

Maynooth Newsletter

Recording the Social Footprint of Maynooth since the 1970s



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Tom McMullon – A key figure in Maynooth for almost fifty years

Maynooth lost a champion for the community recently with the passing of Tom Mc Mullon. In a personal profile interview with Petrina Vousden in the Leinster Leader newspaper in May 1997 the late Tom Mc Mullon talked about how he came to live in Maynooth. Tom was born in Aberdeen in Scotland and after working for a number of years in London where he met his Sligo born wife Maura he came to live in Ireland. Tom and Maura decided not to raise their young family in London and he was lucky to get a transfer with his job to Dublin where he took over the role as area manager for a pharmaceutical company. In the interview Tom explained how hard it was to get a mortgage to buy a house in Ireland in the early 1970s and while travelling through Maynooth to visit Maura's family in Sligo they noticed the sign for a new housing estate called Cluain Aoibhinn and as well as being nice houses there was a mortgage scheme available to suitable applicants.



As one of the original residents in the estate Tom and Maura have built life long friendships with other families who also came to Cluain Aoibhinn at the time and this bond is still strong today. At Tom's funeral mass one longstanding friend and neighbour told me that when the families moved into the estate Tom and Maura hosted a party for everyone in their house. Over the years living in his adopted home town of Maynooth, Tom was known for his work in keeping Cluain Aoibhinn a nice place to live by his daily litter clean-ups and his pursuit of issues that impacted residents there. In his 1997 interview with Petrina Vousden, he mentioned the aggravation that resulted when properties in the estate were rented out as investment properties.

In talking to another long-time resident and friend of Tom's since his death they made the comment to me that every estate in Maynooth needs a Mac (the name that Tom's friends called him). While never forgetting his home estate it wasn't long before Tom got involved in the wider community of Maynooth. The population of Maynooth increased from just 1,296 in 1971 to 3,388 in 1981 so there was a lot of new people in the area making the town their home. While new housing estates were popping up there was a need to build a community spirit and Tom was one of the people leading this in the town. Tom was a key figure in Maynooth Community Council for over forty years and from

which he retired as Chairperson in 2016. Over the decades Tom always ensured that issues pertinent to the community be it in a specific area or the entire town that it was discussed at Maynooth Community Council meetings. Of course, Tom was very supportive of all community-based initiatives and for most of his community service years he was actively involved in managing community employment projects in the town as a volunteer sponsor. When Maynooth Community Council withdrew from sponsoring such schemes in 2001 due to the requirement to form as a legal entity to continue to be eligible to receive government funding, Tom and a number of other volunteers stepped in and formed the company which still runs the community employment scheme in the town. The scheme has given hundreds of local unemployed people the opportunity to get training to upgrade their skills for work as well as providing a centre in the community where people living or visiting Maynooth could go to get local information. Today the scheme continues to produce the "Maynooth Newsletter" as well as maintaining Maynooth Harbour and canal bank areas as well as Maynooth Town Football Club grounds. Tom only stepped down in 2021 as Chairman of the company and everyone involved with the scheme will greatly miss his presence. In times of difficulties Tom reminded us that we must always do what is needed to protect such an important community resource.

Tom lived for his family and his community and whenever his help was sought, he was a willing giver. He was involved in or actively supported so many community activities. These included the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tidy Towns, Twinning, Fairtrade and Planning and despite knowing and working with him for thirty-one years I have forgotten other projects that he was involved with.

Volunteering in your community for forty-nine years is not something that many people will achieve which makes Tom Mc Mullon's contribution to his community in Maynooth very unique. Many people who worked with Tom in the community would say that he was always straightforward to work with and committed to Maynooth and you always knew where he stood on issues and was a pleasure to work with and always a leader. Talking to Maura, his wife, she told me that she had a great life with Mac (Tom). Tom's passing at the end of July is no doubt a significant loss to Maura and his sons Andrew and James and his family. He will also be remembered by his neighbours, friends and the wider community for his significant contribution to his community which began almost fifty years ago with a party for the new residents of Cluain Aoibhinn estate.

