



Maynooth Newsletter

Recording the Social Footprint of Maynooth since the 1970s



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Maynooth Town FC v Man Utd Legends

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL 25th JUNE 2022

(See Photo Galleries on Pages 6, 7, 8 & 9)



Saturday 25th June was a landmark day for Maynooth Town FC marking our Festival of Football with the Manchester United Legends. The day kicked off with a Fun Zone at Rathcoffey Road in the morning for our younger members, followed by a Meet & Greet with the Legends at the Glenroyal Hotel, where fans could get shirts and programmes signed followed by the match itself at Rathcoffey Road in the afternoon and, to round it all off, the post match reception for players in Brady's and the Gala Dinner at the Glenroyal Hotel - what a great day for the club !

There has been significant growth in club membership over the past 5 to 6 years - from around 350 playing members to the current 800 - and the club now fields close to 45 teams every week during the football season. This growth is putting pressure on existing space at Rathcoffey Road and there is a need to maximise the use of this space by installing a new state of the art Astro pitch to FIFA standards.

The MTFC Festival of Football was designed to assist fundraising efforts to make the new astro pitch a reality. Thank you to everyone who supported and volunteered on the day. If you were unable to attend the events and would like to contribute, and would like some MTFC/Man Utd memorabilia you can copy & paste the link below to your browser:

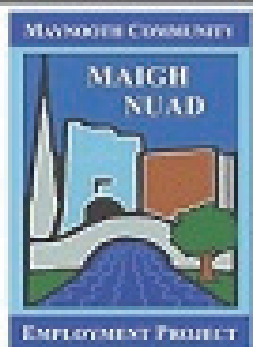
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Alternatively you can copy & paste the link below to your browser: <https://maynooth-town-fc.sumup.link/product/ukrainian-scarf-donation> to donate to the club and MTFC will arrange to give a match day scarf to our new young Ukrainian friends who visited us at the Festival of Football.

We are looking forward to the opening of the new astro pitch later in the summer and seeing the young players in action next season !

MTFC Executive





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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.

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Maynooth Newsletter Archives

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

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

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

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Children's Events

Children's Illustrations Collage Craft Pack

Available From 11th July

Age: 6+

Some books are read so often and so loved that the library copies end up in pieces and falling apart after a couple of years of lending. We at the library like to give these books a new life in the form of artwork so we invite the children of Maynooth to pick up our special collage making craft pack. All you need is parental supervision, some scissors and a glue-stick to do this popular craft at home.

No booking required – available for collection from the library from the 11th July while stocks last.

Learn & Explore Music Workshop

Wednesday 13th July, 3pm-4pm

Age: 9-12 year olds

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Learn and Explore introduces every child to the world of music through exploring the role of the conductor; investigating the importance of percussion; learning about dynamics, tempo, mood, the beat and rhythm; singing songs, composing rhythms and learning about music from different parts of the world. This workshop aims to give every child a solid and practical introduction to the world of music, increase the level of interest and engagement of music amongst children and develop each child's awareness of music.

Book now through TicketTailor: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/719472>

Wizards' Day

Wednesday July 27th, 11:30am

Age: 6 +

We're all wizards! Come along to this craft session where we will make rainbow wands and design and draw our own modes of magical transport, potions and more.

Book now through Ticket Tailor <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/720829>

Weekly Story-Time in Maynooth Library

Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of July, 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 1st July: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/719429>

Friday 8th July: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/719430>

Friday 15th July: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/719431>

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Adult Events

Our World' Disability Awareness Exhibition and Information Stand

Find out more about this sustainable lending/learning collection of toys promoting increased awareness amongst children of various disabilities

With Maynooth Access Group

Saturday, 16th July, 10am-1pm

Maynooth Access Group will be hosting a drop-in exhibition in Maynooth Library showcasing their "Our World" disability awareness programme for children, a toy library with a difference, which is funded by Kildare County Council, and comprises a collection of toys highlighting different disabilities, child-centred age-appropriate books about various disabilities, and posters and puzzles, all of which can be accessed and utilised free of charge by preschools, schools and community groups.

This initiative will help you to start conversations around disability, diversity and inclusion with the students/members and staff/ leaders at your school or

community group. We encourage parents and minders as well as anyone working in a childcare settings to come along and find out more about this wonderful collection.

No booking required. Drop-in event.

Beginners Sewing Machine Classes (Adults only)

Current class is full & we are taking expressions of interest for future classes

Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30 pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Must have own sewing machine.

If you have an unused, unloved sewing machine then this is the class for you. Learn to thread, adjust tension, change needles, use different stitches and make some very simple projects.

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

Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesday 20th of July (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 11th July

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

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 28th July 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
2018
2019
2021

Thanks to the clients from Leap Services for helping Tidy Towns to water the flowers in the Square recently.

We had a very enjoyable day at the Picnic in the Park which was organised by Maynooth Community Council and held in The Harbour Field recently.

We are all working hard to keep the town looking well for the visit of the Tidy Towns Judges until the 31st July or even later in to August.



Please help us to keep it that way. Pick up Litter even if you didn't drop it.

Mary Molloy - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns



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Dear Business / Householder;

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns group, we have a request for all of our Business Community. We are asking you to keep outside your premises clear of weeds and litter free, also your bins and their surrounding areas, in particular those in the Council Car Park and Doctors Lane as these are high visibility locations.

Adjudicators from the National Tidy Towns could arrive in Maynooth any time from now until the 31st July, for the judging in the National Tidy Towns Competition. We have secured a Gold Medal award for the last 5 years and we would really like to retain it again for 2022, with your help.

You will have seen that the Pots and 3 Tiered Planters in the Square, Carton Avenue etc. have been planted with very colourful flowers by our hard-working volunteers.

We need you to help us out with litter control in the coming weeks, so that this planting can be seen to best effect, to impress the judges and to reflect the pride we all have for our town.

We would like to thank everyone who has painted their premises and put out flower displays.

When everyone does a little bit, it makes a huge difference. It improves the appearance of the town, which in turn helps to create a positive experience for residents and visitors alike.

Regards

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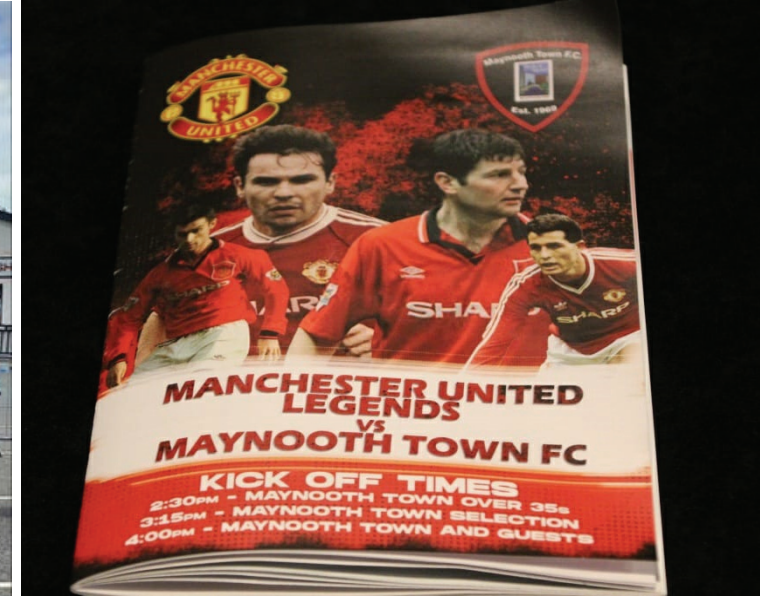
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On a weekend when the town stopped and Maynooth Town Football Club put on a show of sheer brilliance beginning with a pre-season friendly between our Senior team and Crusaders F.C. from the Northern Ireland Senior League. The game was played on Friday 24th but resulted in a 1-0 loss to the professional side of greater experience. Town performed admirably and despite going behind to an early "Crus" goal were a match for the side who will compete in Euro competition in the coming weeks.

On returning to Brady's after the game we were joined by the Manchester United Legends who were in town to take part in the clubs Festival of Football weekend. Listening to the various stories and experiences of the lads brought back many good memories and some not so good.

Denis Irwin was particularly pleased when hearing of our exploits in 2018 when we won the FAI Intermediate Cup. He got great satisfaction when hearing that one of our scalps on the wonderful venture was Roy Keane's old team Rockmount. This was a wonderful evening in the company of such stars as Denis, Lee Sharpe, Brian Mc Clair, Wes Brown, David May, Clayton Blackmore among others. We all departed at a decent hour to prepare for the more physical activities the following day.

The Rathcoffey Road looked immaculate with the various attraction a major draw for children and adults alike. The pitch itself was

in pristine condition and was a credit to the ground staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that everything was in order. With the various attractions drawing large crowds it was all about the appearance of the Legends. The parade of teams to the pitch brought great applause from the packed attendance. The Legends played three 30 minutes games and displayed lots of their skills and were a huge attraction. Game One saw the Legends at the wrong end of a three goal defeat to the Town's over 35 side with Chris Eagles being particularly lively for the Legends.

Maynooth Town Selection were next up and this game provided the highlights of the afternoon, with time running out Legends David May won a penalty with a dive that would not be out of place in any aquatic centre. Town's keeper Stephen Geraghty denied the once ever reliable Denis Irwin with a wonderful save. Denis was the first to congratulate Stephen for his effort. The game ended in a 0 - 0 draw. The final game of the afternoon saw the Legends gain a deserved success with a 2 - 0 success over the Town and Guests.

A wonderful day began to close with all looking forward to the meeting with the Legends in Brady's before departing to the Glenroyal Hotel for the Gala Dinner & Dance.

A really wonderful evening was had by all with the dancing and craic following the wonderful meal. Raffles and auctions

provided further entertainment before closing the evening. Special praise to Club Chairman Michael Doyle and his committee for the fantastic entertainment provided for the weekend and to all who played their part.

Footnote;

Don't forget that the new season is fast approaching with a number of friendly games being lined up. Our first round game in the F.A.I Senior Cup is a home fixture against Munster Senior League side Villa F.C from Waterford.

Maynooth University Town F.C.

Extra.ie FAI Senior Cup

1st Round



Friday 29th July 2022

Kick Off: 7.30pm

Venue: North Campus Astro



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Powerful fat-burning Herbs & Spices

Believe it or not, some of the most powerful fat-burning nutrients come in the smallest packages: the dried herbs and spices in your press and the fresh herbs in your garden. You probably already love these seasonings because they make your meals taste great, but you might not know that they are powerful weight-loss superfoods. Use them to flavor bone broth and your meals, and even your shakes. In particular, the following fat-burning herbs and spices can ramp up your fat burning—so go crazy with them!

So, what seasonings can help you lose weight? As it turns out, herbs can curb cravings and support your weight loss efforts. And while herbs may not be a cure-all (diet, exercise and lifestyle are contributing factors), they can certainly help you on your weight loss journey.

Herbs support digestion
Herbs aid in the body's metabolism process.
Herbs promote hormonal health
Herbs reduce inflammation

Fat burning herbs and spices

Basil

Basil is anti-inflammatory, reduces water retention and bloating, and functions as an adaptogen (a substance that helps your body adapt to stress). Basil also helps reduce fat buildup in your liver while detoxifying your body.

Cinnamon

Cinnamon helps regulate blood glucose levels, reducing your cravings and helping you burn fat faster.

Cloves

Cloves help reduce your blood sugar. They also help improve your digestion and optimize your metabolism.

Cumin

Cumin is a great fat burner that also aids in digestion. One teaspoon can help you burn up to three times more body fat!

Garlic

Garlic helps burn belly fat. It also reduces LDL cholesterol, which may lower your risk of heart disease. In addition, it reduces oxidative damage from free radicals, helping fight the aging process.

Ginger

Ginger has anti-inflammatory properties, and it's a powerful gut soother. It also has



thermogenic properties that help boost your metabolism.

Parsley

Parsley's wealth of vitamin C makes it a great immune-system booster. It's also an excellent source of beta carotene, an antioxidant that helps protect your body against free-radical damage. It has anti-inflammatory properties, relaxes your muscles, and encourages digestion.

Turmeric

Curcumin is the active ingredient in turmeric. It slows the formation of fatty tissue by affecting the blood vessels needed to form it. Curcumin contributes to lower body fat and weight loss. It is also an anti-inflammatory agent and lowers insulin resistance.

Mint

As a natural energy booster, mint can support your weight loss efforts. "Mint improves alertness, boosts overall mood and reduces the feeling of fatigue. It is also an effective natural painkiller and muscle relaxant, mint has invigorating and antispasmodic properties. Peppermint oil can be used to relieve tension headaches. Some even say it is an effective appetite suppressant!"

Oregano

Oregano is a perennial herb that belongs to the same plant family as mint, basil, thyme, rosemary and sage.

It contains carvacrol, a powerful compound that may help boost weight loss. Carvacrol supplements were also found to directly impact some of the specific genes and proteins that control fat synthesis in the body.

