in north Kildare - Catherine Murphy.

REPLY

Our Rural Future, Ireland's Rural Development Policy was launched in early 2021. The policy recognises the opportunity for rural rejuvenation that remote working presents and commits to establishing a comprehensive and integrated national network of 400 remote working hubs by 2025.

In furtherance of this commitment, my Department's focus to date has been on strategically developing a national hubs network, adding capacity to Ireland's existing remote working infrastructure and supporting the establishment of new hubs.

Over €100m has been invested by my department in the development of remote working facilities through programmes such as the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, and the Connected Hubs Call. Successful projects are developed in collaboration with local authorities and communities with many projects seeing vacant and derelict buildings in rural towns and villages converted into remote working hubs.

Last year I launched ConnectedHubs.ie, a shared online booking and payments platform for member hubs and their users. The network includes a diverse

range of hubs, services and facilities, thus facilitating companies of different sizes. There are currently 249 remote and co-working facilities across the State on-boarded to the platform. This number is growing all the time meaning we are well on track to meet our target of 400 remote working hubs nationwide by 2025. This includes 8 hubs in county Kildare, which are as follow:

- National Equine Innovation Centre (NEIC) (Kildare),
- ACDAL Remote Working Hub (Allenwood),
- Newbridge Business Centre (Newbridge),
- The Hub at Ballymore Eustace (Ballymore Eustace),
- Premier Business Centres @ The Osprey (Naas),
- MERITS (Naas) ,
- Venture House (Ballitore),
- County Kildare Chamber iHub (Naas).

A further 5 hubs in Kildare have also been invited to join the National network, as follows:

- Monasterevin Community Centre (Monasterevin),
- Athy Community Enterprise Centre (Athy),
- AgTechUCD Innovation Centre (Celbridge),
- Clane Project Centre (Clane),
- Business Barn (Leixlip).

In February of this year, I launched the 2022 Connected Hubs Call, allocating €5 million in funding to add additional capacity to the existing remote working infrastructure in remote working hubs and Broadband Connection Points throughout the country. On Wednesday 8 June, I announced that 81 projects across the country were successful in securing funding via the Connected Hubs 2022 scheme. This included approximately €250,000 being awarded to the following 5 hubs/BCPs in county Kildare - Kildare Chamber I Hub, Merits, Athy Community Enterprise Centre, the National Equine Innovation Centre and Venture House.

Details of the successful projects can be found on my Department website at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/49822-2021-connected-hubs-fund-successful-applicants/>

I have been clear throughout my tenure as Minister for Rural and Community Development that balanced regional development, sustainable and thriving communities, and indeed the wider national economy will all benefit from workers and employers embracing the remote working revolution.

I am committed to ensuring that the National Hub Network will continue to make a central contribution to the achievement of the Government's vision for rural Ireland, as set out in Our Rural Future.

For Written Answer on : 05/07/2022

Question Number(s): 487 Question Reference(s): 35763/22

Department: Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
Asked by: Catherine Murphy T.D.

QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education; Research; Innovation and Science the expected date on which the construction of a new technology, society and innovation building at Maynooth

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University will be completed; and the estimated cost of the project.

REPLY

I am delighted to advise that the new Technology, Society and Innovation building at Maynooth University is at the final handover and demonstrations stage with the substantial completion cert expected to issue next week. The building will be available for use by the staff by the end of next week and for students at the start of the academic year.

This state of the art building will provide a 10,554m² teaching and learning facility and a 5,670m² refurbishment of the existing Arts and Science Building at Maynooth University. The project will facilitate an increase of some 3,370 students in areas such as business, law, design, biochemical sciences and environmental and climate sciences. The estimated total cost of the project is circa €47.5m

For Written Answer on : 14/06/2022

Question Number(s): 280 Question Reference(s): 29522/22

Department: Transport

Asked by: Catherine Murphy T.D.

QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Transport the supports that are available for a bus service (details supplied) which had routes from Tallaght to the airport and from Maynooth to Dublin Airport; if such services are required to be licenced by the National Transport Authority; if so, if there are alternative plans to restore the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. (Details Supplied) the privately run Airport Hopper; the service ceased and has not resumed post-pandemic

REPLY

As Minister for Transport, I have responsibility for policy and overall funding in relation to public transport; however, I am not involved in the day-to-day operations of public transport. The National Transport Authority (NTA) has statutory responsibility for securing the provision of public passenger transport services nationally and is responsible for the licensing of public bus passenger services under the provisions of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

Therefore, I have forwarded the Deputy's question in relation to a bus service which had routes from Tallaght and Maynooth to Dublin Airport, to the NTA for direct reply. Please advise my private office if you do not receive a response within ten working days.

I am writing to you concerning the matter you raised in Parliamentary Question No 280 on 14 June last which has been referred to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for reply.

The Authority is responsible for securing the provision of public bus services through;

- Public service contracts, where services cannot be provided on a commercial basis, and
- the licensing of public bus services, which are operated on a commercial basis.

Route 777, Tallaght and Dublin Airport, is a commercial service operated by Dualway Coaches Ltd (t/a Airport Hopper) and licensed by the Authority.

The service does not receive any subsidy from the Authority. Due to the circumstances caused by the COVID-19 crisis, commercial operators have been permitted to suspend licences as passenger demand fluctuated. It is currently a matter for the operator to determine whether it is in their commercial interests to recommence services.

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats)

173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the huge increase in energy bills for the restaurant and hospitality sector (details supplied); and the steps that he will take provide assistance and or relief in this sector. [39276/22]

174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the impact of rising energy costs for the restaurant and hospitality sector (details supplied); and his plans to address this in Budget 2023. [39422/22]

190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has engaged with the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in respect of energy costs for restaurants and hospitality service providers; his plans to provide assistance to those businesses impacted; and if his attention has been drawn to the upsurge in energy costs for restaurants and hotels (details supplied). [39275/22]

Damien English (Meath West, Fine Gael)

I propose to take Questions Nos. 173, 174 and 190 together.

I wish to assure the deputy that the Government is very conscious of what the rise in global energy costs means for Irish businesses, particularly small enterprises and those with tight margins, including those in the hospitality sector.

While electricity policy nationally is broadly the remit of the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, our Departments have been engaging on this pressing issue. Energy costs are one of the prime factors in the increase in business costs to which the deputy refers, and we have already implemented several measures to help ease the impact on enterprises of energy price increases including reductions in VAT and excise on some fuels, as well as a temporary grant scheme to hauliers in the supply chain.

Minister Donohoe recently announced the extension of the 9% Value Added Tax (VAT) rate for the tourism and hospitality industry for a further six months; a measure for which €250 million is the estimated cost to the exchequer.

Government Departments have been consulting with stakeholders on specific measures that could be considered to ameliorate the short to medium term challenges to energy security. The Energy Supply Emergency Group is an inter-departmental and inter-agency group with responsibility for informing the Government response to the impact of rising energy costs on business, security of energy supply more generally, and a longer-term reduction in Ireland's dependency on imported oil and gas.

Under the aegis of this Group, my Department has established the Business Energy Users Sub-Group to lead on consultations with business and industry to learn about the specific impacts on Irish businesses,

and to hear their concerns and perspectives on the appropriate and most effective tools for policy action. The work of this sub-group, as part of the wider Energy Supply Emergency Group has informed the National Energy Security Framework which was launched by the Government on 13th April 2022.