Paul Croghan



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Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

In addition we undertake the following:

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

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

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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.

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter

Editorial

In writing this article for the September edition I feel compelled to talk about the one image that remains with me that defines how I will remember the summer of 2022. On my walks around the Maynooth University campus I was very aware of the presence of so many Ukrainian families living in the student apartments. I was particularly struck by the innocence of the young children playing together and making their own fun but I was more affected by the visible sadness on the faces of many of the adults.

I was also conscious that in the coming weeks these families will have to move elsewhere and try to settle their children again. Over six months since the invasion of Ukraine there seems to be no end to the conflict and even if the situation is resolved in the coming year the impact of displacement for the families that have moved to places like Ireland will have a potential life long outcome. I know that Europe and indeed the wider world has supported the Ukrainian defence but this support does not seem to be having an impact. I am sure that there are many others like me who feel helpless in that as a peaceful European that we cannot come up with a way of bringing an end to the war. It reminds me how fragile peace can be and that war is not just something we only read about in our history books.

I know that there have been efforts to support the families while they are living in Maynooth and on August 11th there was an event to encourage people to open our homes to Ukrainian families. On August 24th there was a very nice event in Maynooth University to mark the Ukrainian national holiday. While most of the families will leave us in September to make way for returning university students, I know that some families have enrolled their children in local schools so are staying in Maynooth.

With the schools already back, in a couple of weeks the ten thousand plus students will return for the next university semester. Over the past few weeks in particular social media sites for Maynooth have been full of posts requesting information on places to rent in the area. Many people are seeking house sharing in preference to staying with families or renting rooms in owner occupied houses. Maynooth cannot be expected to provide sufficient rental capacity to cater for the demand from students as well as the demand driven by our proximity to Dublin. Of course, when students commute by car from elsewhere to go to university this causes another issue with inadequate capacity for parking on campus.

Paul Croghan
Editor

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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



The Band had a hectic schedule last month with the visit of the Swedish Band to Maynooth, a first recital in the Square in Kilcock in over 70 years plus another recital in Maynooth University for Ukrainian Day on the 24th.

The event in the Square in Maynooth on Monday the 8th was most definitely the highlight of the month with St. Mary's Band opening proceedings with a much appreciated recital.

The 45 strong Bleckhornen Academy Swedish Band in their distinctive uniform performed a brilliant selection of music including dancers and one entire number played lying on their backs. The warm evening ensured there was a huge audience in the Square many saying they hadn't had so much fun in years. The two Bands adjourned to Brady's where they had a very enjoyable, if short, evening before the visiting Band had to make the last train back to Dublin.

The performance in the Square in Kilcock was breaking new ground but the main intension was to let the people of the town know that we are not just a marching band that they see once a year on St. Patrick's day. The response from the audience was very positive even getting an enquiry to play at a wedding.

The Band was delighted to receive an invitation to play at the event to celebrate the Ukrainian National Day in Maynooth University on 24th August. It was a particularly satisfying feeling to play for most of the 850 Ukrainian people who were staying in the University apartments and our music was really appreciated and enjoyed by them. The highlight of the evening was playing of the Ukrainian National Anthem at the start of our performance and it was requested again at the end of our recital when the Ukrainian Flag was being lowered.