How to Use Herbs Safely

When used as a seasoning for foods, the aforementioned herbs and spices can provide a burst of health benefits with minimal risk of side effects. Just don't go overboard. Stick to no more than one tablespoon (14 grams) per day and be sure to pair them with nutrient-rich whole foods to help boost weight loss even more. If you take herbs in supplement form, it's important to stick to the recommended dosage on the package to prevent adverse effects.

Additionally, if you have any underlying health conditions or are taking medications, it's best to talk to your doctor before starting any supplement.

If you experience any negative side effects or food allergy symptoms, discontinue use immediately and talk to a trusted healthcare practitioner.

Source: <https://drkellyann.com/>

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How to clean windows without streaks - The six top tips for streak-free windows

When it's bright and sunny outside, you want to ensure the sun can stream through your windows without bringing any grubby marks to light. Cleaning your windows can leave streaks behind if the job isn't done carefully enough. These are six foolproof hacks to ensure you get a gorgeous streak-free finish on your window cleaning. If you give your windows a good clean, all your efforts can be ruined by unsightly streaks left behind by cloths or cleaning products.

Cleaning your windows can be an easy way to make your home look brighter. A streak-free window gives you the feeling that there is no barrier between you and the outdoors, giving you the illusion that you have more space in your home.

There are a few clever tricks and tips to clean your windows and get a beautiful streak-free finish.

1 - Never use a cleaner containing ammonia or alcohol

Ammonia and alcohol are strong ingredients that on other surfaces can give a really thorough clean. However, on glass these substances can leave streaks, as well as a thin layer which picks up dust, lint and other bits of grime. Instead, either use a specialist window cleaner, or make your own by adding two tablespoons of white vinegar to a bucket of warm water. Don't be put off if the smell of vinegar lingers for a few minutes, it will disappear quickly.

2 - Microfibre cloths are the best tool for the job

The super soft microfibre cloths are designed to pick up each speck of dust without leaving a trace behind. If you don't have a microfibre cloth, a paper towel or even scrunched up newspaper works really well to collect dust from the window's surface.



3 - Never attempt to scratch marks off the window

Scraping stubborn or sticky marks off your window using a blade or another sharp tool is an absolute no-no.

This can permanently damage the glass, and even weaken the glass in that area making it more likely to break.



4 - Remove any curtains or blinds before cleaning

The fibres on your curtains or blinds are where a lot of dust particles get caught, so removing them before getting going can prevent them dirtying the windows further.

It's also a good idea to vacuum the window sills once you remove the upholstery too, in case there's any dust or cobwebs hiding in the corners.

5 - Clean in an S-shape motion

You might notice window cleaners using this clever trick to banish streaks, but it works from the inside too.

This not only helps you cover each inch of the window, but also prevents sharp noticeable streaks.

6 - Wait for a grey day

Although your results might be best admired on a sunny day, you should clean the windows when it's a bit less bright.

The glare from the sun can stop you from seeing each speck of grime, and will also warm the glass meaning the cleaning solution can dry faster, before you've wiped it off - leaving an ugly streak across your window.

www.express.co.uk/life-style/property/1563659/how-to-clean-windows-without-streaks-evg

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Bike Racks at Bus Stops

Cllr Feeney asked the Council to install bicycle racks in the vicinity of bus stops in Maynooth to facilitate and support the increased uptake of cycling in the community. At the meeting Cllr Feeney said it is great to see more cyclists in our towns but for people, who use public transport and have to access it by bike, they often have to chain or secure their bikes to lampposts or benches near bus stops and risk having them damaged or stolen. This also causes accessibility problems for people who have to get around those chained up bikes with buggies and wheelchairs.

Cllr Feeney said that we need to support commuters and cyclists by providing these bike racks. The Council at the meeting confirmed that it would continue to support the increased uptake of cycling in the community through its on-going active travel projects, which they said will be further developed in 2023 and the Council agreed it makes sense to join the dots on this one.

Taking in Charge issue

I asked the Council to take in charge a section of Moyglare Hall near the new Maynooth Education Campus. Cllr Feeney said that at the moment, this section of the road looks abandoned and neglected and many residents from the Moyglare end of the town have been in touch with Cllr Feeney about it. It is a section that seems to be no man's land, with the Moyglare Hall developer saying it was not in his ownership and the Council saying it had not been taken in charge. So the response from the Council to the motion got clarity around this, the land folio they provided shows that the section in question is in the ownership of KWETB. The Council clarified the process whereby this issue could be addressed.

Speed Counts at Pikes Bridge Road

Cllr Feeney asked the Council to provide a report on the speed counts carried out a few months back on the Pikes Bridge Road, Maynooth (L5053). At the meeting, Cllr Feeney again highlighted the increased volume of traffic on this particular road and the speeding that occurs and the dangers to local residents. Many motorists use this road to avoid the congested traffic in the town. Cllr Feeney supported the residents along this road when they ran a 'Slow Down Day' before Christmas facilitated by the local Gardai.

Cllr Feeney has requested that an electronic speeding sign be installed as a deterrent to speeding. Gaining access to the data captured from the Council's own traffic count carried out a few months back would support this request. The Municipal Engineer said he would arrange for the results to be provided to Cllr Feeney.

Carton Avenue Trees

Cllr Feeney asked the Council to provide a report on the trees on Carton Avenue and what recent maintenance measures have taken place. Cllr Feeney stated at the meeting that Carton Avenue is such an important and treasured space for the residents of Maynooth. At the meeting, she also stated that the Council has to play its part as custodians of the Avenue. There is a preservation order on the trees on Carton Avenue. It was good to hear the area manager confirm that there is planned maintenance to take place involving the removal of the basal suckers in the trees.

Access to Carton Estate

On foot of recent restrictions to access from Carton Avenue to Carton House estate, Cllr Feeney requested a copy of the planning permission granted for the hotel at Carton from An Bord Pleanála. Cllr Feeney was provided with this from ABP and it confirms that a condition of the planning is a right of access for the public to the estate. Cllr Feeney has been in touch with the hotel management about this matter. It is in all parties' interest that access be continued: for the community this is an important amenity and for the hotel, the access means the public can enjoy the facility and those working in the hotel can access it on foot or by bike.

Step closer to allowing CCTV footage to tackle illegal dumping

Good to hear that the Government has commitment to utilise the Labour Party Bill to use CCTV to tackle illegal dumping. The second stage of the Circular Economy Bill has been taken in the Seanad, and Minister of State Ossian Smyth has said that the Government's Circular Economy Bill would provide for the use of recording technologies for waste enforcement purposes in a way that is fully in compliance with national and EU data protection law. Last year Cllr Feeney's Kildare Labour colleague Senator Mark Wall brought a Bill to the Seanad, which would allow the use of CCTV in prosecution of offences relating to illegal dumping. This was as a result of the increase in illegal dumping in Irish countryside particularly during Covid restrictions when the voluntary groups such as Tidy Towns that do a wonderful job of keeping our communities clean could not meet.

Senator Wall has estimated that across 31 local authorities in the country, the cost of clearing up litter and illegally dumped materials may be as much as €90 million per year, which is enormous. This is without considering the voluntary effort put in by community clean-up groups here in North Kildare.

As my colleague Senator Wall said in the Seanad, while the Covid restrictions may have been lifted, we are still getting calls about illegal dumping. €90 million is a colossal amount of money to spend on cleaning up other people's rubbish and could you imagine what we could do in North Kildare if even a fraction of that money was saved and put into local facilities.

As public representatives, we are always asked about playgrounds and community facilities and the sort of money we could save in relation to that €90 million could and should be put into those sorts of facilities. We need to see prosecutions of those who wreck our communities by fly tipping and feel they are above the law. Using CCTV for enforcement purposes is an important step in the fight back and will prevent illegal dumping once enacted.

Housing Stock and Solid Fuel

At the June Plenary Cllr Feeney asked the Council to inform members on how many of its current housing stock are heated using solid fuels and of its plans to upgrade the heating systems in the coming years. The Council replied stating that Kildare County Council's housing stock consists of 4,980 units, not including units provided through long-term leasing schemes, of which the majority are heated by way of modern heating technologies such as heat pumps (due to the timing of their construction). Of the Council's owned 4,980 units, circa 500 are currently heated by heat pumps with the balance reliant on fossil fuels such as oil, gas or solid fuels. Kildare County Council is however actively pursuing the National Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme (NEERP), which allows for a set budget, per annum, to carry out works based on a maximum cost per unit across the councils housing stock. To date, c.175 units have been retrofitted with an additional 69 units scheduled for the 2022 works programme.

It has been our recent experience that the allowances available through the NEERP have not been sufficient on a unit-by-unit basis, however, Kildare County Council, as part of our own climate action commitments, have provided funding above the grant sum if and when required. It is noted that the current Programme for Government commits to the retrofitting of approximately 500,000 residential units nationally to the year 2030 and that approx. 36,500 of these are expected to be local authority owned social houses. To this end the NEERP is a multi-annual programme with which the Council intends to fully engage with over the coming years, subject to the ongoing provision of sufficient funding.

It is also important to note that all new build social housing units provided by Kildare County Council will comply

with the nZEB regulations and as such will be highly insulated and heated using heat pump technology.

Cllr Feeney speaking to the motion stated that with almost four and a half thousand council owned homes reliant on fossil fuels in the county it is going to be a challenge to meet the projected national retrofitting targets for 2030. We would need to be retrofitting 560 houses per year. To date, 175 units have been retrofitted and as the report mentioned a further 69 units are scheduled for the 2022 works programme, so Cllr Feeney added that we are nowhere near the target and that is not any fault of Kildare County Council. As the report provided to Cllr Feeney stated, the allowances available through the National Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme have not been sufficient on a unit-by-unit basis. The director for Housing said the shortfall in the funding per unit is €10,000.

In March Cllr Feeney had a similar motion at Municipal District level and in the discussion at that meeting she said she was informed that the council was retrofitting first the houses that needed the least amount of work and then will move onto the houses needing most work. At the full council she questioned the logic of that, saying that surely the older stock surely should be dealt with first given that they need it most and would make the most savings as a result but most importantly we are helping the ones who are living in the worst conditions? The director agreed with Cllr Feeney and said that the reason for doing it that way was purely down to funding.

So, Cllr Feeney asked members to support her request to send a letter from councillors to the department calling for this lack of adequate funding to be addressed and to support the council in doing this very important work during a climate emergency and with the cost of materials only going one way, increasing by the day, this needs to be addressed. Cllr Feeney concluded that there needs to be a special programme targeted Retrofit scheme focussed on this and funded both sufficiently and realistically.

Cllr Feeney's Motion at full council in May held at Maynooth University

Cllr Feeney was delighted to attend the May full Council which was held for the first time at Maynooth University, her alma mater and home town. Her motion at the meeting was as follows:

"That the council initiates a public consultation on how best to make public spaces safer for all citizens, paying particular attention to the female perspective and to carry out a safety audit of all its public spaces with a view to re-designing these with safety needs in mind".

Cllr Feeney thanked both Council Directors for their report and added that she is attempting to highlight in her motion is that most of us live in towns and villages that largely reflect twentieth century ideas and beliefs, hardwired into our public spaces, services and systems. There is significant research to highlight the challenges women face when it comes to safety in relation to mobility. 'Travelling in a Woman's Shoes', a recent report commissioned by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, brought to life the experiences of women in Ireland around equal access to public infrastructure and the study is the first step towards creating a more equitable travel experience and informing discussions about future policy and infrastructure design to encourage more sustainable mobility.

Cllr Feeney added that it is not only women who are impacted by such issues, but everyone outside of the narrow definition of normal- women, children, the elderly, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and many others who often must adapt themselves to fit. To design contemporary public spaces we must understand the lived experiences of all such groups. The mere mention of permeability for example, can trigger a negative response because is equated with dark long high walled passageways between estates.

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Lighting is also key to this feeling of safety and at the end of the day well-lit spaces make us feel safer. Many women are fearful for themselves or their daughters walking from the train, out for a walk or a jog, if our public spaces are to be truly welcoming, they must feel safe for everyone using them.

While Cllr Feeney fully appreciates the constraints with regard to carrying out any safety audit, with regard to the consultation piece she asked that this could be agreed. Vienna was one of the first cities to look to gender to shape its public spaces, it acknowledged that the female perspective had often been missing, particularly the perspective of teenage girls and they worked to understand how to make these urban spaces more appealing and addressing the safety fears held by many females.

Cllr Feeney said that she is a great believer in letting people have their say as it allows us to capture trends and patterns and establish valuable data to inform discussions about future policy and infrastructure design and to top it all, everyone feels better for having had their opportunity to contribute.

While the council said that it could not resource an audit as such it was agreed to carry out the consultation piece, which is a win-win for all concerned. People who walk their own street and public spaces, know them best, will be able to input to a consultation portal, that will feed into the public realm design and the joint policing committee.

Gym Equipment at Harbour Field to be replaced

Kildare County Council has informed Cllr Feeney that the outdoor gym equipment at the Harbour Field is being removed and that a new adult gym area is to be included in the upcoming redevelopment of the Harbour Field.

Shop front Improvement Scheme

Kildare County Council has extended the closing date for the 2022 Shopfront Improvement Scheme until Friday the 8th of July.

The scheme is about financially assisting and supporting independent business owners to improve the appearance of their shop fronts or commercial properties and increase visibility for businesses as well as enhancing the streetscapes of towns and villages around the county.