Furthermore, my Department is discussing competitiveness and price inflation for enterprises with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. To deliver price competitiveness over the medium-term, Government is determined to deliver a diversified energy system, with significant support for energy efficiency and renewables, alongside independent regulation that protects consumers and delivers efficient, competitive energy retail and wholesale markets.

At present, a range of supports are available to households and businesses ranging from practical advice to financial supports. These can be viewed on my Department's website at enterprise.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Supports-for-SMEs/Energy-supports/Energy-supports-for-business.html.

Practical advice includes the Climate Toolkit 4 Business, launched late last year by my Department and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. This allows SMEs to input simple information to get an estimate of their carbon footprint and a personalised action plan to reduce it. From the Local Enterprise Offices, the Green for Micro initiative offers mentoring to micro-enterprises looking to become greener. Additionally, the Lean for Micro scheme works with clients of the Local Enterprise Offices to help build resilience.

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) provides direct grants such as the support scheme for renewable heat, project assistance grants, the EXCEED grant scheme, tax incentives available through the Accelerated Capital Allowance, and funding for energy audits. Further training is available via the SEAI's Energy Academy.

Finally, there are loans available for businesses absorbing the numerous economic shocks of recent years. The Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland offers the Brexit Impact Loan Scheme, offering loans from €25,000 to €1.5m, and the Credit Guarantee Scheme for businesses responding to the impact of COVID-19. These loan facilities may also be helpful to businesses struggling with increased energy costs. Microenterprises can also avail of loans of up to €25k from Microfinance Ireland which they may not be able to avail of from commercial lenders.

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats) 323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the sale of lands in proximity to Castletown house in Celbridge (details supplied); if the OPW intends to inspect the lands with a view to expanding on and protecting its own holdings in the area; and if he will provide a schedule of planned upgrades and additions to the existing Castletown house and lands. [38978/22]

Patrick O'Donovan (Limerick County, Fine Gael) Strengthening the integrity of the Castletown Demesne is an ongoing objective of the Office of Public Works and as such this matter is kept under constant review as part of the ongoing management and development of the Castletown House Estate. The

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OPW is fully familiar with the lands to which the Deputy refers. As this is a matter of ongoing consideration, it would not be appropriate to provide any further comment at this time.

Regarding the schedule of planned upgrades and additions to the existing house and lands, the restoration of the Tom Conolly Room is now completed with conservation works planned for the Pastel Room. The historic windows of the great house are currently being conserved and restored. Works are ongoing on the consolidation and repair of the estate wall at the Batty Langley Gate.

The OPW is also in the process of conserving the farmyard complex at Castletown to provide new visitor facilities with exhibition and event spaces. It is anticipated that works will commence here in 2023. Preparations are also underway to provide improved parking facilities for visitors.

Passport Queries

During 2021 and 2022, Catherine Murphy noticed a surge in passport application queries. Many difficulties were arising for families seeking issuance of their travel documents. In the main, queues and backlogs of applications led to delays. In other cases, first time applications that required verification posed challenges in efficiency of the system. Catherine sought to find a solution and worked with all stakeholders to find a mutually robust, safe and efficient strengthened service. Following months of enquiries, debates and queries, Catherine wrote the following Memo to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in respect of making the verification of Garda Log / consent forms more efficient for all parties. Catherine Murphy TD had positive engagement from the Department officials and the Garda representatives locally and there has been a new system implemented which will make the process more modern, streamlined and more effectively. We have already seen passports issue following the new verification process. Catherine will continually seek improvements to public service to benefit customers and stakeholders.

Memo to DFA

As you are aware the passport office is under a huge amount of pressure. Late last year your Department introduced an Oireachtas Query form for TDs to make enquiries about certain passport applications on behalf of constituents.

At the moment there is a pressure point at the point of Garda verification of the log entries where DFA officials have to phone the station. This can cause the passport applications to be cancelled where contact is not made and it seems that many are being cancelled. I am seeking the Proposal for Passport Office Officials to verify Garda Log entries by designated email process

I am proposing that instead of ringing before cancelling an application that an email query form from DFA to Garda officials is created to make the process more robust. This could be put in place on a trial basis with Leixlip Garda Station – the district involves 5 stations, some of which are not open 24/7. Having a single official designated email point of contact and allowing a reasonable response time would allow for a secure and robust process that could be trialled immediately. Then it could be rolled out nationwide.

I would urge you to consider a proposed trial and if successful could be agreed within the appropriate parameters. I had asked our District Superintendent Gray if she would consider supporting a proposed trial. Leixlip DS is supportive. They are keen to support the community and applicants and are happy to continue to deliver good service throughout the district and are looking to work positively with the DFA officials to ensure successful outcome for appropriate passport applications.

End of memo

Catherine asked a follow up PQ to check on the process and if it would be retained and is delighted to see it is to be rolled out nationally.

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats) 411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the duration for which that he will run the pilot project in respect of the proposal for Passport Office officials to verify Garda log entries by a designated email process (details supplied) before rolling out the procedure. [39092/22]

Simon Coveney (Cork South Central, Fine Gael)

There are certain passport applications for applicants resident in Ireland that require forms to be witnessed by a member of An Garda Síochána. The witnessing of these forms is a vital element of the identity verification process for the Passport Service, as it provides initial assurance that the person in the photograph is the same person presenting to submit the passport application form. In the case of children's applications, it ensures that the consent of guardians is verified.

Garda stations maintain logs of these witnessed forms for verification purposes. For each application involving a Garda witness, the Passport Service calls the relevant Garda station to confirm that the Garda witness recorded the witnessed form in the station logbook. Passport Service staff will call the relevant Garda station up to three times to verify the Garda's signature.

In cases where the Garda signature cannot be verified by calling the Garda station, a new system has been established between the Passport Service and An Garda Síochána to verify these applications. This new system assists in reducing the number of applications that are delayed due to a failure to verify witness details. An average of 15 applications per day are verified in this manner. Over the past four weeks, the Passport Service has issued over 6,000 passports per day.

This system was fully rolled out across the Passport Service in June 2022. The Passport Service and An Garda Síochána will keep the system under review to ensure that it continues to operate effectively.

Additional Needs Payments:

There has been an expansion to the community welfare scheme to support families who are experiencing financial difficulty in meeting their expenses due to the cost of living crisis. Families can now apply for an additional needs payment through the local offices.

Those who apply for the payments through their local community welfare officers must show their weekly income cannot cover a bill or exceptional cost that has arisen.

The payment is available to anyone who needs it and

qualifies, whether the person is currently receiving a social welfare payment or working on a low income. Usually weekly income limits are set at €350 for a single person, €450 for a couple with no children and between €551 and €1,318 depending on the number of children in the household. Community welfare officers can ultimately apply discretion in circumstances of unique hardship so families are advised to apply if they are experiencing difficulties. There is no limit to the amount paid out, with costs that can be covered including, but not limited to, fuel or electricity bills, essential property repairs e.g. a car or boiler, replacement household appliances, funeral costs, deposits for rental accommodation, bedding, food, clothing, shelter, hospital travel costs or visiting a relative in hospital or prison.

In January, 3,466 applications were received, but that nearly doubled to 6,585 in April.

The number of applications then soared by more than 50pc to 10,125 in May, and 10,824 applications were made last month.

Catherine made several enquiries to the Minister for Social Protection to see if families from Kildare and other counties were benefiting from the enhanced scheme and to raise awareness of the availability of support for families that may be struggling.

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Housing For All Progress Report Shows Housing Crisis Is Getting Worse

On every metric, the housing crisis is getting worse. The latest Housing for All progress report shows only 16 of the 30 Housing for All actions promised for Q2 2022 were completed.