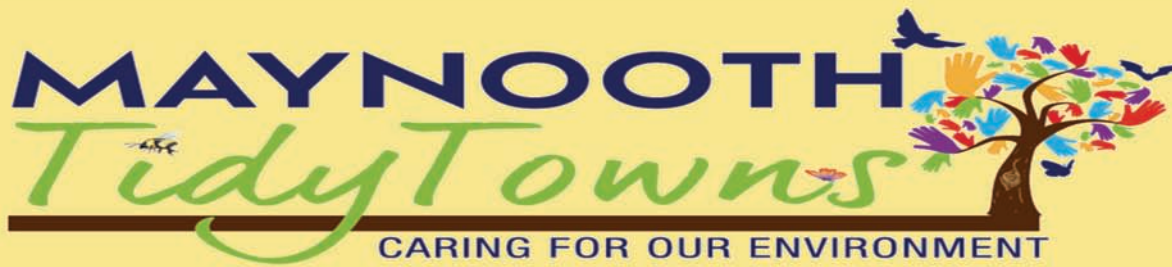
September will be another busy month for the Band who will be heading to the International Music Festival in Bab Orb Germany from the 9th to 12th where we will be joining over 30 Bands from all over Europe and we will have more news on this in the October Newsletter. It's a great feeling to be the only band from Ireland to be playing at the Festival. We will have barely come down to earth when we play in the Square for Culture Night on Friday 23rd September a 8pm. This was a great event last year when we played under floodlights to a very large crowd who enjoyed the recital immensely and really got into the spirit of the occasion.



The Bleckhornen Academy Swedish Band in the Square



Maynooth Brass & Reed Band at Ukrainian National Day



Gold Medal Winners
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021

At the time of writing we are very relieved to say that judging in the Tidy Towns Competition has ended since August 5th. We should know the results sometime in September/October, fingers crossed that we retain our Gold Medal status.

Due to the very hot weather we have invested a lot of our time watering the flowers in pots and in the ground. On Saturday the 27th August we had to get some extra Mulch to cover the beds in order to overcome the very dry ground, otherwise the plants would die. The Mulch is also very good for sustainability purposes, conserving water.

On Saturday the 20th August at 12 noon we had our inaugural Heritage Trail walk around Maynooth, starting at Duke's Harbour, we touched on 16 areas of interest. Thanks to Vincent Mulready, Pat Watson and Breedge Conway for organising this event for Heritage Week.

At one point we had 120 people following the group. We really enjoyed visiting St Mary's Brass and Reed Band hall, where Kevin Boyd gave us a short history of the band. The walk lasted for almost 2 hours finishing in Courthouse Square.

We hope to set up a self guided walk of Maynooth's Historical areas in 2023 for everyone to enjoy.

**Please follow us on Facebook to get the latest
 and most up to date information on what's happening with
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 Mary Molloy - Maynooth Tidy Towns PRO.**



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September Events at Maynooth Community Library

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Children's Events

Summer Stars Certificate Awards Ceremony : Surnames A – M

Saturday 17th September

Time: 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Well done to all the children who joined the Summer Stars Reading Programme here in Maynooth Community Library ! It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for the Summer Stars Reading Programme with over 300 children joining the programme in Maynooth this year.

Children with surnames beginning A-M can collect their Summer Stars Certificate of Achievement at a special ceremony in Maynooth Community Library on Saturday 17th of September from 11am - 12pm. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking required, please book your ticket through ticket tailor:

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/749220>.

Summer Stars Certificate Awards Ceremony : Surnames N – Z

Saturday 17th September

Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Location: Maynooth community Library

Well done to all the children who joined the Summer Stars Reading Programme here in Maynooth Community Library ! It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for the Summer Stars Reading Programme with over 300 children joining the programme in Maynooth this year. Children with surnames beginning N- Z can collect their Summer Stars Certificate of Achievement at a special ceremony in Maynooth Community Library on Saturday 17th of September from 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking required, please book your ticket through ticket tailor :

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Summer Stars Magic Show

Saturday 17th September

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00 pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

To mark the end of a very Summer Stars Children's Reading Challenge 2022, Maynooth Community Library invites you to join in in a brilliant family magic show with Really Grand Events who provide a professional Magician for families, with over 20 year's experience in providing the right mix of magic, entertainment and fun.

Booking required through TicketTailor <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/750360>. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Children who were not able to attend the Summer Stars certificate award ceremony can collect their certificate after the magic show.

Life Below Water - Sustainability Development Goal Week 2022

Wednesday 21st September 2022

Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Age: 7 – 12 years

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Join us at Maynooth Library for our Life Below Water Sustainability Event. Learn about ocean biodiversity and ways to combat ocean pollution with our fun crafts and activities. **Booking required through TicketTailor :**

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/752496>.