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Welcome to Ukrainian Refugees arriving in Maynooth

Cllr Feeney is assisting the Action Group set up by Maynooth University to support the hundreds of Ukrainian refugees being accommodated there. It has been very heartening to witness the Multi Agency response and the fantastic work being done by 'Maynooth Helps Ukraine'. There has been a fantastic rallying of support in this emergency situation by all.

Cllr Feeney's upcoming motions for July Council MD

That the Council issues a request to Waterways Ireland to install more seating around the Royal Canal Greenway.

That the footpaths immediately to the left and right of the old entrance at Laraghbryan Cemetery Maynooth be tarmaced to enhance accessibility.

Can the Council provide an update regarding a vacant house that has been vacant for over a year now?

Can the Council confirm that installation of a yellow box at the Crescent will be considered in its review of yellow boxes in the municipal district to facilitate the residents accessing the Straffan Road Maynooth?

Meetings attended by Cllr Feeney since last newsletter

May 30th: KCC Twinning Liaison Committee 11:00am (online)
 June 2nd: Maynooth Autism Friendly Town meeting at MPPS 8:00pm
 June 3rd: Joint Policing Committee 9:00 am KCC Chamber
 June 3rd: Council MD 10:00 am KCC Chamber
 June 8th: BOM Coláiste Chiaráin (online)
 June 8th: Maynooth Access Group meeting 7:30pm (online)
 June 21st: County Kildare Access Network 10:00 am (online)
 June 24th: Council AGM 3:00pm KCC Chamber
 June 27th: Clinic with Irish Water 11:00 am (online)
 June 27th: Council Plenary 3:00 pm KCC Chamber

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES



Is Fuel Rationing on the Way?

The EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness recently warned that fuel rationing could be on its way later in the year. As energy costs rise and Russia reduces energy supplies to the west because of support for the Ukraine government and people, there is a strong likelihood that energy prices will continue to increase. Some families can afford higher prices but others cannot - especially when faced with rising inflation.

At the same time, the world is faced with increased global warming due to the burning of fossil fuels. Following last year's record floods in Germany and in the Netherlands, this summer has seen record high June temperatures in France and Spain.

Events in Ukraine appear to be an excuse for fossil fuel industries to carry on as usual. Rather than concentrating on renewables, more oil and gas exploration and the retention of coal fuelled power station are being put forward as the solution to energy shortages even though these will only exacerbate global warming.

If we want to both support Ukraine and limit global warming to 1.5OC, we must reduce carbon emissions from transport. One of the best ways of doing this is reducing the number of car trips especially for those short journeys which could be walked or cycled. Cycle facilities in Maynooth leave a lot to be desired. Some of the so called improvements arising from Covid which were supposed to encourage cycling, actually made cycling worse but we are fortunate that our facilities are better than in most Kildare towns and in most similarly sized towns nationally. Also the cost of cycling is not dependent on the actions of President Putin.

Naas Cycling Campaign

From earlier this year, our colleagues in the Naas Cycling Campaign organised a monthly family cycle with the assistance of the Naas Gardaí to protest about the lack of high quality cycle facilities in the town. In May, the gardaí were unavailable but the cycle went ahead without a garda escort. Although it was a

family cycle with many young children cycling with their parents, the cyclists were verbally abused by drivers who objected to being "delayed" by cyclists using the roads.

Galway School Bus

In a similar vein, our colleagues who have organised the Galway Cycle-Bus in Knocknacarra for the last four years have written a letter to Galway councillors pleading with them to provide safe cycling facilities in Galway. While there has been plenty of discussion about transport in Galway, not one metre of new, safe, separate and protected cycleway has been built in the city for years.

The organisers of the Cycle-Bus have catalogued a lengthy list of incidents including primary school children being verbally assaulted, beeped at, being close passed at speed, filmed by drivers on mobile phones, being left hooked, and aggressively overtaken. The full letter – Councillors, Be the Leader We Need you to Be - is available at <https://www.advertiser.ie/galway/article/130138/councillors-be-the-leaders-we-need-you-to-be>.

What links the last two articles is the sense of entitlement of many drivers. Maynooth Cycling Campaign calls on plain clothes gardaí to accompany the Naas cyclists and identify those drivers who attempt to bully vulnerable users off the road. While the number of cycle fatalities has reduced in recent years, road fatalities generally in Ireland are rapidly increasing. In 2022, 83 people have died to date on our roads which is more than a 50% increase on the equivalent 2021 figure of 51. Meanwhile Kildare County Council officials continue to propose to increase speed limits in many areas.

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.



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Last month saw our first outdoor recital of the year in the Square where despite showery weather conditions we managed to get through our programme without getting soaked. We were particularly pleased that so many people stayed to listen to the Band despite the poor conditions and it was heartening to hear all their positive comments. Our other outing for the month was being invited by Intel to provide some music before the presentation of their annual Pride of Place Awards which was held in Castletown House this year. It was the first time that the Band has worked with Intel and we hope it's the start of a long association with them as they were very pleased with our performance.

We have almost organised our performances for the remainder of the year and we will have more news on this in next month's issue but included is a joint concert with St. James's Band on 4th September, our return visit to the International Music Festival in Bad Orb in Germany on 9th September and a recital in the College Chapel of St. Patrick's College on 23rd October. Of course we are looking forward to a repeat of last year's performance in the Square for Culture Night on Friday 23rd September which was a great success.

Finally, can we remind you that our CD is on sale at Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street, The Maynooth Newsletter Office in Carton Business Park or by calling 087 2537 906. Copies of the CD have already winged their way to Cork, Ardee and London among other places.



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Maynooth University celebrates 25th anniversary as an independent university

Universities Act establishing Maynooth as an independent university took effect on 16 June, 1997



Thursday, 16th June 2022: Maynooth University today marks 25 years as an independent university by hosting a celebratory event for staff attended by former education minister Niamh Bhreathnach.

The Labour Party TD served as Minister for Education from 1993 to 1997. During her time as minister, Ms Bhreathnach heralded the foundation of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth with the introduction of the Universities Act 1997. Tracing its origins back over 200 years to the foundation of St Patrick's College Maynooth in 1795, the University today is one of the fastest growing and most diverse institutions in the country with enrolment soaring from 4,000 in 1997 to more than 15,000 students today. In 2014, the University changed its name to Maynooth University to strengthen its brand identity internationally.

The Maynooth campus has doubled in size to encompass a state-of-the-art Library linking the South Campus and North Campus, student accommodation, teaching and research buildings, such as Eolas (ICT), Iontas (Humanities and Social Science) and John Hume (Education and Research). A €57 million Technology Society and Innovation Building is due for completion shortly.



The University is today home to world-class researchers and some of Ireland's most innovative research centres, including ICARUS Climate Research Centre; RadioSpace, National 5G Test Centre; MaynoothWorks Business Incubator; Hamilton Institute; Kathleen Lonsdale Centre for Health Research; Innovation Value Institute (IVI); Maynooth Arts and Humanities Institute; Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute; All-Ireland Research Observatory (AIRO) and National Centre for Geocomputation. Maynooth was ranked the #1 Best Young University in Ireland in the 2022 *Times Higher Education (THE)* Rankings and in the top 7% universities in *THE* Global Equality Rankings for its research on the study of gender equality, policies on gender equality and commitment to recruiting and promoting women.

The University has played an outsized role in widening participation in higher education across Irish society. Its student population is richly diverse, with 11% of students coming from the most disadvantaged areas of the country—the highest percentage in the university sector—and 17% coming from areas identified as affluent.

MU has helped meet the educational needs created by rapid demographic growth in west Dublin and north Kildare in particular, but also across Ireland. In 2016 it launched sector-leading undergraduate curriculum reforms that proved popular with students seeking more flexibility, unique subject combinations, and more time to decide where to focus their studies. The Maynooth Arts degree became the most popular degree in the country in recent years.

Among the University's milestones was the merging of Froebel College of Education in Sion Hill with Maynooth University, establishing the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood education in 2013.

Ms Bhreathnach, a graduate of Sion Hill, commended Maynooth's support of the legislative changes in the Universities Act, which included structural reforms and promoted gender equality on the boards and in all activities of the universities. She paid special tribute to the University's first president, Professor William J Smyth (1997-2004), and the late John Coolahan, former Head of the Department of Education at Maynooth.

"It is with great pleasure that my visit to Maynooth University today is at the invitation of a woman, your newly appointed President, Professor Leinonen. It has taken some years to reach a time where we have visible equality in the top levels of our third-level institutions, and I hope we can continue to grow and build not only gender equality but social equality throughout the sector," she said.

Welcoming Ms Bhreathnach's return to Maynooth, Professor Eeva Leinonen, President of Maynooth University, paid tribute to staff and retired staff who have worked so hard over the years to put students at the heart of the Maynooth educational experience.

"Maynooth University is celebrating 25 years of remarkable achievement as an independent institution. On a day that Leopold Bloom embarked on his odyssey across Dublin's landmarks, I am delighted to celebrate our journey from a newly established independent university in 1997 to one of the fastest growing third-level institutions in the country.

"I hope to continue to build on the many achievements of all the former presidents, staff, students and alumni, many of whom have joined us to celebrate this day.

"Maynooth University's student profile and growth over the years reflects an overall increase in the desirability for a Maynooth education taught by world-class researchers in their fields and a truer representation of a diverse educational environment from which all students benefit.

"We are now embarking on a new Strategic Plan to guide us into the future. I believe we must look to our strengths -- intellectual curiosity, ingenuity, creativity, our scholarly and student-focused underpinnings, and a close-knit community that has endured over the years. If we look to our strengths we will be guided on what to take with us into the future."

A silver birch tree has been planted to mark Maynooth's silver anniversary, and an 'Ideas Wall' has been erected by Maynooth University Innovation Lab (Mi:Lab) to help with suggestions and ideas for the next Strategic Plan.

Dr Mary Canning, Chair of Maynooth University Governing Authority said: "I'm delighted to be here today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Maynooth University as an independent institution created by the enactment of Universities Act in 1997, and I'm honoured to meet with the former Education Minister Niamh Bhreathnach who presided over its passage. Maynooth is distinguished in its academic excellence, innovation and diversity, and its reputation has grown nationally and internationally over the past 25 years. I wish President Eeva Leinonen, staff, students and alumni of this wonderful institution the very best in the next phase of its journey."

Minister Harris meets staff of National Helpdesk for displaced Ukrainians on World Refugee Day

Maynooth University hosts the national helpdesk for Ukrainian students and researchers to access higher education

Monday, 20 June 2022

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, TD, today met with staff of a national Helpdesk for displaced Ukrainian people seeking access to third level education in Ireland.

Funded by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS), the National Student and Researcher (NSR) Helpdesk is hosted by Maynooth University on behalf of the sector, and has seconded people from across the university sector to work on the initiative.

Minister Harris was greeted by the President of Maynooth University, Professor Eeva Leinonen, and spoke with staff seconded from across the university sector to the NSR Helpdesk.

Hosted to mark World Refugee Day, the Minister met with Ukrainian students and researchers, and also with Afghan agriculture and environmental engineering scholar Dr Abdul Aziz Mohibbi, who was the former Chancellor of Bamyán University. Dr Mohibbi and his family have been granted programme refugee status, and the right to stay as part of Ireland's support and solidarity with the Afghan people who have had to flee their home country.

Maynooth University (MU) partnered with Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and the *Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF)* to bring Dr Abdul Aziz Mohibbi to Ireland from Afghanistan.

Minister Simon Harris said: "The Government has been unequivocal in its welcome for people fleeing Ukraine, and we are determined to deliver on our obligations to support access to education.

"Of course, this is challenging, but we are not just legally obliged to respond – more importantly, we are morally required to do the right thing. I am proud of the leadership the Higher Education Institutions have shown on this matter and this helpdesk is an important example of collaboration across the sector to assist the people of Ukraine." "Tomorrow, I will bring proposals to Government to assist people fleeing from Ukraine access third level but I wanted to be here today to thank Maynooth for hosting the helpdesk and ensuring there is a single point of contact for people who need our help and assistance."

Professor Eeva Leinonen, President of Maynooth University, said: "On World Refugee Day, we are thinking of the Ukrainian people, and all members of our community who have experienced war, other forms of violence, or those who have been forced to leave their country for asylum elsewhere.

"The invasion of Ukraine reminds us that whether they occur in Europe or anywhere in the world, violent acts that threaten democracy, trample free will and block access to essential goods and services are an affront to human rights and must be confronted. As a University of Sanctuary, Maynooth is committed to promote a culture of welcome for refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants into our university community. Maynooth University is very involved with Scholars at Risk (SAR) internationally and hosts the Europe Office. SAR is an international network of higher education institutions and individuals working to protect threatened scholars and to promote academic freedom and we're proud to be at the heart of this initiative in Europe."

Dr Gemma Irvine, Vice-President, Equality and Diversity at Maynooth University, said: "The Maynooth University partnership with Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and the *Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF)* to bring Dr Mohibbi (MU-TCD SAR/IIE-SRF Fellow) to Ireland from Afghanistan is an exemplar of good practice with structured supports in place to ensure success of the Fellow relocating. Ireland is one of the first countries internationally who have managed to successfully relocate and employ a scholar at risk from Afghanistan after the recent change of regime. We are delighted to welcome such a prestigious scholar as Dr Mohibbi, into our community."