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy said:

“The Government has failed to deliver almost half of its promised actions in the Housing for All plan for the second quarter of this year. There is a glaring absence of urgency in the Government’s approach.

“On every metric, the housing crisis is getting worse. Homelessness is about to hit a record high; house prices are at unsustainable Celtic Tiger levels and the rates of homeownership are collapsing – all while the Government dithers and delays.

“The Government is constantly referencing Housing for All as their answer to the housing crisis. Yet the Government is only doing half of what it promised in the Housing for All plan. 47% of the actions due to be complete by now have pushed back to the end of the year or beyond.

“Some of the key actions not delivered include more funding for the Residential Tenancies Board, a new model of healthcare for people who are homeless and the retrofit 2,400 social homes.

“If the Government cannot even deliver on these very modest actions, how can it possibly expect to turn the tide on rising homelessness, unaffordable rents and rising house prices?”



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Seniors in St. Ciaran's

Yesterday I was reading about the apparently peaceful relations between natives and newcomers in Ireland prior to the 1641 rebellion and while not wishing to trivialise the horrors of that period, my mind went back to the relationship between 5th and 6th Years in my old alma mater, St. Ciaran's College. As seniors we shared the same long dormitory on the 3rd Floor, and although to an outsider relations might have appeared cordial, underneath there were simmering tensions, the seeds of which were sown in our first year.

Newcomers or "Chaws" in St. Ciaran's were on the receiving end of much attention, both from older students and priests. A senior might kick a Chaw in the backside just because he felt like doing so – this never happened to me but a few of my pals were less fortunate – or demand that he surrender his place at table-tennis or on the ball alley. During our first week, Fr. Eoin, the Dean of Discipline, arranged a Chaws' Concert in the *Aula Maxima* in which we were all required to participate. One sang, danced, played the accordion or did whatever one could to entertain. The results were often unintentionally hilarious.

I can vividly recall Mickey Cooney reciting Brian Boru's address to his warriors before the Battle of Clontarf:

*'Stand ye now for Erin's glory,
Stand ye now Erin's cause.'*

The contrast between Mickey's treble tones – his voice hadn't yet broken – and the heroic subject matter nearly brought the house down, ensuring that he was henceforth known as 'Standye Cooney'. Another Chaw, John McGlynn, sang a popular song about 'The Rich Maharajah', who in addition to ten thousand camels, had 'rubies and pearls and the loveliest girls' – he got no further. The moment Fr. Eoin heard mention of girls he called out in apparent horror, 'Stop!' with the result that John was thereafter nicknamed 'Maharajah McGlynn'. What my own contribution was escapes me now, but it must have passed off without trauma.

The next initiation rite was a 'Chaws versus 2nd Years' game of Gaelic football. Here the Chaws could be sure that the whole school, apart from 2nd Years, were supporting them. The 3rd Years in particular longed to see their own former rivals humiliated and if this happened, the 2nd Years had a score to settle with the victorious newcomers. Of course, Chaws who displayed exceptional talent would be placed on a pedestal from then on; the mediocre, such as myself, had to win acceptance by other means or not at all. But whatever the outcome of the game, in general, the scene was set for future rivalry, which reached a peak when prefects were chosen from among the 6th Years.)

Chosen from 6th Years, prefects wielded considerable authority in the college. They constituted a kind of informal police force and might dole out corporal punishment using their thick leather belts, or bare hands. When in charge of a dormitory a prefect would ask every student to contribute towards the cost of a long silver torch. Consequently, fellows in the process of tipping a mattress with its sleeping occupant onto the floor or engaging in a pillow fight were often caught in a powerful beam of light they themselves had paid for. Punishment was usually swift and painful, though use of the belt diminished after our first year.

Now as I said, 5th and 6th Years shared a dormitory. The prefect slept in an end bed that commanded a view of the entire room with its four rows of beds. In our first senior year the prefect in charge, Liam Browne, must have been selected for his brains – he was an honours student – rather than his physical prowess. 'Sow' Browne, as his nickname suggests, was not one of those natural-born leaders who command respect because of innate strength of character. Nevertheless, he represented the priests and so we were expected to obey him. In the meantime, if we showed signs of overt insubordination his henchmen, Bruiser Naughton and Flint Quirke, were there as enforcers. Not that Browne ever had need of their services – at least not in his first months as prefect.

Students from both senior years engaged in high jinks in the dormitory. As well as the usual stuff of making 'apple pie beds', engaging in pillow fights and, occasionally, feasting on sweet cakes after lights-out, a few of us used attempt to walk

like tight-rope performers from one end of the dormitory to the other along the metal end-rails of beds. Another stunt involved jumping up from an end-rail to grab one of the iron bars spanning the room that tied together the wooden roof trusses. The danger here was that if one missed the bar one would almost certainly land on an end-rail and risk breaking a leg. Successful jumpers such as the 6th Year student Hawkeye Flynn would, in trapeze artiste fashion, swing by their knee joints from the tie bar before dropping to the floor. These feats were only undertaken while Browne and his henchmen visited the nearby washroom. I was quite good at rail walking but never succeeded in grabbing a tie bar, probably because I lacked the nerve to jump up straight enough – that way if I missed the bar I wouldn't land on an end-rail.

One night I was fast asleep when suddenly, as if hurled by an avalanche, my body hit the wooden floor: pranksters had tipped over the mattress. While I was remaking the bed with the help of my pal, 'Freddie the Fearless Fly' Conroy, the harsh light of Browne's torch dazzled us and his voice boomed, 'Scott and Conroy, report to the Dean after mass tomorrow morning.' Our protestations of innocence were brushed aside: we had been caught red-handed creating a disturbance.

Since reporting oneself to the Dean, Fr. Eoin, involved a major risk of unpleasant consequences, neither Freddie nor I complied with Browne's order. Later, we were called before Fr. Eoin, who, surprisingly, accepted our explanation and did not fine us. It was a victory of sorts, but victories have consequences. After that Browne resented the fact that we had flouted his authority. We would have to watch our steps. A few nights later we were all lying quietly in our beds. The lights were out and apart from a few whispered conversations most of us were half asleep. Suddenly, Hawkeye's excited stage whisper announced, "There's an eclipse of the moon tonight!" Immediately, Freddie and I joined a stampede of twenty or more students towards the windows. Despite clambering up on the sills to peer at the sky, we could detect nothing unusual. Next minute the overhead lights were switched on and a furious Sow yelled, "Everyone back to bed! I'm reporting this in the morning."

Although Freddie and I had definitely been spotted among the moon-gazers, we assured one another that Browne wouldn't make a big deal out of the incident – after all, there were quite a number of 6th Years involved. How wrong we were. Sow duly reported every 5th Year, with special emphasis on Scott and Conroy. Not one 6th Year was included. I can't recall that Fr. Eoin imposed any great penalty, but the 5th Years were smarting at the unfairness of it all. It was in this climate that I decided to redress the balance of justice with my pen.

Prior to this I had had a piece of verse published in the *Western Champion* and I occasionally amused my classmates with topical ballads. Now I composed a lampoon to commemorate the eclipse incident. One verse still sticks in my mind:

"There's talk of war and action:

The Fives are feeling sore,

They'll look for satisfaction,

They're calling Browne a boar."

It was fairly crude stuff and only intended for private consumption. Unfortunately, one of my classmates, Gary Heenan, got hold of it and thought it the most wonderful piece of satire. Unknown to me, Gary decided to read it aloud in the Back Jacks. It was like a conspirator choosing the Roman Forum to deliver a tirade against Caesar.