Culture Night Traditional Irish Music Family Concert

Friday 23rd September

Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Join us on Culture Night in Maynooth Community Library for our interactive family concert. The concert will feature two highly talented and experienced Irish Traditional musicians who will introduce you to a range of musical instruments and have you singing and clapping along to lots of different jigs & reels.

Certainly one not to be missed. All children must be accompanied by a parent / guardian.

Booking required, please book your ticket through ticket tailor:

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/736106>.

Baby and Toddler Stay & Play Group (New)

Every Thursday

Time: 10:00-11:00am

Location: Maynooth Community Library

If you have a young baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents in the area, come to our new stay and play group every Thursday morning at 10am. Bring a coffee and chat to other parents while your babies play with the toys and books provided. No need to book, just drop in!

Book Busters Children's Book Club

Friday 30th September

Time: 3:45pm-4:30pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

The Book Busters Children's Book Club returns to Maynooth in person this month! If your child aged 8-12 would like to take part, please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie for further details.

Secret Saturday Cinema

Saturday 3rd September

Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm

Location: Maynooth Community

Come to our animated children's film screening this Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm! Every film will be a surprise on the day, but all will be family friendly. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking required : <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/751381>.

Secret Cinema (for Sustainable Development Goals Week)

Saturday 24th September

Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Come to our special animated children's film screening with an environmental message for Sustainable Development Goals Week! Showing this Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm, the film will be a surprise on the day, but will have a family-friendly rating. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking Required: <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/751382>

Young Adults

Maynooth Library: Try Our Teen Book Club

Friday 16th August

Time: 4.30pm – 5.00 pm

Location : Online

It's common for young people to veer away from reading when joining secondary school or around age 12-13, so Maynooth Library is keen to draw them back in with a book club with a difference for ages 12-16. This book club will meet online once a month for 30-45 minutes from September. There will be always be choice of book each month, but teens can read and recommend whatever they like. Contact Maynooth Library at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or 045 980 493 for more information.

Teen Writers Group/Ages 12-15

Thursday September 8th and 15th

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: Online

Open to Teens and Tweens to enjoy writing, Maynooth Teen Writers Group meets online for an hour, twice a month. This is a relaxed and friendly environment to talk about writing, get some feedback and also very important quiet writing time.

Contact Maynooth Library at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or 045 980 493 for more information.

Adult Events

"Where the bodies are buried" - The "Disappeared" of the Irish Revolution 1920 -1923: A Lecture by Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc

Thursday 1st September

Location: Maynooth Library

Time: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

An chaoi ar fhuadaigh, ar mharaigh agus ar chur fórsaí na Breataine agus an IRA sibhialaigh agus trodairí a chur ina n-aghaidh gan leacht ná deis chaointe a bheith

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ag a muintir.. Tharla an cineál rud céanna sa gCogadh Cathartha nuair a mharaigh agus nuair a chur an IRA spíodóirí.

A talk about the IRA's Intelligence War and the "disappearance" of spies, informers, and British soldiers. Pádraig even found one of the missing bodies! Join us for this fascinating in-person lecture in Maynooth Community Library on Thursday 1st September.

Booking required through TicketTailor :
<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/737658>.

Zero Waste Maynooth Ladies Clothes Swap Drop – in
Saturday 10th September
2-4pm

Maynooth Community Library

Zero Waste Maynooth is hosting its monthly ladies clothes swap. Bring up to 3 items of clothes in good condition and swap for something else. We all have some clothes that we don't use so pass them on for something new to you! Save waste and money!

Repair Demonstration for Sustainable Development Goals Week

Tuesday 20th September

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Location: Maynooth Community Library

Tired of throwing out your favourite clothes or paying someone else to repair them? Be shown how to turn up hems, sew in buttons and other simple sewing repairs. Bring along an item that's in need of repair and get advice on the best repair option – maybe it can be repaired during the demo.