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Reopening of Club activities!



We are delighted to announce the resumption of some of our services for the months of July and August and we will see where we go from there.

The mass bus service is recommencing on Saturday evening for 7 o'clock mass on 2nd July and we have been in contact with our people about that.

The Morning Club will re-open for one morning per week on Thursdays only for the time being, from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Geraldine Hall. That will start on Thursday 7th July. Transport to the Club has been organised for those who wish to avail of it. We know it has been a difficult time for our senior citizens over the last two years and it will be a very welcome change to get back to meeting up and engaging in community life again.

Our new Chairperson, Garry Bermingham has been busy. Garry organised an information stand about the organisation at the recent Family Fun Day in the Harbour Field and received some expressions of interest from people who would like to join the group, which is very welcome.

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of three long standing and highly regarded club members – Ellie Leavy, George Fennell and PJ Daly. Ellie did trojan work fundraising on behalf of Maynooth senior citizens seeking sponsorship for the "Tony Smith Memorial Walk". As a senior citizen herself Ellie enjoyed the morning club, tea-dances and outings. George Fennell retired to his native Maynooth having worked in England. He also was a stalwart supporter of our organisation. He enjoyed and travelled to all events. George and Ellie were great friends and in latter years looked out for each other. PJ Daly had a great love for music and dancing and was a regular attender at our tea-dances. He will be sadly missed.

As we re-open our Morning Club after the event of the last couple of years, there will be a huge void. Our condolences to the families of Ellie, George and PJ at this sad time. (With thanks to Josephine Moore for her tributes to Ellie, George and PJ)

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Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and prayer & favour, will be granted, no matter how impossible.

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Social Democrats Conference

The Social Democrats held their first in-person Conference on 11th June 2022. It was a very positive event with a number of speakers and workshops.

Summary of Measures proposed in the leaders' speech at the Social Democrats' National Conference on 10th and 11th June, 2022 in relation to our proposed Emergency Budget and what we have flagged for our Alternative Budget 2023:

Emergency Budget Measures: (total targeted package: €1.35 billion)

- Put €300 into the pockets of workers earning up to €50,000, using a refundable tax credit. (€450m) (note: the Govt's €200 electricity credit cost €370 million and was not targeted)
- Increase core social welfare rates, like pensions – which have only increased by €5 in the last three years - by €10. (€800m)
- Create a hardship fund so those at risk of fuel or food poverty can access emergency payments quickly. (€100m)
- Ban on rent increases for 3 years.
- Windfall tax on energy companies (conservative Dept of Finance estimate, based on a 10% tax on 2020 tax returns, is €60m. Tax returns would be higher now and we want a 25% tax – like the UK – so it would collect more)

Measures We Will be Proposing in Our Alternative Budget in October 2022

- Extend VAT and excise duty cuts, which are due to expire in October, into next year.
- We also need a further excise duty cut given the level of price increases.
- Make primary and secondary education genuinely free – no voluntary contributions, no cost for school-books or uniforms etc (€238m) (the average back to school cost for primary is €1,200 and €1,500 for secondary).
- Cut university fees, which are the highest in the EU
- Move to a living wage – which was €12.90 last year (but will now need to increase given inflation)
- Reduce childcare costs by making childcare publicly funded.
- Fully implement Sláintecare and make health services free at the point of need.

Housing

- Immediately introduce a vacant homes tax and bring 90,000 homes back into use
- End the greed of land speculation by controlling the price of development land
- End favourable treatment of REITS and vulture funds
- Regulate short term letting platforms like Airbnb – there are **15 times** more entire houses to rent on Airbnb than in the long-term rental market.
- Three-year ban on rent increases and improve security for renters.
- Empower the Land Development Agency so that it can control, and project manage, building projects.

Disability

- Immediately sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – which allows disabled people make complaints directly to the UN when the State fails to provide services

Accountability

- An independent Anti-Corruption Agency with the remit, and resources, to provide meaningful regulation and oversight of our institutions.

Climate

- Reform the National Retrofitting Scheme so it is actually affordable – a pay as you save model.

- State investment in large-scale structural change – limitations on data centre development; facilitate the speedy development of off-shore wind energy; incentivise sustainable farming; invest in major public transport measures.
- Climate action must be based on climate justice - those least able to afford the transition must not bear the heaviest burden.

Defence

- We must defend neutrality – Ireland strength is as a peacemaker and peacekeeper.
- We must invest in military radar so we can monitor our sea and airspace.
- Heavily invest in cybersecurity to protect ourselves from 21st Century threats
- Resolve the recruitment crisis by committing to better pay and conditions for defence forces members.

Northern Ireland

- The British government cannot rip up international agreements and use the threat of political instability in the North as a bargaining chip in its negotiations with the EU.
- British government's approach is tawdry, short-sighted and dangerous.

Leaders Speech

Below is a copy of the Leaders Speech delivered on the day

Leaders' Speech at The Social Democrats' National Conference 2022

Catherine Murphy

Friends, I want to welcome everyone here today. The last time we met like this it was 2019. We didn't think it would take quite this long to get back into a room together again. I also want to warmly welcome all those watching at home. We believe the potential, and desire, for change in Ireland is huge. But people want genuine change – not a repackaging of stale parties, or policies, as something new. Even Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael, who have shared power for 100 years, claim to lead a change agenda. So, what makes the Social Democrats any different? What does social democratic change look like? It can be summarised in one familiar phrase – ní neart go chur le chéile. There's no strength without unity.

Social democracy, at its core, is about human dignity. Protecting those fundamental elements that provide every member of society with dignity and opportunity. Things like housing; healthcare and childcare should never be mere commodities – only available to those on highest incomes. This is why the State must play an active role – consistently and decisively. But, for too long, the State has outsourced its responsibilities to the private market.

Róisín Shortall

This generation of young people will be the first who will be worse off than their parents. Housing costs are out of control; childcare costs are equivalent to a mortgage and energy prices are skyrocketing. Interest rate hikes on mortgages in the coming months will increase the squeeze on families even further. Inflation is now at 7.8% – a 38-year high. It does not impact everyone equally. Those on low and middle incomes spend a disproportionate amount of their income on necessities. People are increasingly going into debt to pay for necessities and more and more people are at serious risk of poverty. We must therefore target measures at those who need them most. And we need to take action – with an emergency budget – now.

The Social Democrats would:
Put €300 into the pockets of workers, earning up to €50,000, using a refundable tax credit.

Create a hardship fund so those at risk of fuel or food poverty can access emergency payments quickly. And, increase core social welfare rates, like pensions – which have only increased by €5 in the last three years – by €10.

In our alternative budget in October, we will be proposing other measures:

Childcare must be transformed so that it is publicly funded – the only way costs will come down.

Primary and secondary education must be made genuinely free – and university fees, which are the highest in the EU, must be cut.

Crucially, workers should not have to struggle just to get by. They need a living wage

Workers must also have security of employment, the right to collective bargaining and the right to flexible work options.

Our small and medium businesses – our main employers – must be supported.

We know our corporate tax returns are volatile. We must do more to grow our indigenous businesses.

There have been winners – as well as losers – from this crisis.

Energy companies have been profiteering on the backs of ordinary people.

We can, and must, act to stop that from happening – with the introduction of a windfall tax.

The State has also benefited. VAT receipts are surging, in part due to increased energy costs.

VAT and excise duty decreases, on energy and fuel, are due to expire in October. They must be extended into next year – and there must be a further excise duty cut.

Catherine Murphy

One of the most basic requirements in a functioning society is the provision of secure and affordable housing. It is supposedly the biggest priority for government. It's also its biggest failure. In previous decades, single-income families with one worker on an average wage could aspire to lead a decent life. They may not have been rich – but many owned their own home; they could educate their children; and they had secure jobs. Today, single people are forced to continue to live at home; house share or rent tiny apartments at exorbitant costs until they are in their 30s, 40s and even older. Older people worry about where they'll live when they retire – and how they'll pay for it. Even couples, on what were once considered decent wages, are locked out of home ownership.

Many are again considering emigration. This is not just about bricks and mortar. The price of the housing crisis is paid by the thousands of children losing childhoods as they grow up in emergency accommodation; By the relationships that break down because of the stress of housing insecurity; By the couples who postpone having a family; and by the disconnected communities that result when people are unable to put down roots. What kind of society are we building – when affordability is now defined by the government as being €450,000 in Dublin and €400,000 in Cork and Galway. Do they know a mortgage at those amounts requires incomes of at least €114,000?

What planet are they on?

At the heart of the housing crisis is an affordability crisis. The government should be doing everything it can to drive down prices – so people on average incomes can again aspire to own their own homes. Instead, it's pursuing policies that inflate house prices even further. Throwing money, and tax breaks, at private developers and vulture funds is not just wrong – it's wasteful and it's not working. Nearly a decade into this crisis, we need radical action. Because there are solutions. We must immediately introduce a tax to bring the 90,000 vacant homes across the country back into use. We must end the greed of land speculation – a major driver of housing costs – by finally

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controlling the cost of development land. And if it takes a referendum, let's have it. We must end the favourable tax treatment of REITS and vulture funds. We must regulate short-term letting platforms, like Airbnb, which are cannibalising the rental market. And, we must introduce a three-year ban on rent increases and improve security for renters.

Róisín Shortall

We currently spend more than €22 billion on our health service – but it's in a state of perpetual crisis. One-quarter of our population – 1.3 million people – are now on waiting lists for health services. A truly shocking figure. It's becoming more and more difficult to retain our excellent healthcare workers in a system that fails them too. For too long, the Irish people have endured a situation in which health care is delayed, deferred and often denied. Sláintecare can change that. It was designed to take the political wrangling out of Health. That was five years ago. Even before the pandemic, there had been minimal implementation. Why is there such resistance to reform? Who stands to benefit? Because, it's not the Irish people. The Sláintecare plan is not actually radical. It sets out a blueprint to bring the Irish health service into line with almost all other EU countries – free at the point of delivery.

People can attend the doctor; a speech and language therapists; mental health services; or access homecare when they need to – without worrying about the cost. If that sounds revolutionary, it shouldn't. Ireland's current two-tier model of healthcare is an outlier – not an exemplar. Better health outcomes, and lower healthcare costs, will only come after the system has been reformed. And, to be clear, the full implementation of Sláintecare in the term of the next Government will be a red line for our participation in that Government. We also make another commitment today. The Social Democrats will never gift valuable public infrastructure – like a €1 billion new national maternity hospital – to a private company, be it religious or otherwise. It will never happen. Not on our watch. You can count on that.

Catherine Murphy

Disability supports, which are vital to help disabled people live full lives, are fragmented and threadbare. It is not acceptable for the government to blame recruitment problems for a failure to provide essential services. If services were properly planned, and prioritised, then critical staff would be in place. Children with disabilities and their families must battle from the day they are born. It is shameful that their biggest battle is often with the State – to try to get basic services, like an assessment of need, essential therapies or a school place. This abject neglect has disastrous consequences. Children's development is limited and they are prevented from reaching their full potential. Once children turn 18, whatever meagre supports that do exist often disappear. We need a government that pays more than mere lip service to the rights of disabled people. In our first month in office, the Social Democrats in government, would sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – which allows disabled people make complaints directly to the UN when the State fails to provide services.

Róisín Shortall

We have just 8 years to stop the worst impacts of the climate crisis – an irreversible climate catastrophe. The challenge is immense – and we are being set up to fail. Our emissions are going up, not down. If we want to meet out targets, large-scale structural changes are urgently required that only the State can make. Changes like restricting the development of new data centres; Facilitating the speedy development of off-shore wind energy;

incentivising sustainable farming; investing in major public transport infrastructure; and introducing a retrofitting scheme that is actually affordable for the people who need it most. These are all measures that require State intervention. And the Social Democrats, in government, would prioritise them. At the core of our climate policy, must be climate justice – the assurance that those least able to afford the transition to a zero carbon economy will not bear the heaviest burden. This commitment must be more than hollow words – it must be enshrined in law. If we commit to climate action, it will be transformative.

It will lead to new employment opportunities; warmer homes; cleaner air and water; more sustainable farming; more liveable towns and cities; and a better quality of life – for everyone. We must get this right. The alternative is unthinkable – and time is running out. The war in Ukraine has underlined our energy insecurity – and the urgent need to ramp up investment in renewable energy production. We in the Social Democrats want to again make clear our revulsion at Russia's illegal war. Putin's dangerous despotism is a threat, not just to Ukraine, but to the world. We stand with Ukraine now – and into the future. There have been some who have used the war in Ukraine as a pretext for abandoning or diluting our long-held position of neutrality. That would be a mistake. Ireland, as a neutral country, has never been an aggressor or an oppressor on the world stage. Our role has always been one of peacemaker and peacekeeper. This is where our strength lies – and our neutrality is the foundation stone that anchors it.