The Back Jacks was the place where seniors, including prefects, congregated after teatime to smoke and chat. On this occasion, Sow, Bruiser and Flint, were present. Freddie told me afterwards that you could hear a pin drop as Gary read out the lines. When he had finished, Sow and his henchmen promptly confiscated the lampoon and demanded to know who had written it. Gary refused to tell. Since Heenan's brother was a priest in the college, Freddie was convinced that there would be no repercussions. Nevertheless, I could have murdered Heenan for putting us both at risk, especially when I heard that Sow and his henchmen had been spotted inspecting jotters and copybooks in the 5th Year classrooms. That night my foreboding proved accurate.

When we were all in bed, Sow, flanked by Bruiser and Flint, all fully clothed, entered the dormitory, approached Heenan's

bed and ordered him out on the floor. Watched by the entire dormitory, Gary rose. Like a lamb facing a butcher, he stood there mutely in bare feet and pyjamas, arms hanging down; eyes full of apprehension. Sow reminded him of what had taken place in the Back Jacks, adding, "You had your fun, Heenan; now you'll pay for it."

Losing no time Sow began to carry out the punishment. First, he swung his right hand in a broad sweep and hit Gary full across the face; then he swung his left hand. Again and again he struck the unfortunate Gary, switching hands methodically, while my stomach tightened into a knot with angry fear. When blood began to trickle from Gary's nose I thought Sow would relent. After all, this was a priest's younger brother who was being 'clattered'. But Sow was determined that we should all see the consequences of ridiculing him. It wasn't until blood began to splash onto Gary's pyjamas that he stopped. Then the three avengers turned away and headed down the aisle.

Now it's my turn. Watched by countless pairs of eyes I get out of bed when ordered. Browne faces me, while his two henchmen stand like torturer's assistants behind his back, ready to intervene if I resist.

Sow glares at me: "Scott, did you write the poem which Heenan recited?"

I look into his flushed face and beady pig's eyes. He is only slightly heavier than myself. If I swing at him the watching 5th Years will almost certainly come to my assistance. Maybe Naughton and Quirke will flatten me but there will be one hell of a battle – in which case Fr. Eoin, whose room is almost directly underneath, will hear: if he finds out that I caused it by striking a prefect, I'll be for the high road in the morning. Better take my medicine like Gary.

"Scott, I asked if you wrote the poem?" Browne's voice is shrill. I again refuse to answer. "It doesn't matter whether or not you admit it. We checked the handwriting against the handwriting in your copybook – and do you know what? They match. So now we'll see how smart you really are."

The blows to my head are delivered with brain-rattling force while I keep my hands by my side and my eyes drilling into Sow's. With the regularity of a metronome his hands crash against the side of my face, though by some miracle my nose doesn't bleed. What hurts even more than the battering is the conviction that in a man-to-man fight I'd give this bastard just as good as I'm getting. In the meantime, I won't let him have the satisfaction of seeing me flinch. Finally it's over. My ears are buzzing and my brain is groggy, but during the entire ordeal I haven't uttered a sound. When Naughton and Quirke had gone away and Sow was getting ready to turn out the lights I forced myself to walk half dazed down the aisle between the middle and side row of beds. The humiliation of having been beaten like an animal in front of all the seniors added coals of shame to the fire burning in my head. Somehow I had to recover my manhood. Browne looked surprised and more than a little wary when he saw me approach his bed. But at this stage I had no intention of risking expulsion. 'Liam', I addressed him by his Christian name, 'I've a favour to ask.' 'What?' He gave me a half-guilty look.

'Liam', my voice was pleading, 'will you meet me some place outside the college grounds so that we can settle this man-to-man?'

Recovering from his surprise, he said truculently: 'You know where I live. You can meet me there any time you like.' Sure enough, I vaguely knew that he lived in some place at least forty miles from my home, but there was no point in getting into an argument. I'll remember that, I promised and walked away. Gary Heenan didn't report the incident to his brother, or, if he did, there were no obvious repercussions. In any case, Fr. Eoin would be reluctant to censure a prefect he himself or the college staff had appointed. Over sixty years have passed since that night, but Liam and I have never met. It is clear to me now that he and I had this much in common: we were both determined not to lose face. If we do bump into each other before we die, I hope that Liam will be man enough to ask me for forgiveness. Maybe I'll ask him for forgiveness too. After all, despite the proverb about 'sticks and stones', words can sometimes hurt even more than blows.

P.G. Nerney



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Goldfinch Nest

It's just a compact, blackish lump
cradled in a forking branch
of our cherry-blossom tree
stripped by heedless winds and
rain,
its bright-winged ménage flown.

I see in it my natal home
left derelict and barren,
the college where I came of age
among lighthearted classmates
shabby now, deserted.

It could even be the semi-detach
in which we raised our bright-eyed
brood
or this nurturing planet earth
threatened by overexploitation,
its former grandeur lost.

Colin Scott

Ladybugs & Hugs

Little ladybug,
Cuddling in a small home,
Getting a big hug.

Crawling up a tree,
Sets off to fly away and,
Makes a family.

Makes a new small home,
Gets a lot of yummy food,
Listen to the poem.

The home is now made,
The cuddles bring all the joy,
As the bird chirps fade.

In their little Minds,
Big Adventurous dreams start,
Many, many, times.

We all need some hugs,
Not just when we're very sad,
So find ladybugs.



*By Isabelle May Maher,
Age 10
'Everyone needs hugs
Haiku poem.'*

The Holy Name

Oh Jesus it is now so rare,
To hear your name save in a swear;
You're called by mouths to virtue blind,
To witness deeds of every kind!

Indeed! And it wasn't just today or yesterday it began. Since I was a child I have heard your name being taken in vain by great numbers of people and often coupled with words that shouldn't even be in any self-respecting dictionary. But maybe the difference is that when I was a child none of my family had a rough tongue as neither my mother nor my father would have allowed it. Back then of course those who abused the holy name were believers in Jesus Christ and meant no insult to the possessor of that great name. Nowadays the abuse of the Holy Name is far more common and particularly in the mouths of those who have no belief whatsoever in Christ or anything he stands for. And leave it to television and film scripts!

Film and television scripts without the roughest language interspersed with frequent mentioning of the holy name and inane references to God, I imagine, wouldn't even be considered in the least suitable for the "mature" audiences expected to be watching these programmes. People are too grown up now and sophisticated for anything but street corner language. None of your Auntie Mary's squeamishness and Victorian prudery! Vulgarity and irreligion rule the day and tough luck if that isn't to your liking. Everything is all right of course if the token comment that the "following programme contains strong language" is wheeled out at the beginning so that it's Auntie Mary's own fault that she is offended if she doesn't turn to some other channel immediately or leave the room.

And it's not just in the world of entertainment, so-called, that the nose is thumbed at religious sensitivities. It's ubiquitous. How often have we heard pleas for support for the marginalised expressed in the same abominable language. People in public life often use it as they know that the use of such language will identify them with their followers and gain them some welcome notoriety.

"Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal;" wrote Longfellow in his famous Psalm of Life. Would any poet write such lines these days? I doubt it but am open to correction. The grave is indeed not life's goal and, because of the resurrection, Christians believe that our present existence is just the anteroom to what life is really all about. The one who lived and died attempting to teach us that truth by establishing the Kingdom of God, which is the antithesis of earthly kingdoms, is worthy of universal respect and his name is sacred. Do what you can to keep it so!