Booking required through TicketTailor:
<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/751408>

Music to Your Ears: An evening of sharing poetry

Thursday 29th September

Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Join us for an evening of sharing poetry readings, where we explore connections between music and poetry. Some of you may wish to read a poem aloud, or you might like to just listen; hosted by Maynooth and Ballitore Libraries. All welcome. Booking via TicketTailor <https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/750433>

Regular Events

Craft & Knitting Club

Monday 5th September

11.30am – 13.00

Maynooth Community Library

Starting back on Mon 5th Sept from 11.30 – 13.00 and continuing the following Mondays. Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired. Different craft demonstrations will take place during the year.

Beginners Sewing Machine Classes (Adults only)

Tuesday Evenings

18.30 – 19.55

Maynooth Community Library

Must have your own sewing machine.

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

If interested, please contact Maynooth Library on 045 980 483 to add your name to our waiting list. The classes will take place over a period of three weeks. When the list has been completed and if people are interested we will start a sewing club.

Book Clubs

U3A (University of the Third Age) Book Club

Monday 12th September

10.30am – 11.30am

Maynooth Community Library

The U3A (University of the Third Age) Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month and will resume on Monday the 12th Sept from 10.30 -11.30am. We will be reviewing "The Child" by Fiona Barton.

Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesday 21st September

11.00 – 12.00pm

Maynooth Community Library

The Wednesday Morning Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month and starts back on the 21st from 11.00 – 12 noon. We will be reviewing "Happiness and Other Stories" by Mary Lavin.

For all ages

Reader Pens Now Available in Maynooth Library

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Maynooth University Town F.C.

Welcome to our New Season 22/23 which has just commenced. We have just completed a programme of pre-season friendlies which showed that we are pretty well up to speed in terms of fitness. A tough schedule of League and Cup games await us now but we are undaunted by the tasks awaiting us.



We kicked off with an F.A.I. Senior Cups game against Villa F.C. from Waterford. We overcame strong opposition to record a hard fought 2-1 win with goals from Sven Biansumba and Jack O'Connor booking our place in the second round.

Next up was a L.S.L. Senior Div. League game against Glebe North. This was a game where both sides opened with great caution and were reluctant to take any early chances in the opening league game of the season. Falling behind to an early Glebe goal, Town stayed calm and began to take control. Town upped the pace of the game in the second half and got on terms when Jackson Ryan converted a penalty after Paddy O'Sullivan was taken down in the penalty area. Town kept controlling the game and Callum Warfield played a defence splitting pass across the penalty area for Jack Reynolds to smash to the back of the net. Town was never in danger after that and ran out deserving winners.

The eagerly awaited F.A.I. Cup 2nd Round game was up next for our fourth venture in this round in five seasons. Having reached a quarter final against Bohemians and last sixteen against Waterford F.C. and Cork City in previous seasons. The opposition on this occasion was League of Ireland Division One side Treaty Utd. Once again we performed admirably and were more than a match for our Limerick opponents. We were matching Treaty with some inspiring play but we lost possession in the 33rd in midfield and paid the price, when Treaty slotted home the opening goal.

Town could have gone two down just after the break when referee Patchell awarded an outrageous penalty for a terrible act of simulation by the Treaty striker. A wonderful save by keeper, Shane Fagan wiped the smile off the Treaty faces. Town were inspired by this began to throw everything at Treaty. Town kept up the momentum but were beginning to tire. This was only our second game of the season whilst Treaty were in mid-season.

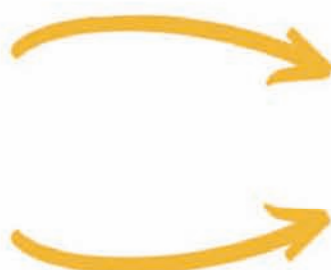
With 17 minutes remaining Town were punished again when Treaty scored their second. The visitors wrapped up the game in the 83rd minute with their third goal. Tired limbs contributed to both 2nd half goals, if we had another few games under our belt we might have been telling a different story. Thanks for such a good performance and we look forward to our next games in the league v Lucan Utd. away and Crumlin Utd. home.