Catherine Murphy

We have seen the devastation and destruction caused by conflict on our own island. We cannot allow the Good Friday Agreement, which put an end to the violence, to be endangered by unilateral decisions taken by a minority of partisan politicians. The DUP cannot continue to hold the region to ransom – the power sharing institutions in Northern Ireland must be allowed to function. The British government cannot rip up international agreements and use the threat of political instability in the North as a bargaining chip in its negotiations with the EU. Its approach is tawdry, short-sighted and dangerous. Friends, in much of Irish politics, and Irish public life, we see the corrosive politics of the golden circle. A fast-track for insiders whose connections confer unfair advantage. Civil and public service pay rates have been spectacularly breached in the hiring process for individual senior staff. High-profile jobs have been awarded to friends and colleagues of government ministers in the absence of an open recruitment process.

Appointments to State boards and institutions are still made to party political allies..... while important State projects routinely go massively over budget. In scandal after scandal the same culprit is identified – “Systems Failure” – usually after a lengthy and expensive review or inquiry. Conveniently – systems can't be sacked, demoted, jailed or otherwise censured. As long as there are no consequences for failure, there is no real incentive to reform. We need accountability in every facet of Irish public life – the government, public service and the corporate world. We will only get change if we properly protect whistle-blowers and make legal accountability a term and condition of employment in the public and civil service. We must go further. We need an independent Anti-Corruption Agency – with the remit, and the resources, to provide meaningful regulation and oversight of our institutions. We must have a State watchdog – with real teeth.

Róisín Shortall

We saw, in recent years, the best of what our society is capable of – the outpouring of support, empathy and solidarity as we faced unimaginable difficulties. Having seen what is possible, we cannot now go back to business as usual. We must think about the society we want to see – not just in the immediate future.

But, in 10, 20 and 30 years' time – because, the decisions we make today will shape that future. We set up the Social Democrats in 2015 – to provide people with a real choice about what that future will look like. The Social Democrats is a party for a new era – not defined by old loyalties, old politics, old policies, cosy business connections or jobs for the boys. We stand for change. We stand for equality. We stand for accountability. A better type of politics. By doing things differently, by making social democratic change, we can achieve a better Ireland – for all. Thank you

Remote Working Bill

Catherine asked the Minister for Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar, the date on which he expects the remote working Bill 2022 to be enacted; There are a number of people who are interested in a greater work life balance post COVID and are seeking further details of the Remote Working Bill.

The below was his response: Bill is part of a broader Government vision to make remote working a permanent feature of Ireland's workforce in a way that can benefit all – economically, socially and environmentally. Through the proposed legislation we will, for the first time, provide a legal framework for requesting remote work. It will also provide clarity to employers on their obligations for dealing with such requests. We recognise that not all occupations, industries, or particular roles within an enterprise, will be appropriate or suitable for remote working. So, the approach taken in the proposed legislation is a balanced one. However, it will offer people choices and options.

The proposed legislation will provide employees with a right to request remote work and will provide a legal framework around which requesting, approving or refusing such a request can be based. It will also provide legal clarity to employers on their obligations for dealing with such requests. The Department is currently looking further at the issues related to strengthening the redress provisions and the right of appeal. We want to enhance the rights and entitlements of workers, but we also need to ensure a balanced approach that is fair and affordable for employers. Similarly, we must acknowledge that not all occupations, industries, or particular roles within an enterprise, will be appropriate or suitable for remote working, e.g., construction workers, nurses. The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment began pre-legislative scrutiny of the General Scheme on 9th of February and Departmental officials appeared before the Committee for the second time during this process on 18th May. We will carefully consider the Committee's Report once it is available and it remains the Government's intention to enact the new law as soon as possible.

Insurance Reform statement

On the 22nd June, Catherine Murphy TD took the opportunity to make a statement in the Dáil on Insurance Reform as follows:

It is just under two months since the House last debated reform of the insurance sector. In that time, the situation has grown worse. The Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022, which was discussed at the time, is a step in the right direction, but it does not represent the radical reform needed to address the cost of insurance. The fundamental issue is cost. We must not forget that affordable insurance is fundamental to the long-term interests of our country. High insurance premiums add significantly to the cost base of the economy. The higher they go, the higher they push up other prices. In the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, that is the last thing the country needs. No one is any doubt on this topic. The debate on insurance reform is well rehearsed. Time and again, we stand up and agree that premiums are too high and the Minister of State says that reform is under way. However, anything that even sniffs of real reform is often delayed or derailed. In many ways, we are expected to applaud the

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minor measures that are taken. As a country, we tend not to do radical - I do not just mean in insurance terms - even when radical is something that we need. This is why the insurance market remains dysfunctional, with extremely high insurance costs by international standards. We are complete outliers. When Mr. Peter Boland from the Alliance for Insurance Reform appeared before the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach, he stated that his members were "met with disbelief - and, in some cases, laughter" from European counterparts over the extent to which insurance remains such an issue in Ireland.

While an action plan for insurance reform has been published, the pace of change has been painfully slow and resistance to meaningful reform seems to be growing. The second implementation report on the action plan, published last March, provided no updated timelines. Without target dates, those actions are little more than aspirations. We all accept that Covid and inflation have impeded progress, but insurance reform has been on the political agenda for years. These unforeseen events have only accelerated the need for reform and they should not be used as barriers. Policyholders are struggling more and more. A recent survey by the Alliance for Insurance Reform found that 42% of organisations believed that insurance premiums were threatening their future while 90% said that the Government was not doing enough to address the issue. Even the new guidelines used by the Judiciary to decide the quantum of awards for personal injuries have not had the desired effect. While they have had an impact on the cost of motor insurance, which has decreased by 12.1% in the year to the end of March, their impact has been minimal in other areas. CSO inflation data show that home insurance only dropped by 0.5% over the same period and was actually up 3.5% during the month of March, while public liability premiums increased by a whopping 16%.

If the Government wants to protect communities, charities, voluntary organisations and SMEs, then it must address the threat caused by insurance companies exiting an already uncompetitive public liability insurance market. Competition in this market is urgently needed and efforts to attract more market entrants need to be ramped up to drive down costs. Without competition, already struggling businesses will fail, local services will cease operating and communities and voluntary groups will be unable to hold events. In many cases, what makes our communities unique is how the events they hold reflect them. We have been discussing this issue for decades. Too often, events are not held because of the insurance implications. Since the new guidelines were introduced in April 2021, damages across motor, employer and public liability fell by 47%.

However, insurers did not pass on these savings to their public liability insurance policyholders. While I appreciate that the rise in the number of claimants going to court has undoubtedly hampered efforts, the Government should not be found wanting. An awful lot more needs to be done. I understand that some claimants genuinely feel it is better to go to court, but much of this spike is motivated by the profits legal professionals can garner from dragging claims through the courts. This is why speedy passage of the Personal Injuries Resolution Board Bill 2022 is so needed. However, from reading the general scheme, even this welcome Bill needs to be much strengthened. In particular, meaningfully increasing the number of personal injury claims which can be settled through the Personal Injuries Assessment Board is needed. I hope that the Minister will listen to some of the concerns raised during pre-legislative scrutiny and strengthen its provisions to enable the Personal Injuries Assessment Board to adjudicate on such cases.

Another area in need of reform is duty of care. It has been over a year since the Department of Justice conducted a review of the current legislation and examined duty of care provisions in other countries. The Government's action plan

committed to making proposals to Cabinet to rebalance the duty of care by June 2021, but this deadline was missed. These changes were only approved by Cabinet last month. The current absolutist approach to duty of care obligations places a heavy burden on organisations, regardless of how people act on their premises. For communities, charities, SMEs and event organisers this is an extremely pressing issue but this Government does not seem to share this sense of urgency. One would be forgiven for forgetting that Fine Gael prides itself on being the party of business, given that it has been in power for 11 years and is yet to address this long-running burden on many businesses.

Another long-running burden is the cost of childcare. We are led to believe that it will be a priority for budget 2023 and I hope it is. With the national average price for childcare now hitting €800 per month, and €1,276 per month in Dublin, I sincerely hope that the Government does not renege on that commitment. To cut the cost of childcare, interventions from every angle are needed, including insurance costs. If you reduce the cost of premiums experienced by crèches and Montessori schools, that benefit can be passed on to families. Now more than ever, this saving is desperately needed by struggling families. The Social Democrats has long argued for the State to do more to promote the concept of co-operative or group insurance. Strong models already exist in areas such as the social housing sector and far more businesses and sport and community groups could enjoy stable and affordable insurance cover if this was promoted. These are the kind of creative solutions that the Government should be pursuing. Simply tinkering around the edges is unsustainable and indefensible. The customer must be at the centre of insurance policymaking, not the industry. Lest we forget, it is customers who have carried the burden of high premiums, while insurers profiteered. Insurance reform cannot be sidelined any longer because everyone except the vested interests loses under the current system.

I want to reiterate the point that was made by some others about flood insurance and the experience with it. I have also had people in my constituency contact me about not being able to sell their homes or about having gone sale agreed before the sale fell through when they realised there was an issue with flood insurance. Some of these were houses that never flooded but where there was a general issue around river catchments. This is a significant impediment. The other thing is that the OPW has done significant work, work which has held up under serious pressure, but we are slow to see a change from the insurance companies. I have had situations where there is no prospect of an area being flooded because it is up on an incline and yet people have struggled to get flood insurance in that kind of scenario. That needs to be tackled from the point of view of people being able to get flood insurance and because of the impacts it has on people if they want to sell as it can be the ultimate impediment.

Rising Homelessness Rising Homelessness Needs An Urgent Response From Government Ending homelessness should be a political priority, but it has fallen off the government's agenda.

The government must urgently respond to the huge rise in homelessness over the past year, according to the Catherine Murphy TD "The number of people who are homeless has increased by a staggering 24pc over the last year. Month after month, we have witnessed this alarming increase. There are now more than 10,000 people who are homeless, including almost 3,000 children. "Ending homelessness should be a political priority, but it has fallen off the government's agenda. This must change. The government must now take urgent action to prevent more people from becoming homeless.

"An obvious place to start is to abolish no-fault evictions. We know that people who lose their accommodation in the private rental sector, through no fault of their own, are at a high risk of homelessness right now. The Housing Assistance Payment must also be reviewed. With rapidly

rising rents, the current limits are too low. "Ultimately, we need to see a step-change in the delivery of affordable, social and cost-rental homes. That is the only long-term way this crisis can be solved."

There are nearly 16 empty homes for every homeless person in the country. The Government must urgently respond to the huge rise in homelessness over the past year, according to Catherine Murphy TD. "There are now 10,325 people living in emergency accommodation, including 3,028 children. This is a 29% increase on this time last year when there were 7,991 people living in emergency accommodation.

"The Minister must take his head out of the sand and take urgent action to prevent even more people from becoming homeless. If the Minister does not act now the numbers of people who are without a home will break record levels in the next few months.


"There are worrying reports from parts of the country that, as emergency accommodation has run out, local authorities are turning away people who need help and have no-where to stay. "We now have more than 10,000 people who are homeless and over 160,000 homes that are vacant. That's nearly 16 empty homes for every person who is homeless. The Government must fast-track a tax on vacant homes to bring these homes back into use and stop making excuses for their inaction. "The data released by the CSO yesterday shows that there are 35,000 vacant rental homes in Ireland. If these empty rental properties were brought back into use it would significantly reduce homelessness and take pressure off rents and renters. "There is a real lack of urgency from the Minister for Housing – we need immediate action to increase the number of homes that are available and to reduce the number of people who are without a home."

Government Must Act On Back To School Costs. The Back To School allowance was higher in 2007 than it is now.

The government must act to provide relief for parents who spend up to €1,500 on back-to-school costs for each child, according to Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy. "Last year, a survey from the Irish League of Credit Unions revealed that 24% of parents go into debt when they are trying to pay back-to-school costs. That is hardly surprising when the Back To School allowance was actually set at a higher rate in 2007 – 15 years ago – than it is now. "We know that families are already struggling to meet to heat their homes and feed their families. Back-to-school costs are an additional burden that will send many families over the edge. There are measures the government could adopt now to alleviate this pressure.

"For a start, the Back To School allowance should at least return to its previous peak – 2010 levels – when it was paid at a rate of €200 for children under 12 and €305 for children over 12. "The Minister announced a review of the School Meals Programme, which supports 1,500 schools, in April. This review now needs to be fast-tracked to ensure that any expansion of the programme can be done in advance of the new school year in September.

"Finally, as a country, it is time that we made primary and secondary education genuinely free. Doing this would cost a total of €238 million – just 2.5% of the overall education budget – and it would have a hugely beneficial impact. "It would mean that parents no longer have to pay voluntary contributions; schools capitation grants would be at sustainable levels; there would be no fees for books; classroom resources would be paid for and the School Transport Fee scheme would be entirely covered. "School capitation grants have not increased since budget 2020, when they went up by just 2.5%. Meanwhile, the costs of lighting, heating and a range of other services have increased exponentially since then. When schools cannot cover their running costs, that burden falls on families who are asked to contribute. This has gone on long enough. The government must act."



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Additional speakers to be confirmed.

Housing policy has failed an entire generation of young workers and families.

House prices are up 77% since 2012 and are set to rise by up to 12% annually.