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**Maynooth: a Socio-Economic Community Profile
1901-1911: Highlights from the past (Continued)**

This is the final section in the six part series published in the Newsletter. This section deals with the Economic, Social and Political aspects of the town of Maynooth.

Property ownership

According to the Censuses, there were no fourth class houses in Maynooth. In 1901 the Duke of Leinster owned houses in Carton Estate, Back Lane, and Convent Lane. He also owned Court House Street, Dillon’s Row, Doctor’s Lane, Double Lane, Dublin Road, Fagan’s Lane, Greenfield, School Lane, Leinster Street and Main Street. Three houses on Main Street which the Duke did not own were number 7 which was owned by Daniel Buckley, number 18 was owned by John Houghton and number 45, the Leinster Arms was owned by Alice Redmond. Number 19, Parson’s Street, the Presbytery, was owned by Freeman Gason. Number 9, Parson’s Street Upper was owned by Mary McDonnell. By contrast the 1911 census shows a very different picture which corresponds with the decline of Carton Demesne. By this time the Duke’s ownership centred on Carton Demesne and Old Carton.

Maynooth Businesses

It is obvious from the College archives that local businesses and local individuals benefited from their dealings with the College. The main businesses in the town were beginning to benefit in 1901. There were two Buckley’s shops in 1901, one at 19 Main Street owned by Cornelius Buckley who was 72 and who came from Cork. There was also a shop at 7 Leinster Street owned by his son Daniel R. Buckley, aged 34, who was born in Kildare. Cornelius had three boarders described as shop assistants, who were from Cork. He described himself as having Irish and English. He had one female servant, Mary Tyrrell, aged 45, who came from Kildare. No children are mentioned in the 1901 census.

Daniel Buckley was married to Jane and had two children named Joseph P. and Daniel M. They had one female servant. Daniel attempted to set up a Gaelic League branch in the town in 1906. He was elected to the Dáil as a member of Sinn Fein from 1918 to 1922 and subsequently became the Governor-General of Ireland in 1932. The shop’s name was changed to the Irish version. The College was a source of income for the family business. Daniel Buckley’s bill to the College was £23. 4s.7d. in 1901. This increased substantially by 1911 when the bill amounted to £82.10s.3d. Businesses were generally paid every quarter by the College.

By 1911 other shops had come which is further proof of development in Maynooth however small. For instance, Valentine Carney set up a pharmacy in the town in 1901. Dawson’s began its rise and was dealing with the College by 1911. M. and F. Dawson supplied such items as barley meal, fire bricks, black oats, red bran, crushed wheat and bacon. They also supplied farm machine parts such as shafts for wheel rakes and farm implements. Dawson’s bill to the College in 1911 amounted to £139 0s. 9d. Dawson’s advertised his shop, supplies and services in the *Kildare Observer, the Westmeath Examiner, Meath Chronicle and the Irish Independent* which is evidence of this businessman’s drive and success and point to an increasing prosperous and developing farming community. His expanding business is reflected in the various advertisements in the *Kildare Observer*. From selling coal, coke and seeds in the beginning of the 1900s to supplying Rudge-Whitworth bicycles in 1903, farm machinery such as Ransome balance ploughs in 1920 and Ford and Morris cars by 1925. There is also an advertisement from Dawson’s seeking an apprentice and who was requested to apply in their own handwriting.

Dawson’s development in the provision of farm machinery bears out the development of farming mechanisation and progress in Kildare. Richard Breen’s comment that “the spread of agricultural innovation was generally from east to west because eastern farms were larger and more prosperous.” He states that the adoption of mechanical innovation represented by tractors shows that Leinster represented about half of the development of the whole of Ireland. In 1939 Leinster had 1,184 tractors out of a total of 2,067 for the whole of Ireland. Kerry has 53 tractors. By 1949 Leinster has 5, 574 out of 10, 145 and Kerry had 193.

M.P O’Brien supplied such items as pastry flour, oatmeal, red bran, pollard, white bran and barley meal. His bill to the College in 1911 amounted to

£220.18s.4d. Pitt’s public house did not have a major account with the College but supplied lemons and soda water and ‘brandy etc. as medicine for cattle’. Kavanagh’s Mill was paid for crushing oats and for supplying bran, oatmeal and white bran to the amount o £55.14s 1d in 1901 and 43.6s.11d in 1911. Kelly’s Bakery (Kilcock) supplied bread.

Women and Business

The College Wage Books indicate that local individuals also benefited from supplying the College with goods and services. Most of the accounts are in women’s names. Mary Hyland of 7 Dillon’s Row supplied eggs in 1901 and 1911. She earned c.£20 in 1901 and £28.11.6 in 1911. She was one of three women egg suppliers. The others were Mary Fox who does not appear on the Maynooth town census and Mrs. R. White who did substantial business with the College. Mrs. White does not appear on the Maynooth town census. She was paid £45.0s 9d. in the second quarter to June 1901. In September she was paid £61.13s 0d. and in December she was paid £152.10s 1d. She was in business with the College for a number of years but does not appear in the 1911 book. Miss Brigid Kenny from Parson’s Street supplied chickens and ducks. In 1901 she was paid £11.8s.6d. for the year. In 1911 she supplied 27 chickens in September at a cost of £2.19s.6d. and seven chickens in December at a cost of 12s.6d.. Rearing poultry for sale was one of the most important occupations for women of the labouring and small farmer class to contribute substantially to the household economy. The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction noted in 1911 that women on small farms earned between twenty and sixty pounds per year rearing poultry. Mary Austin provided milk and charged £197.2s.8d. for the months up to March and £235.5s.4d. up to June 1901. No supplier of milk was mentioned in the 1911 book. Condensed milk was being bought by the College in 1911. One off annual suppliers included fifty tons of gravel provided by Ellen Leavy in 1901 to the cost £5.10s.0d. Lime came from Mary Geoghegan in both 1901 and 1911 to the cost of £9.0s.0d. and £15.9s.9d. respectively. Mrs. Moore provided 134 loads of sand at a cost of one shilling per load amounting to £6.14s.0d.

Social life in Maynooth

We get a glimpse of social life in Maynooth from advertisements the *Kildare Observer*. In 1911 the annual XXth Hussars point-to-point race was held on St. Patrick’s Day at Windgates which is three miles from Maynooth and Celbridge. In 1926 the North Kildare Hunt Sportsman’s race was held at Windgates. There were regular dances in aid of the Maynooth Bazaar for example on May 2nd 1914, *The dance was organised in connection with the Maynooth Bazaar in the Aberdeen Hall, Gresham Hotel Dublin.... There were upwards of two hundred present and dancing which commenced at 9.30 was maintained until the services of the electric light were no longer necessary... Excellent music was supplied by Clarke Barry’s band...*

In June 1922 Dawson’s also sold tickets for a chance to win a new 1922 Ford Touring Car, to support the Bazaar. Local children also had treats. In July 1908, under the direction of Rev. Father McDonald C.C., the Presentation Convent sisters treated the children to a magic lantern show. Songs and recitations were given by the children. It was attended Mr. John Flood who played selections on the Irish harp. Others who attended the event included the important names in the town at the time such as Dean Morrisroe, Maynooth College, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Miss Kavanagh, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. D. Buckley to mention a few.