Average rents in Dublin are now over €2000 per month, making it the third most expensive city for renters in the EU.

Despite the acute shortage of affordable homes, there may be up to 137,000 houses lying vacant across the country. Some 40,000 homes could be made habitable quickly, if Government acted.



There is enough State-owned and public land available to build at least 50,000 new homes.

The Government's *Housing for All* plan repeats the same failed policies of the past and will not deliver the affordable homes needed.

Housing for All makes little or no mention of the major problems in the student accommodation sector, where high price developments built by 'for profit' providers are driving prices upwards for all students, while those in 'digs' have no tenant rights or protections.

As young workers, families and students are denied affordable housing, investors and speculators have done well from the crisis.

A leading investment firm has advised clients that:

"... Current housing policy has benefited both institutions and developers at the expense of individual buyers."

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- Make *affordability* the key priority of all housing policy, with affordability linked to incomes and provide capital grants to higher education institutions for *affordable* purpose-built student accommodation.
- Retain all public land in public control for delivery of public, affordable and cost rental homes and act immediately on the scandal of vacant properties.
- Introduce a Rent Freeze and guarantee affordability through new rent controls: Create genuinely secure, long-term tenancies for renters.
- Hold a referendum to create a new, legal Right to Housing.

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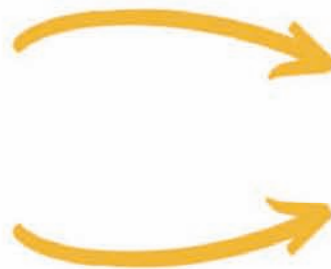
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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Failte Guc Alba: Welcome to Scotland

It's a May day, sunny and warm. My wife and I are sitting in the front seat of a touring bus, heading out of Edinburgh for the Western Highlands. A crowd of older Swiss students with their supervisors, a middle-aged man and a glamorous woman wearing a black hair band, together with some Americans make up the rest of the passengers. Tom, the driver, a Daniel Craig look alike, has already convinced the woman that, despite what her travel printout may suggest, we are not going to stop at certain places. He then quotes lines from the song, "The Black Velvet Band" to mollify her and later plays it on the sound system. Yes, he's really a James Bond!

As we pass through the suburbs, Tom points out an impressive building where Sean Connery and Tony Blair attended secondary school at £18,000 a term but we're more interested in the older, romantic Scotland, our appetites having been whetted by a visit to Edinburgh Castle the previous day – we even saw the room where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI, the future James I of England! Soon we are passing Linlithgow Castle, where Mary was born, and Falkirk, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's retreating Highlanders defeated an English force under General Hawley. Then we are approaching Stirling.

In the distance we can see a flag flying on a hill, while nearer to us a large tower rises above the treetops. Tom tells us that the flag is at Bannockburn and the tower is the national monument to William Wallace – Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" – whose defeat of the English at Stirling Bridge in 1297 set Scotland on the road to independence – a still live topic since Scotland will soon be holding a referendum on this very issue. It was Wallace's bravery that inspired Robert the Bruce to oppose Edward III, leading to his 1314 victory at Bannockburn over "The Hammer of the Scots". All of these places are now just a short distance away but Tom has no time to stop. Instead, he tells us how the English cut Wallace's body into four parts, which they sent to different locations as a warning to the rebels. Not surprisingly, this display of ruthlessness only galvanised the Scots into further defiance. To complement his blood-soaked account, Tom plays stirring bagpipe music on the sound system.

As we are approaching the Trossachs, foothills of the Highlands and former stomping ground of Rob Roy Macgregor, Tom starts to talk about Hamish, who has appeared in numerous films and whom we are soon to meet. Hamish has long hair over his eyes, only speaks Gaelic and is very shy. We may feed him with slices of apple, which we must hold out to him on our flattened palms. During a pit stop at Kilmahog village, we find that Hamish is a shaggy, red-haired Highland bull with impressive winding horns! To our chagrin, he ignores our proffered titbits, preferring instead to crop the grass of his enclosure.

The further west we go the wilder and more deserted the landscape becomes, reminding me of parts of Wicklow. Mountains rise on either side and Highland cattle can be seen grazing in bleak, rushy fields. It was cattle like these that got Rob Roy outlawed when he borrowed money from the Duke of Montrose to help him buy a small herd and was unable to repay it. Twelve years after Rob Roy died in 1734 Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated at Culloden, east of Inverness.

My heart leaps when I notice that the road signs about here are in Gaelic and English. One of the first things that caught my eye on landing at Edinburgh airport was a sign reading FAILTE GUC ALBA. Next morning when I turned on the television in our hotel room there was a children's programme entirely in Gaelic, many words similar to our own Irish. Gaelic – pronounced "Gallic" – is not widely used in Scotland but there is an obvious desire to keep the language alive, evident in the use of bilingual signs in Edinburgh's new parliament building. Now, if only we in Ireland and the Scots could devise a common version of the language?

Historically, the land through which we are travelling was a border area between two diverging cultures, the Gaelic Highlands and the English-speaking Lowlands. In the 12th Century King David I – who was later canonised – adopted "Inglis" as the official language and transformed what had been a Celtic society into a feudal one. Not that

those cultural divisions were solely a matter of geography. Prior to King David's time there were five ethnic groups in what is now Scotland: Picts, Britons, Angles, Scots and Norsemen, the latter holding the islands to the west and north. Later, during the reign of Mary Queen of Scots, the reformation, spearheaded by men such as John Knox, intruded so that, just as here in Ireland, language and religion created fault lines that are only now disappearing.

Every once in a while Tom regales us with some titbit, his latest, that Highland cattle were originally black. Lowlanders paid Highlanders in cattle to avoid being raided, hence the word "blackmail", *maol* being a word for a hornless cow. I am about to observe that I had read that "mail" referred to the oatmeal which the landowners paid but content myself with recalling images of clansmen gathered round a steaming pot of porridge in some corrie. Stories about the Highlands featured in the comics and novels we read in secondary school – a pal of mine knew all about Rob Roy, clan gatherings and the shooting of Colin Roy Campbell, "the Red Fox", by Alan Breck Stewart as described in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Kidnapped*.

Eventually we reach Oban, a pleasant port town with ferries sailing to Mull – looming up just beyond the bay – and other places in "*Eileann Innse Gall*", the Hebrides. Iona, the island of Columba – or Colmcille, as we know him – lies on the west side of Mull but we will have to put off a trip to that wellspring of Scottish cultural identity for another holiday. After eating our sandwiches by the harbour we walk to the tourist office, where the woman in charge tells us that her mother, who was from one of the islands, spoke Gaelic. Having bought a few postcards, we make a quick circuit of the nearby streets before hurrying back to the bus. Once everyone is on board, Tom heads eastward.

The road takes us past Ben Cruachan, on the left, and a deep, narrow valley on the right, with a single farmhouse at one end. We wonder how the family manage to survive the winter in this isolated spot. Before long we come to Loch Awe, where Tom stops so that we can take photos of Kilchurn Castle, a picturesque ruin on a small island near the far shore. Kilchurn was the principal Campbell fortress before that family moved south to Inverary beside Loch Fyne in the first half of the 15th Century. Flora MacDonald, who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie – disguised as her Irish spinning maid, Betty Buke – to escape from South Uist to Skye, was imprisoned here for a while before being sent to the Tower of London. At that time and, indeed, from further back, the Campbells were on the government side, so it might be no harm to take a glance at the rise to prominence of this remarkable family.

The first Campbell was Paul O'Duibhne, purse-bearer to King Malcolm Canmore in the 11th Century; O'Duibhne acquired his new surname because of a crooked mouth – *Cam beul* – just as Malcolm may have had a large head, *Ceann Mor*. His ancestors had come to Argyll ("Coastland of the Gael") from Ireland when the Kingdom of Dalriada, which included North Antrim and part of West Scotland, was still in existence. The capital of Dalriada was at Dunadd, a few miles north of Lochgilphead, a town on the west side of Loch Fyne. Gradually the Campbells gained control of the lands of Argyll later to Loch Awe, eventually becoming allies of Robert the Bruce in his struggle to win Scottish independence. Later, as I mentioned, they were often on the English side, supporting William I against James I and the Hanoverians against the warlike Highlanders. The third Duke of Argyll helped to form the Black Watch, a Highland regiment that kept an eye on rebellious clansmen after the 1715 Jacobite rising. Later, the Campbells were involved in the formation of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, which fought bravely for Britain overseas – In case we forget, the Irish also fought for the empire, the Connaught Rangers and The Irish Guards springing readily to mind.

On leaving Loch Awe, we head for Inverary Castle, home of the Duke of Argyll. Today, Torquhil, the 13th Duke, is in Edinburgh, so his flag is not flying over the castle, an impressive building with round corner towers surmounted by conical spires that resembles a French chateau. The employees all wear kilts, one old man looking as if he might

have stepped out of *Kidnapped*. The soft-spoken woman who shows us around is wearing a dark Black Watch tartan.

At £6 each the tour is certainly worthwhile. We visit the Great Hall, the armoury, an old kitchen and a bedroom with a sturdy four-poster bed, which, our guide tells us, is haunted. It seems that back in the 17th Century, when the family was living in a nearby tower house, they had in their employ a young Irish Catholic harper. Raiders, that included Irish soldiers – probably serving under James Graham, Marquess of Montrose – wanted to kill the Duke but finding that he had fled, they murdered the harper and laid his dismembered body on the four-poster bed. Later, the bed was moved into the present building. Since then whenever a Campbell duke is about to die harp music is heard from this bedroom! The hushed voice in which the guide recounts her story would do justice to a shanachie.

Our guide also shows us a portrait of Torquhil's wife, a young member of the Cadbury family, dubbed "Cadbury Rose" by the newspapers because of her beauty. Marriages of this sort may be a family tradition because back about 1760 John Campbell, the future 5th Duke, married Elizabeth Gunning, a beautiful though penniless Irish girl, whose portrait was painted by famous artists such as Cotes and Reynolds. Portraits of Duchess Elizabeth and her sister Maria, who married the Earl of Coventry, are proudly displayed in the castle.

Downstairs we have a conversation with another soft-spoken female guide, who tells us that the family is well liked by the local townspeople. When, rushing in "where angels fear to tread", I mention the 1692 massacre of the Macdonalds of Glencoe, she explains that this was a result of government policy and I have enough gumption to leave it at that. We make our way back to the central hall, where, to my surprise, there is a display case with Rob Roy memorabilia, including his dirk and an actual letter written by him to the 4th Duke: it seems that Rob Roy was keeping him informed about what was happening in the Trossachs. Talk of history coming to life! By the way, it was the Duke's intervention that led to reconciliation between Rob Roy and Montrose – But enough of these "*old, unhappy, far-off things, / And battles long ago*".

After leaving Inverary we swing north around Loch Fyne, then head towards Loch Lomond, a place I am dying to see. The area around Loch Lomond and the Trossachs was turned into a national park in 2002, so that, like most of the Scottish countryside through which we have travelled, it remains unspoilt. Tom tells us that the loch is 25 miles long, 5 miles wide and 700 feet deep. When we reach it, however, he seems to pick up speed. Now, I realise that he has to make it to Edinburgh via Glasgow on schedule, but having travelled so far, the thought of catching mere glimpses of this renowned stretch of water through a bus window leaves me feeling cheated. I want to walk "*by yon bonnie banks*", see the sun shining bright on the loch and gaze on Ben Lomond, "*Where I and my true love were ever wont to gae*". Mile after mile after mile passes; my spirits sinking lower and lower. Isn't this stubborn Scot going to stop? I'm like David Balfour, running out of patience with Alan Breck Stewart. Then when I've almost given up hope, we're heading down a side road! Does this mean that we'll be let out? It does! Tom tells us we can leave the bus to take photos, so we all hurry to the door. On stepping down from the bus there is an iron railing to stop us from falling into the water, which beats ceaselessly against the rocky shore a few feet below.

The loch really is as enchanting as the song states, a vast expanse of water in a pristine setting – and there, on the far side, curving up pale against the sky, is Ben Lomond! No wonder the songwriter, living in some foreign land, wanted to again meet his true love here. Since we've arrived in his country we've been delighted, not just by the beauty of the scenery, but by the warmth and helpfulness of the people. Telling my wife to stand against the railing, I begin to focus the camera.

P.G. Nerney



Writers’ Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Through the Gate of Ivory
by Patrick Devaney

This is a gritty novel dealing with drinking in taverns, horse racing, hurling matches, sex romps in castle halls, knife attacks in courtyards and other stirring adventures of its 17th century hero, Charles Stanihurst. It is, however, much more than that.

In the very first paragraph Charles tells us, ‘Thirty-three years ago I myself went to hell and to Connacht.’ Since the three sections of the novel start with quotes from Book VI of Virgil’s *Aeneid*, it is clear that ‘hell’ refers not just to his disfigurement in Connacht but also to the classical Hades and, like Aeneas meeting with his father in that place, it prepares us for the

hero’s eventual meeting with his spiritual ‘father’, William Bedell, who translated the bible into Gaelic.

Another prominent feature of this novel is the presence of a pattern of three: the action takes place in three main locations, Dublin, Ballintober and Abbeyboyle; Charles is smitten by three young women, Maura, representing Éire or aristocratic Ireland, Beibhinn, representing Banba, peasant Ireland, and Frances, representing Fódhla, poetic Ireland; there are three Anglo-Irish villains, the Cootes, and the Sibyl who accompanied Aeneas on his journey to the Underworld is represented by three women, Oona/Úna/Oona. Cormac, an *ollamh*, or chronicler, employed by the O’Conors, elaborates on this aspect of the novel in a

conversation with Charles, though it never dominates the narrative.

Since his Dublin father is a member of the Reformed Church and his Connaught mother is a ‘Papist’, Charles embodies in himself the religious conflicts that exist in his society and of course in contemporary England. Cormac, however, tells him that the mixture of races is a beneficial thing and that Niall, the famous High King, had an Irish father and a British mother. In this context it is noteworthy that Frances, the object of Charles’s passionate love, has an Irish father and an English mother. Finally, the well-known love story of Una Mac Dermot and Thomas Costello is woven into the story, but only as a subplot.

Why Conceal Good News?

Fifty years ago I knew a very likeable Franciscan priest. He was also a very intelligent man and swept through university with apparently the greatest of ease. He chose psychology for postgraduate study and got the highest award in the examinations at the end of his first year. However, he wasn't taken with psychology and decided to study cosmology instead. He graduated with the highest commendation and very soon became a lecturer in Celestial Mechanics. That wasn't to last very long, however, as he died of cancer a very young man. I have heard that on one occasion after his terminal cancer diagnosis someone thanked God for a long life. He quipped that he thanked God for a very short one!

He was an extremely humble man as if he always walked in the presence of Christ. He did, of

course. And he was droll and funny as if he had a secret store of lovely things inside him. As a student I was in hospital recuperating, having had my appendix out and feeling rightly depressed. He knocked on the door and walked into my room. By the time he left, maybe forty-five minutes later, I had almost burst my stitches. He launched me onto a high with his yarns and stories and irrepressible joie de vivre. He was a very Christlike man.

Which gets me to about where I am going! All Christians should be shot through as he was with the phenomenon, the miracle, the extraordinary happening that was Jesus Christ. Not even the Big Bang is comparable to it in importance in the history of the world. How many millions of times has the question been asked, "is there a God"? Yet Christians claim to believe that not only is there a God but that two thousand years ago he walked in plain sight in Israel. His actions and

words are recorded by those who walked with him and "All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings (and queens) that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that *One Solitary Life*"(Dr James Allan). Why? Because he spoke the truth with authority and made a solemn promise that he would never leave us! Carl Jung was once asked if he believed in God. He said "No! I don't believe. I know". The Annunciation was the pivotal moment in all the story of the universe and yet its assigned date is scarcely commemorated in the Christian calendar. The Angelus bell announces it each morning and evening and long may it continue to do so. Thanks Dermot for having Christ incarnate again in you !

G.M.

Droimeen
to Cathal

You’ve seen neighbours die out or move away,
their homes now vacant or just piles of stone;
and those remoter homes once full of life:
the thatched, rose-brightened cottage on the hill,
that other one with limekiln, geese and cattle,
the rambling house where men played
Twenty-five,
but, greatest loss, *meitheals* that came at harvest time
to help with bringing home your corn and hay.

All that passed, and though machines replaced the sidecar and horse-drawn cart,
the young, tired of weather-governed drudgery,
packed their bags for distant towns and

cities.
You, however, stayed, left school to help our parents,
married an artistic young lady from the town,
raised sturdy children: two sons, two daughters,
had those sons build homes upon your land.

In time your sons had their own children,
so that the family name lives on.
Older now, you sometimes notice on walks or drives how pine martins,
pheasants, even deer, have ventured back from coverts where they lurked.

Watching grandchildren grow and keeping songbirds fed does the thought occur, ‘My life kept Droimeen green’,
a task I, your globetrotting brother, fled?

By Colin Scott

Phrases we use every day sourced from the book *Red Herrings and White Elephants* by Albert Jack

To get off **Scot Free** means to have escaped punishment and avoided the consequence of a bad deed. The origin of the phrase is traced to Scandinavia (not Scotland as it would appear) and the word ‘scot’ meaning ‘payment’. Around the 13th century a great municipal tax called ‘scot’ was imposed on the Scandinavia people. All households were required to pay according to their means but the peasants were exempt. They were known as ‘scot free’. In England the scot tax lasted in some places for hundreds of years, finally petering out during the Westminster electoral reforms in 1836. It is also known that during the Middle Ages innkeepers would hold a record of a person’s drinking on a slate called a scot and leave an establishment without paying was known as ‘going scot free’.

To **Take Umbrage** means to take offence at somebody’s remarks or behavior. The word ‘umbrage’ has its roots in the Latin word ‘umbra’ meaning shade (which is also where the word ‘umbrella’ comes from). In England, ‘umbra’ was used to describe the shade or shadow cast by a line of trees and came to mean the shadow or shade a person is under by suspicion or doubt. To be put in such a shadow will give rise to resentment and ill feeling, hence ‘taking umbrage’.

A **Wolf In Sheep’s Clothing** is a person who appears pleasant and friendly but carries a hidden menace. This expression can be found in another of Aesop’s fables, dating back 1,400 years. In one of his stories a wolf wraps himself up in a sheep’s fleece and sneaks past the shepherd into the paddock. Once inside he immediately eats one of the lambs before his deception can be discovered. But the actual origin can be found in the Bible: Matthew 7:15 says, ‘Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing. Inwardly they are ravening wolves’.

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

This section will deal with Tradesmen in the College and Carton Servants. Tradesmen in the Town found employment in the College. The earliest Tradesmen’s Book in the College Archive dates from June 1903 to December 1912. Three names appear for 1903 and were listed in both the 1901 and 1911 census. They were Joseph Weafer (carpenter), John Weafer (carpenter) and Edward Kenny (painter). The other tradesmen for 1903 include Christopher Shadwell (carpenter), Laurence Corrigan (slater and plasterer) and James Baxter (tinsmith).

The book notes two separate accounts, the Electric Light Account and the Gas Account. Peter Fiskén was described as ‘driving electric engines’ and Roger Bird was employed as the ‘manager of the gasworks’. Nine people were employed as tradesmen. Peter Fiskén was replaced in October by James Gallinagh who was paid £1.10.0 for seven days which was less than his predecessor. Roger Bird lived at no.1 College Land, a private dwelling, second class house with two windows in the front. His wife worked as a laundress.

Peter Fiskén does not appear in the census but it is likely that he lived in the College as his type of employment demanded that he be there seven days a week. James Baxter or Laurence Corrigan did not appear in the census for Maynooth or College Land.
The following table shows the rates of pay and days worked

1903	Name	Rates of pay per day	No. of days worked
Carpenter	Joseph Weafer	4s	6
Carpenter	Christopher Shadwell	4s. 4d.	5
Carpenter	John Weafer	2s. 8d.	5 ¾
Painter	Edward Kenny	3s. 4d.	6
Slater and Plasterer	Laurence Corrigan	5s.	2 ¼
Tinsmith	James Baxter	3s.	5
Driving electric engines	Peter Fiskén	£1. 12s. 6d. (week rate)	7
Manager Gas Works	Roger Bird	15s. week rate)	7

The 1901 Census shows that John Weafer lived at 21.1 Main Street, Joseph Weafer lived at 25 Main Street, Edward Kenny lived at no.1 Parson’s Street, and Christopher Shadwell lived at 20 Double Lane. All of these second class houses were owned by the Duke of Leinster.

There is an extra account called the Contingent Expenditure Account which notes sick pay allowance to workers. Two names are mentioned, Richard Sheridan and Nicholas Martin, who were paid 6s. and 8s per week. Richard Sheridan does not appear from 21 October. Their allowances were signed for by John Weafer. A mason was included, James Keely who was paid 5s. per day to build a new house boiler at this time. It appears that he was employed occasionally to do specific tasks. He left on 21 January 1911 and returned on 9 December to build a boiler in Rhetoric House.

Others included in the Tradesmen’s Wage books who were occasional employees were John Mullen Senior and Junior who came to repair harnesses over a few weeks throughout the year. John Mullen Senior was paid 4s 6d. Tim Dawson, a slater, came on 26 August and was employed to the end of the year. He was paid 5s per day for slating the belfry. He worked six days per week. A comparison of the wages shows few increases to individuals over the eight years. Joseph Weafer’s wage remained the same. John Weafer’s wage was increased from 2s. 8d. to 3s. 4d. John Weafer appeared to have some responsibility for the workers as he signed for the wages for some.

Others show a reduction in wages from 3s. 4d. to 2s. 6d. for dashing walls. There was an increase for Henry Fowler, the electrical engineer to 7s per day (£2. 9s. per week). John Finnerty came on 14 January 1911 as night watchman and was paid 2s. per night and worked seven and a half days.

Tradesmen mentioned and not mentioned in 1911 Tradesmen Book .

Name	Occupation	Rate per day
Joseph Weafer	Carpenter	4s
John Weafer	Carpenter	3s 4d
Edward Kenny	Painter	2s 6d
James Keely	Builder	5s
Henry Fowler	Electrical Engineer	? = not mentioned
Joe Tyrrell	Gas works	?
Richard Sheridan	Sick allowance	?
Nicholas Martin	?	?
John Finnerty	Night Watchman	2s
John Mullen Sr	?(May 6 1911-May 27 1911)	?
John Mullen Jr	?	?
Timothy Dawson	Slater	5s
William Cotter	?(October 14 1911)	?

Three tradesmen from 1903, Joseph Weafer, John Weafer and Edward Kenny appear in the census for 1901 and 1911. In 1911, eight people from the Tradesmen’s Book are to be found on the census for 1911. Six people in 1911 lived in Maynooth - John Weafer, Edward Kenny, James Keely, Nicholas Martin, John Finnerty and John Mullen sr. In the 1901 census, five college tradesmen are mentioned. Four came from Kildare (Joseph Weafer, John Weafer, Edward Kenny and Christopher Shadwell). Henry Fowler came from Warwickshire in England, Richard Sheridan and Roger Bird came from Co. Meath. The college was an important source of employment for skilled and unskilled workers, giving full time and occasional employment to local people.

Carton Servants

The other source of employment for local people was Carton Estate. Although the estate was in decline at this time and there are no servant records, it can be presumed that it did provide employment to local men and women, both indoor and outdoor servants. In 1901 there were seventeen households within the estate including the big house itself, compared to fifteen in 1911. Sixteen people who lived on the estate in 1901 were from County Kildare. The census of 1911 records two employees who came from Maynooth, John Doran a cattleman and Edward Sherry a yardman. In the big house there were eight indoor servants in 1901 and nine in 1911. The butler was listed in his own house on the estate and the cook was not mentioned in the 1901 census. In 1901 there are 3 three junior maids - stillroom, scullery and kitchen maid. There are two housemaids, a housekeeper and two footmen. In 1911, the cook and butler are mentioned. There are two junior maids, one footman, three housemaids and a housekeeper. The numbers represent a dramatic reduction in the number of staff that such a house would have required in the past and which would have included local people. By 1911, opportunities for significant local employment was reduced to a minimum with local people brought in for special occasions or events.

The following indicates the place of birth and occupation of the head of household of the outdoor staff on the estate

Occupation 1901	Place of origin	Occupation 1911	Place of origin
Gate Lodge Keeper	Cavan		
Lodge Keeper	Kildare	Lodge Keeper	Mayo
Gate Lodge Keeper	Wicklow	RIC pensioner (same person as in 1901)	Wicklow
Coachman	England	Coachman	England
Groom	Kildare		
Butler	Kent	Game Keeper	Clare
Dairy maid	Tyrone		
Land Steward	Scotland	Land Steward	Scotland
Shepherd	Scotland	Shepherd	Scotland
Gardener	Scotland	Gardener	Scotland
Gardener	Scotland		
Gardener	Kildare		
Gas maker	City of Dublin	Gas fitter	Kildare
Game Keeper	Scotland	Game Keeper	Scotland
Game Keeper	Tyrone	Game Keeper	Scotland
Agricultural Labourer	Kildare	General Labourer	Kildare
		Cattle Man	Kildare
		General Servant	Kildare
		Motor Mechanic Royal Engineer	England

Local men and young boys may have been called in on occasions, for example, for pheasant shoots or thistle cutting. Most outdoor servants living on the estate were present on both census. There are no records to show how much business was conducted in the town but it is likely that shops such as Dawsons, Pitts and Buckley's had Carton accounts. Carton estate servants lived quite separately from the town and belonged to the following churches. -Church of Ireland, Church of England, Presbyterian, Scottish Church and Wesleyan.

There was limited diversity and a limited range of occupations and while the population of the town contracts, there was an increase in the number of outbuildings from 439 in 1901 to 519 in the hinterland in 1911. This accounts for sixty stables, ninety piggeries, eighty fowl houses, and thirty cow houses. The 1901 census shows the vast majority of people were employed as agricultural, general or domestic servants, including herdsman and laundresses which accounts for 274 people. Employment was provided from twenty-seven farmers, two publicans, four general merchants, four shopkeepers, one hotel, Carton Demesne and Estate and St. Patrick’s College Maynooth. There was employment for the labouring classes in these areas. There are fifteen carters in 1901 and only one in 1911, indicating the end of a type of service .