Maynooth also had a Dramatic Club which in February 1902 organised a fundraiser for improvements to the parochial church. The occasion took place in the Town Hall which was kindly given by the *present esteemed and popular occupant of Carton, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, and the worthy rector of Maynooth, Mr. Gason.*

The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band was established in 1796. Through its history it played at many important events such as the opening of the College, at the funerals of O’Connell and Parnell. The changing political picture was reflected at local level. The band refused to play at the visit of the King and Queen in 1912. Four of its member were involved in the 1916 rising. The band continues to this day and is an important feature in local and national community events and competitions. Maynooth and the College were popular destinations for groups on day visits. The Catholic Boys’ Brigade came on July 22nd 1900 where there was tug or war, callisthenic displays and

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ambulance competitions. Other organisations also visited the town and College for example the Christian Brothers Past Pupil Union in July 1912. The Father Mathew Choral Society had an annual excursion to Maynooth in August.

The *Leinster Express* reported in August 1900 on the successful North Kildare Horticultural Show which was held on the grounds of Castletown Demesne. First place for Gardens for the Maynooth area went to Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Houghton. Second place went to Miss Cox, Dan Buckley, Mr. Staples and Mr. Timmons.

The Leinster Arms was a known stopping point for organisations on outings such as The Youth’s Own Association Cycling Club. The Leinster Arms also held its monthly branch meeting of the Co. Kildare Farmers’ Union in the early 1920s. Hurling and football were popular in Maynooth before the establishment of the G.A.A. in Maynooth which was mainly due to the efforts of Domhnall Ua Buachalla and his father. There was a strong I.R.B. presence among the members which took its toll on the team because of 1916. Several members of the club were interned in England and at one point there was not enough men to field a team.

The relationship between Carton, the Duke of Leinster and the town changed in the decade. Early reports in the *Kildare Observer* indicate that there was a strong deferential view of the Duke. In the *Weekly Irish Times* of March 7th 1908 there is a report of the response of the people of Maynooth to the Duke’s coming of age.

The last of the family estates were sold recently under the Land Act of 1903, but the people of Maynooth have resolved to show that the severance of the ties between landlord and tenant does not reflect the feelings towards the family.

The letter from the town’s people attached to the report was to be inscribed on vellum and richly decorated with Celtic ornamentation after the style of the Book of Kells.

The following gives a flavour of the contents of the letter:

Mindful as we are of that close and felicitous association which has at all times existed between your noble family and our town, we especially wish to recall the munificent interest which the last good Duke and Duchess ever manifested in our local affairs. Their wholehearted co-operation in all that tended to our national progress, their great munificence to our poor, and their acts of kind thoughtfulness have won a full and abiding place in our affections.

The address was signed by the Very Rev. Canon Hunt, P.P., Rev. Patrick McDonald, C.C., Rev. Freeman Wills Gason, Rector of the parish, Dr. Stanley Moore, Chairman and Mr. J.W. Kavanagh, hon. secretary and other members of the committee.

The *Irish Times* of April 16th 1908 describes the town for the occasion:

On Friday evening last, the Duke of Leinster arrived at Maynooth on his way to Carton, for the first time since he attained his majority, and he met with an enthusiastic reception from the towns people. The town was brilliantly illuminated and flags were hung from the houses. Opposite the Town Hall there was an immense bonfire, and there was a magnificent display of fireworks.

On July 9th 1911, the Royal visit of King George V and Queen Mary to St. Patrick’s College was a major event. According to the press releases of the day and reprinted in the Maynooth Calendar of 1912,

The decorations at Maynooth College were simple and effective...Special trains were run from Broadstone which brought an enormous number of gentry from Dublin, Kildare and Meath....An immense gathering of people, gentle and simple, had assembled outside the gates...before the arrival of the King’. There were loud cheers from the gathering.

As the century progressed, some of the town’s people became more interested, involved and caught up in national politics. Daniel Buckley now Domhnall Ua Buachalla became involved in the 1916 rising. A report headed ‘Maynooth rebels sentenced’, in the *Kildare Observer* of May 20 1916 named three people who were sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for two years with eighteen months suspended. Patrick Weafer (College carpenter mentioned earlier in the series), John Greaves, an assistant in Buckley’s shop and Joseph Ledwich from Laraghbryan, a lock keeper. It also notes that Daniel Buckley has been deported at this time. There were other signs that Maynooth was beginning to see itself in a more autonomous way when the

Maynooth Brass and Reed Band refused to play for the royal visit of King George V and Queen Mary. Where once the Duke of Leinster would have decided on the needs of the town, the Celbridge Area Committee then undertook the task. Maynooth men such as William Saults of Parson’s Street, was active on this committee. William Saults was elected as a Labour representative to Kildare County Council in 1925 for the Naas electoral area. The Celbridge Area Committee was responsible for drainage systems, cleaning of rivers, dealing with floods, the repair of council houses and their contents, the sinking of wells and the provision of water pumps and the appointment of midwives.

Conclusion

Maynooth did not develop greatly between 1901 and 1911. It was a rural town with no major industries. The town lay between two institutions, the declining landed estate on the one side and the thriving seminary of St. Patrick’s College on the other. The town was stagnant as Horner notes, the population had contracted and there was limited diversity in employment with most of the population describing themselves as general or agricultural labourers or servants. Rates of pay for labourers and servants in the main did not increase over the ten year period and it appears that they did not increase from 1891 in some cases.

However this was some evidence of growth. The College offered steady employment to local labourers and tradesmen. There was an increase in population in the farming community in the outlying areas. Dawson’s shop, its growth, development and confidence answered the needs of the farming community. A pharmacy was set up in 1900. Local retail businesses also benefited from their dealings with the College. A surprising find was that women also earned monies to supplement family income with Mrs. White’s successful poultry business topping the list. Also the large number of servants in Maynooth College had some, if limited, spending power in the town. There is evidence that Maynooth was moving away from a paternal and deferential landlord led community. By 1911 there are signs of autonomy. Nationalist politics has a direct influence in Maynooth. Individuals began to view their own place and their place in Ireland in a different way.

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DEAR Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention here). Take it Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust thee

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail.

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DEAR Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention favour). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