(Sean Durack)
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22755	Kildare County Council	Jonathan and Martina Rosser,	Laraghbryan West, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 E6W3.	21/06/2022
22759	Kildare County Council	Greenshannon Developments Limited,	280a Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 Y2H5.	21/06/2022
22750	Kildare County Council	Jeffrey and Sonya Aherne,	353 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 Y2T0.	20/06/2022
22753	Kildare County Council	Stephanie Butler,	506 Newtown Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildar W23 Y8P6.	20/06/2022
22715	Kildare County Council	Michael McGuigan	9 Parklands Lawns, Maynooth, Co. Kildare., W23 H6D8	10/06/2022
22712	Kildare County Council	Corina Cioban	62 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/06/2022
22686	Kildare County Council	Jomaijo Trading Ltd	Site D/E Maynooth Business Campus, R406 Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare	03/06/2022
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Clues Across

1. Ploy (6)

4. Requiring secret knowledge (6)

9. Disapproves (7)

10. Angry (5)

11. Land measure (4)

12. Perplexing (8)

14. Disney cartoon character (5)


16. Mournful poem (5)

20. Scorn (8)

21. Fencing sword (4)
24. Female relative (5)

25. Pills (7)

26. Unmarried (6)

27. Precious stones (6)
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Solutions to Crossword No. 513

S	T	O	R	M		B	A	F	F	L	E	S
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Clues Down

1. Worldwide (6)

2. US military officer (5)

3. Unit of length (4)

5. Precipitation (8)

6. Astounding (7)

7. Come out into view (6)

8. Ordinary (5)

13. Celestial (8)

15. Lamp (7)

17. Parts of a play (6)
18. Catches sight of (5)

19. Creatures (6)

22. Fragment (5)

23. Woodwind instrument (4)

Difficult

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Sudoku Challenge

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9				5		2		6
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Super Difficult

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Junior Fun Corner



SCHOOL IS OUT!

WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words from the word list below.

WORD LIST

amusement
break
diploma
family
friends
fun
graduation
happy
holiday
recreation
relaxation
summer
sunshine
vacation

H H A J S U Y W I W Q M X W T
H R R J C L V K G E S Y N Z N
Y L E V I D V A C A T I O N F
F E L M Y I H S U N S H I N E
R C A H O P A A D H U E L J A
I F X O U L P M N J K K G T M
E E A L R O P S X A Q X O Y U
N W T I M M Y F E F F W G Q S
D V I D J A Z R U E J T D X E
S Q O A P X B X X N C M G I M
A U N Y R E C R E A T I O N E
M L M M P G R A D U A T I O N
V H I M B T U I C Z F U S J T
S Q H N E Y E Y W C H C A Z W
H F N H F R Z M M F J O B Q A

Children's Colouring

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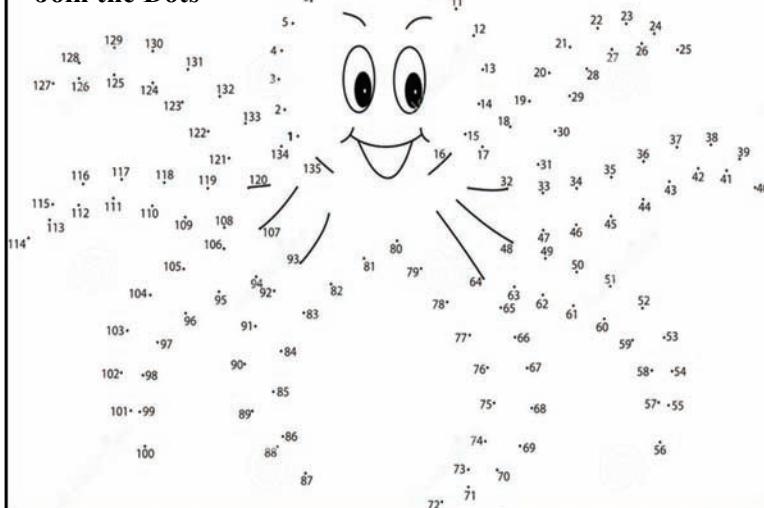
ACROSS

1. 15 weeks = ____ days
4. $(56 + 12) \times 2 =$
6. 5 hours = ____ minutes
7. $460 - 228 =$
8. 4 across + 7 across
10. 6 days = ____ hours
12. $(60 \times 4) \times 6 =$
14. $(60 \times 8) \times 5 =$
15. 5 days = ____ hours
17. 10 across + 15 across =
19. 1 week = ____ hours
21. 52 weeks = ____ days
22. 7 across $\times 4 =$
23. 8 across + 21 across =

DOWN

1. 8 days = ____ hours
2. 76 weeks = ____ days
3. 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, ____...
4. $60 + 40 + 23 =$
5. $(300 \times 2) + 48 =$
9. $(110 \times 2) \times 3 =$
10. 97, 99, ____, 103, 105...
11. 7 minutes = ____ seconds
13. $52 \times 8 =$
16. 14 across + 4 across =
17. 21 across - 1 across =
18. $52 \times 9 =$
19. 21 weeks = ____ days
20. 116 weeks = ____ days

Join the Dots



Help Goldie get back to his bowl



July is an excellent month for bees and as you probably know already, they are essential for beautiful and productive growth in the garden. Planting colourful and fragrant flowers in your garden will attract them. If your compost heap is looking dry, give it a watering. Regularly give fruits, vegetables and flowering plants a liquid feed. Continue to deadhead flowers and weed regularly. Water your hanging baskets and containers daily. In the Fruit & Veg Garden More thinning of root crops. By now the thinning's should be large enough to eat. Hurray! Irrigate your plot in the mornings. You want the water to reach a depth of at least 8" Regular watering is important to avoid bolting and split roots and fruits Shade over lettuce, coriander, pak choi, red onions, broccoli and spinach to avoid bolting in warm weather Sow Spring cabbage seeds in your greenhouse Stay vigilant for potato blight Keep carrots covered to protect against the 2nd cycle of carrot fly Keep rows of brassicas covered with garden netting to protect against caterpillars & the cabbage white moth Weed between rows regularly, especially younger crop.



Knowing when to lift garlic can be a tricky proposition – harvest them too early and the bulbs will be too small, but harvest too late and the bulbs will begin to lose their quality. The old rule is to sow garlic before the shortest day of the year (Dec 21) and harvest before the longest (June 21). Some people also do a spring sowing which won't be ready until late July or August. A good general rule of thumb is to do a test when a third of the leaves on each plant are gone brown. Carefully push back the soil around one plant and have a look at the bulb to check its size. If it's too small, put the soil back around it. Lift all your garlic when a half to two-thirds of the leaves are gone brown.

In the Greenhouse

Water your tomatoes about 3 times a week. Wet the floor to your greenhouse to increase humidity. Keep doors & window vents open during the day. Move potted plants outdoors on warmer days. Position yellow fly trays to prevent pest build-up. Keep an eye on pots & water trays for slugs & snails. Early harvest on cucumbers. Plant Care Tie back top heavy roses. Continue to spray, feed and deadhead roses. Cut back herbaceous plants such as geraniums, penstemons & delphiniums. Continue to keep recently planted hedging, trees & shrubs well-watered. Apply a handful of fish blood & bone to base of late flowering herbaceous plants such as asters, astilbes, rubeckia, lupins & echinacea. Plant autumn bulbs such as nerines, cyclamens & lilies.

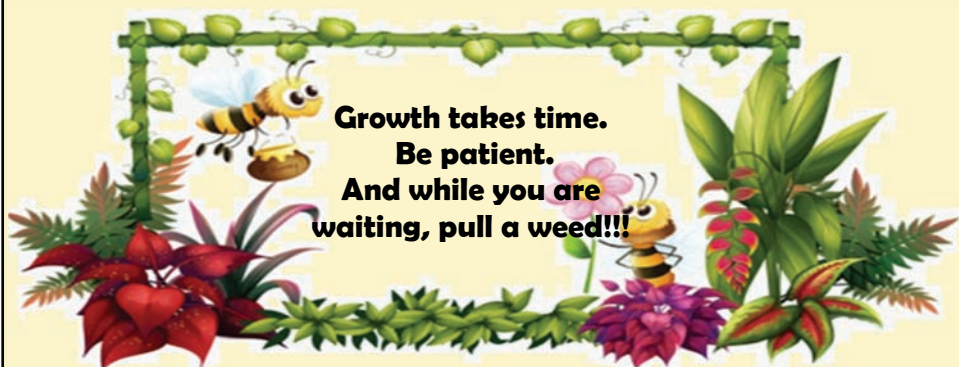


Lawn Care

This is a quiet time for lawn care. You can feed your lawns or treat with lawn weed, feed & moss killer. Apply dicophar to kill any broadleaf weeds. If you have been less than vigilant in watering your pots, the compost may have shrunk away slightly from the sides of the pot. Pack this gap with new compost. This will help prevent water run-off and give your plants a new lease of life. Add some slow-release pelleted fertiliser if not already mixed in. Water new and young plants regularly but use water sensibly. Water heavily to encourage deep roots rather than sparingly which will encourage surface rooting. If plants are showing signs of mildew (especially calendulas, courgettes and roses), water well during dry spells. Mulch when the soil is wet. Remove some foliage to improve air circulation. Feed and water container plantings. Prop up perennials Stake dahlias and chrysanthus, which are growing well now. Dahlias are best supported in a triangle of canes, with chrysanthus tied in to their own cane. Or, with chrysanthus, grow a whole bed through netting stretched horizontally about 18in (45cm) from the ground. Staking is important as, by the time dahlias and chrysanthemums in particular are at their peak height, autumn wind and rain will be on the way.



If going on holiday, ask a friend or neighbour to pick your flowers, salad and veg in your absence to prevent everything running to seed. Feed roses – do this now, after the first flush of flowers, to encourage more. Use a rose food, or straightforward, well-rotted farmyard manure. Intersperse rose beds with other plants such as nepetas and salvias to help reduce the spread of disease. Plum Slate Chippings Has many qualities making it a great choice of aggregate for gardens & garden design. The first real benefit of plum slate chippings is that the aggregates themselves are flat, making this an ideal surface for walking over. Slate & slate chippings by nature flake away into long flat sections giving the stone its distinct look & shape. Some nice planting combinations for plum slate chippings would include both silver foliage plants & purple flowering plants.



Grilled chicken thighs with sweet potato wedges, courgettes and feta

Ingredients

4 free-range skin-on chicken thighs, skin slashed
2 medium-large sweet potatoes, cut into wedges (skin on)
3 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for brushing
2 large courgettes, sliced lengthways into 0.5cm thick strips (or 6-8 baby courgettes, halved)
Small bunch basil, leaves picked and roughly chopped, plus extra leaves to serve
Small bunch coriander, leaves picked and roughly chopped
30g pine nuts, toasted
1/2 garlic clove
25g parmesan, finely grated
Grated zest and juice 1 lemon
80g feta, crumbled
You will also need
Barbecue with a lid (or grill and griddle pan)
Useful to have
Small food processor



Method

Heat/light the barbecue and spread the coals in an even layer. Rub the chicken and sweet potato wedges all over with oil, then season. Arrange on the barbecue, then cook with the lid down for 25-30 minutes, turning every so often, until tender and charred.

Meanwhile, make a pesto by whizzing together the basil, coriander, most of the pine nuts, the garlic, parmesan, 3 tbsp oil and half the lemon juice in a small food processor (or use a pestle and mortar or finely chop by hand). Season to taste with salt and pepper, adding more lemon juice if needed. When the chicken is nearly ready, brush the courgettes with oil, then add to the grill and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side until tender and just charred.

Serve the chicken, potato wedges and courgettes with the pesto spooned over, then crumble the feta over the top. Sprinkle with the rest of the pine nuts, the lemon zest and some basil leaves,

Delicious. Tips

Easy swaps swap the pine nuts in the recipe for almonds or hazelnuts if you prefer

Skip the BBQ Grill the chicken thighs on a foil-lined baking sheet for 25-30 minutes, turning halfway, until cooked through. Cook the sweet potato on a ridged griddle pan over a medium heat; or put it all on an oven tray and roast in a 180°C fan/gas 6 oven for 25-35 min

Quick Banana and Raspberry Ice Cream

This quick ice cream couldn't be simpler and is a handy last minute dessert. It's also a great way to use up overripe bananas, which, when frozen in a single layer, can be placed in a ziplock freezer bag for ease of use.

4 people 10 minutes

Ingredients

3 - Bananas
400 ml Coconut Milk
340 g Frozen Raspberries
2 tbsp Honey or maple syrup
1 portion Raspberries to serve

Method

1. Put half the bananas, half the frozen raspberries, half the coconut milk and 1 tablespoon of honey or maple syrup in a blender and blend to a smooth soft serve consistency.
2. Adjust the amount of honey or maple syrup if the bananas aren't ripe enough.
3. Repeat with the remaining ingredients and serve immediately with a few fresh raspberries and a pinch of desiccated coconut.