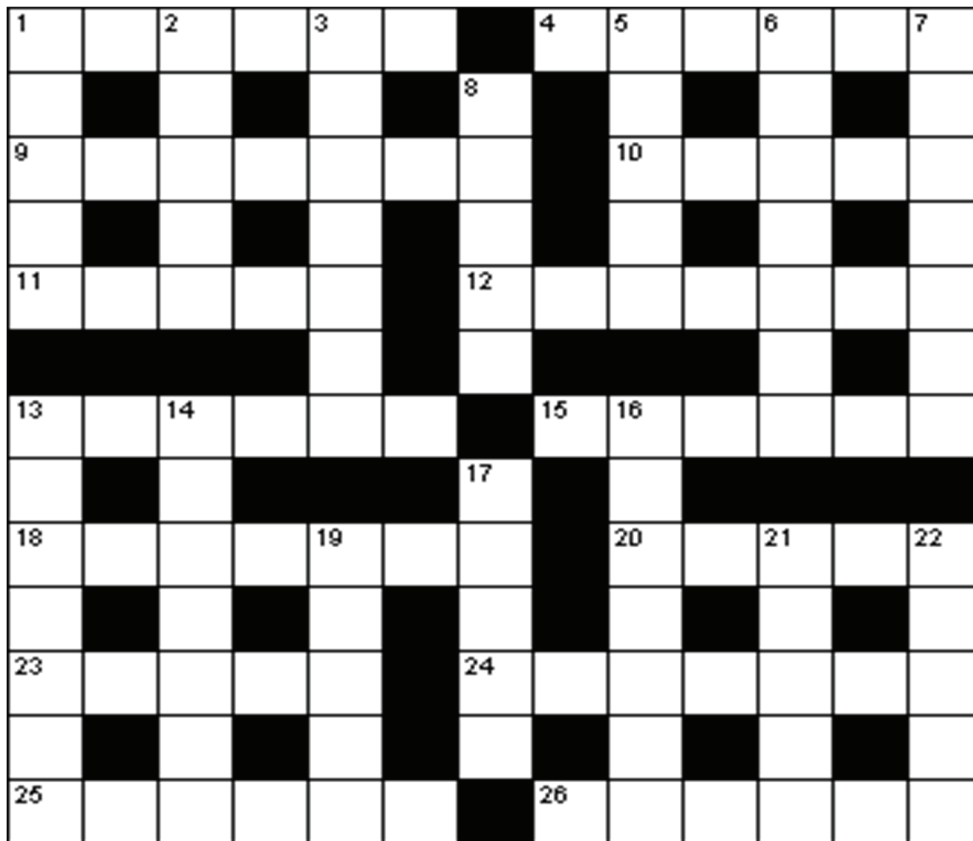
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Thanksgiving for favour received.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 27/06/2022 to 27/07/2022 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
22894	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/07/2022
22876	Kildare County Council	John O'Brennan,	17 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 V2D0.	19/07/2022
22862	Kildare County Council	Eircom Limited,	Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/07/2022
22858	Kildare County Council	Daniel Burke	508a Newtown Road, Collegeland, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	13/07/2022
22851	Kildare County Council	Michael McGuigan	9 Parklands Lawns, Maynooth, Co. Kildare., W23 H6D8	12/07/2022
22830	Kildare County Council	Laura Jayne Halton	Laragh Demense, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/07/2022
22823	Kildare County Council	Daniel Burke,	508a Newtown Road, Collegeland, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/07/2022
22797	Kildare County Council	Paul and Martina Wright,	10 Leinster Wood, Carton House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	01/07/2022
22796	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University,	North Campus Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	30/06/2022
22793	Kildare County Council	Michael McGuigan,	9 Parklands Lawns, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 H6D8.	30/06/2022

August 2022 Crossword - No. 515



Solutions to Crossword No. 514



Clues Across

1. Tune (6)
4. Shriek (6)
9. Elaborate ceremony (7)
10. Youngster (5)
11. Plaudit (5)
12. Dried grapes (7)
13. Comfort (6)
15. Slapstick (6)
18. Lamp (7)
20. Legally acceptable (5)
23. Happening (5)
24. Coach (7)
25. Tallies (6)
26. Tiers (6)



Clues Down

1. Tree (5)
2. Licit (5)
3. Extreme (7)
5. Desert plants (5)
6. Building (7)
7. Freedom from vanity or conceit (7)
8. Rear part of a ship (5)
13. Prominent (7)
14. Soft or indulgent (7)
16. Avert (7)
17. Combine (5)
19. Laud (5)
21. Spear (5)
22. Sews (5)

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Sudoku Challenge

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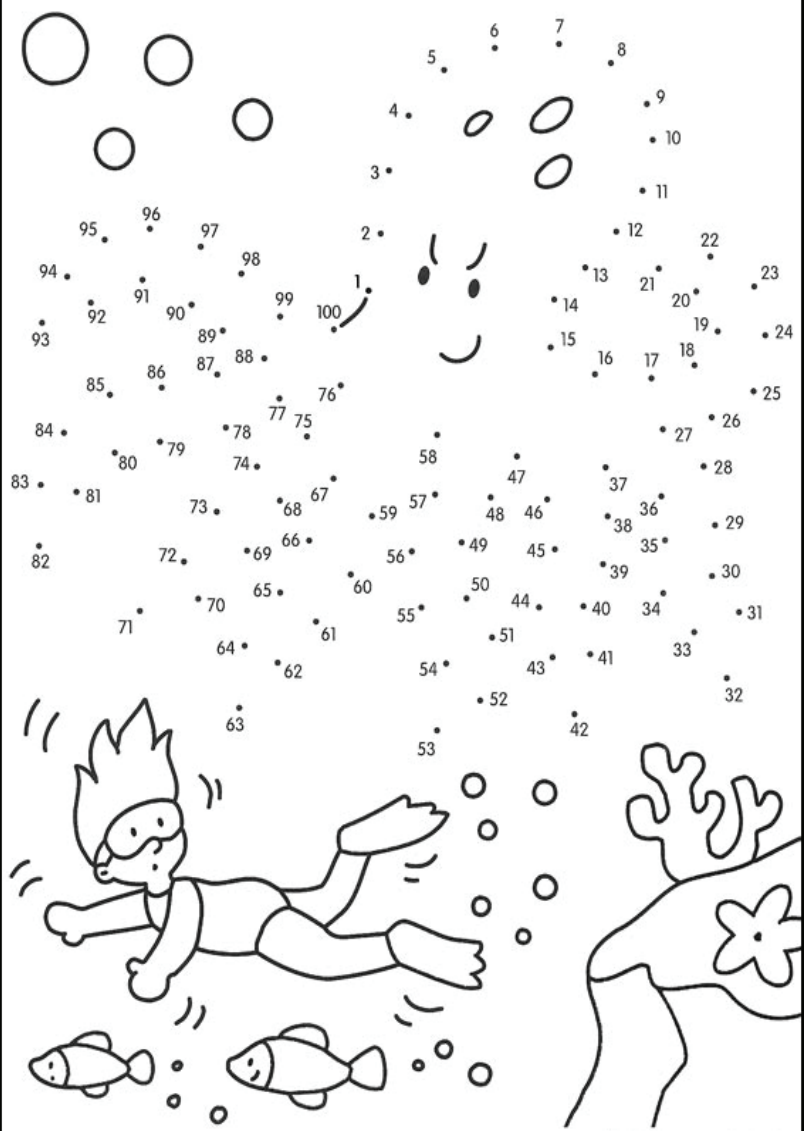
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Junior Fun Corner

Colouring



Join The Dots



Children's Fun Page

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SUMMER

Word Search

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BEACH	HIKE
BIKE	LAKE
CAMP	POOL
FIRE	SAND
HEAT	SUMMER

Chicken, Ham and Leek Pie

Here is nothing like an old fashioned chicken pie. This gluten-free version with added ham and leek will not disappoint.

Ingredients

4 chicken Maryland (about 1kg)
3 large leeks, light and pale green part sliced into 1cm rounds, dark green tops reserved
1/4 tsp peppercorns
1 bay leaf
2 tbs olive oil
2 thyme sprigs, leaves picked
90g ham, shredded
180g crème fraiche
1 tbsp. gluten-free cornflour



Pastry

400g gluten-free plain flour, plus extra to dust
1 tsp xanthan gum (thickener from health food stores)
50g mature cheddar cheese, grated
200g chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1cm pieces
1 egg, plus 1 extra egg yolk, lightly beaten with 1 tbs water
2 tbsp. wholegrain mustard
2 tbsp. crème fraiche

Method

1. To poach the chicken, place chicken Maryland's, dark green leek tops, pepper corns, bay leaf and 2L (8 cups) cold water (or enough to cover) in a large saucepan over high heat.
2. Bring to the boil, then cover with a lid, leaving a small gap. Reduce heat to low and cook for 1 hour or until chicken is cooked through.
3. Remove chicken from pan and set aside. Strain the cooking liquid into another saucepan, discarding the leek, pepper and bay. Place pan over medium heat and cook for 30-40 minutes until reduced by half. Set aside to cool.
4. Meanwhile, to make pastry, place the flour, xanthan gum and 1 tsp salt in a food processor, then whiz to combine.
5. Add the cheese and butter, and whiz to combine. In a separate bowl, combine the egg, mustard, crème fraiche and 1 tbsp. cold water. Add to the food processor and whiz until the mixture forms a soft dough.

How to prepare

6. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and divide into two equal pieces, one slightly bigger than the other. Flatten into discs, then enclose in each plastic wrap and chill for 1 minute or until firm
7. Once the chicken is cool enough to handle, shred the meat into bite-sized pieces, discarding bones.
8. Heat the oil in a large fry pan over medium heat. Add sliced leeks and thyme, and season. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until leeks are tender but still green.
9. Add chicken, ham, crème fraiche and 300ml chicken stock to pan. Bring to a simmer and season to taste. Combine cornflour and 2 tbsp. cold water in a bowl until smooth, then stir into the sauce and simmer for 2-3 minutes until thickened.
10. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.
11. Roll out larger pastry portion on a lightly floured surface until 3mm-thick and use to line a 23cm pie pan, leaving a little overhang. (If you have any rips or tears, just pinch them back together). Place the cooled chicken filling into the middle of the pastry base.
12. Brush the edges with the egg yolk glaze, then roll out the remaining pastry until 3mm-thick. Cut a couple of slits in the pastry to let out the steam. Top the pie with the pastry, pressing the edges together.
13. Trim the excess pastry, then crimp the edges to seal. Use excess pastry to create decorations, if desired. Brush pie all over with egg glaze, then chill for at least 10 minutes.
14. Place a large baking tray in the oven and preheat to 200°C. Glaze pie again, then place on hot tray. Bake for 45 min

Gardening in August



One of the hottest months of the year and a great time to get out and enjoy your garden. Maintaining your plants so as to look their best by regularly dead-heading to enjoy a longer time of blooms. Correct and regular watering of new plants, using collected rainwater where possible and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.



Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering. Keep plants looking attractive and encourage more blooms, whether in beds and border, containers or hanging baskets, encourages more blooms.

Care for houseplant while on holiday

Most houseplants will tolerate a few days' absence without suffering, but absences of more than a week call for some creative measures to provide valuable moisture in the right quantity. To look after plants while away. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise. Watering is one of the most important jobs when growing plants in containers. Roots need a balance of air and water to grow well which is easy to provide if you have a good quality compost or soil.

Things to do

Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
Pick courgettes before they become marrows
Treat apple scab, clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed. Harvest fruit which is ready.



Flowers

Cut lavender for drying, choosing newly opened flowers for the best fragrance, then hang up in a cool, dark place. Give Dahlias a liquid feed, keep them well watered and tie the shoots of tall varieties to sturdy stakes as they grow. Hoe and hand-weed borders often, so weeds don't have time to set seed. Water and feed sweet peas regularly, pick the flowers every few days, and remove seed pods to prolong flowering. Plant autumn bulbs, including nerines, colchicums and sternbergia, in pots and borders. Feed, water and deadhead summer bedding regularly, in pots, borders and hanging baskets. Cut back early summer perennials, such as hardy geraniums and delphiniums, after flowering for a second flush. Take softwood cuttings from shrubs such as pyracantha, cotinus, hydrangeas and spiraea. Feed and deadhead roses to keep them flowering strongly. Keep watch for pests such as lily beetles, snails, aphids and vine weevils, and remove before they do too much harm. Pick off flowers on coleus plants to maintain their colourful leaves. Sow biennials, such as foxgloves, honesty, forget-me-nots and wallflowers, for blooms next year. On the forum: share your growing tips with other gardeners and ask for advice. Cut back geraniums and other summer perennials.



Fruit and Veg Plants

Check crops such as runner beans regularly for aphids, and rub or wash them off straight away, before they multiply. Water thirsty plants such as celery, beans, peas, courgettes, pumpkins and tomatoes regularly. Make the last pickings of rhubarb and remove any flower spikes that start to form, cutting right down at the base. Thin out heavy crops of apples, pears and plums, and remove any malformed, damaged or undersized fruits. Prune plum trees in dry weather, when silver leaf fungal disease is less prevalent. Sow a last batch of peas and dwarf beans before mid-July for an autumn crop. Shorten side shoots growing from the framework of trained fruit trees, reducing to about five leaves from their base



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

FAMOUS ACTORS TRIVIA/FACTS



FRED ASTAIRE

Ironically, the legendary Fred Astaire's first screen test audition was highly criticised by the Hollywood bigwigs of the time - "Can't act. Can't sing. Balding. Can dance a little."

CARY GRANT

Cary Grant turned down the role of James Bond in *Dr. No* (1962), believing himself to be too old at the age of 58 to play the hero. The 007 role went instead to a certain lesser-known Scottish actor and the rest as they say is history.

VIVIEN LEIGH

English star Vivien Leigh beat out an extraordinary 1400 other Hollywood actresses to play Scarlett O'Hara in the classic *Gone With The Wind*. It turned out to be her most famous and iconic role.



SOPHIA LOREN

Italian beauty Sophia Loren was the first actress to win the Academy Award for Best Actress for a foreign-language film. She picked up the Oscar in 1962 for her leading role in Italian director Vittorio De Sica's emotional drama *Two Women*.

JAMES DEAN

Alec Guinness and James Dean met by chance in September 1955. Guinness would later claim that he had a premonition that the young actor would be killed in his Porsche, and that he had told Dean not to get into the car, warning him that he'd be dead within a week if he did. Tragically, James Dean did indeed perish in a car crash, having been issued with a speeding ticket just two hours before.



JOHN WAYNE

John Wayne holds the remarkable record for the actor with the most leading roles, 142 in total. In all but 11 films, he played the leading part.

INGRID BERGMAN

14. Due to her 5'9" height, many of Ingrid Bergman's shorter co-stars, such as Claude Rains and Humphrey Bogart, had to wear lifts in their shoes in order to avoid looking small next to her on screen. Alan Ladd (star of 1940s Westerns and *Film Noir* classics) was also notably short in height, and had to employ similar tricks in his films in order to appear tall next to his co-stars.

RITA HAYWORTH

16. Rita Hayworth accidentally broke two of her co-star Glenn Ford's teeth when she slapped him during a scene in the 40s film classic *Gilda*.



TONY CURTIS

Tony Curtis broke a Hollywood taboo in the 1950s by insisting that an African-American actor, Sidney Poitier, have co-starring billing next to him in the film, *The Defiant Ones*, where they both played escaped prisoners on the run.

JUDY GARLAND

Judy Garland is said to have had a powerful gift of retention. She only had to view a piece of music one time, and had the remarkable ability to commit the whole score to memory.

BETTE DAVIS

Bette Davis was nominated for an Academy Award five years in a row, in 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943. She shares this unique record for the most consecutive nominations with English actress Greer Garson.

LEONARDO DICAPRIO

Leonardo DiCaprio's pregnant mother was looking at a Leonardo Da Vinci painting in a museum in Italy when Leo first kicked. Hence, another Leonardo made his entrance into the world!



CHRISTOPHER WALKEN

Christopher Walken worked as an assistant lion tamer in a traveling circus to help make ends meet. "It was a female lion named Sheba, and she was very sweet," Walken told *Vanity Fair*. "This particular lion was more like a dog ... and I would do things with the whip." In turn, the lion would run, sit up, and rollover.

SEAN CONNERY

Fan-favourite, Sean Connery had to wear a hairpiece for all his *James Bond* movies because he began losing his hair at the age of 21.