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Household Benefits Package

What is the Household Benefits Package?

The Household Benefits Package (HBP) helps with the cost of your electricity or gas bill and the TV licence. Only one person in a household can get the Package. You can get the Household Benefits Package if you are aged 70 or over. You do not need to be getting a State pension and the package is not means tested. People under 70 can also get the HBP, but additional rules apply – see ‘How to qualify for the Household Benefits Package’ below.

Keeping well and warm in winter.

The cold weather can be difficult when you are older or have a disability or a long-term illness. The [Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland](http://www.sustainableenergyauthority.ie) provide information and advice about the supports that can help you to keep well and warm during the winter. You can use comparison websites to check gas and electricity prices.

How to qualify for the Household Benefits Package

To get the Household Benefits Package, you must:

- Be living in Ireland (full-time, all year round)
- Be the only person in your household getting the HBP
- Have the electricity or gas bill in your name (if you are applying for an Electricity or Gas Allowance)
- Be aged 70 or over
- Be aged under 70 and meet the additional rules for ‘People aged under 70’ set out below.

People aged under 70

If you aged under 70 and you are living with your spouse, cohabitant or civil partner, you can get the HBP if you are getting a qualifying social welfare payment and:

- You are getting an increase in your qualifying social welfare payment for them (see list of qualifying social welfare payments below) or
- They are getting their own qualifying social welfare payment listed below or
- They are getting a social welfare payment not listed below and they satisfy a means test.

You can live with other adults (who are not your spouse, cohabitant or civil partner) and get the HBP.

Qualifying social welfare payments for people under 70

You are between 66 and 70:

- State Pension (Contributory)
- State Pension (Non-Contributory)
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension
- Deserted Wife's Benefit
- Carer's Allowance (full or half-rate payment), but you must be living with the person you are caring for.
- You are caring for and living with a person who is getting Constant Attendance Allowance
- An ordinary Garda Widow's Pension from the Department of Justice and Equality
- An equivalent Social Security Pension or Benefit from a country covered by EU Regulations or from a country with which Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement

You are aged between **66 and 70** and not getting one of the payments above, but you pass a means test - see ‘The Means test’ below.

You are under 66:

- Disability Allowance
- Invalidity Pension
- Blind Pension
- Incapacity Supplement (for at least 12 months) with Disablement Pension (for at least 12 months)
- If you are caring for and living with a person who is getting Constant Attendance Allowance.
- Carer's Allowance (full or half-rate payment), but you must be living with the person you are caring for.
- An equivalent Social Security Pension or Benefit from a country covered by EU Regulations, or from a country with which Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement

Widowed people or surviving civil partners

You can qualify for the Household Benefits Package, if you are widowed or a surviving civil partner aged between 60 and 65 and your late spouse or civil partner was getting the Household Benefit Package before his or her death. To qualify you must have lived together when the Household Benefit Package was first awarded and you must be getting one of the following payments:

- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) or (Non-Contributory) Pension
- One-Parent Family Payment (Widows/Widowers)
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension under the Occupational Injuries Benefits Scheme
- An equivalent Social Security Pension or Benefit from a country covered by EU Regulations or from a country with which Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement
- An ordinary Garda Widow's Pension from the Department of Justice and Equality

If you were under 60 when your spouse or civil partner died, you can get the Household Benefits Package when you turn 60 as long as you meet these conditions.

The means test

If you are aged between 66 and 70 and are not getting a qualifying social welfare payment, you must pass a means test. In a means test, the Department of Social Protection (DSP) examines all your sources of income. Your weekly income must be below a certain amount to pass the means test.

The amount of means that you are allowed to have for the HBP is the current maximum rate of State Pension (Contributory) including any increases that you might get for your age, living alone and dependants, plus €120.

The main items included in the means test are:

- Cash income that you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant may have. Some cash income may not be included in the means test.
- Capital, for example, the value of savings, investments, shares or any property you have (but not your own home). Find out more about capital not included in the means test.

If you are applying for the Household Benefits Package and you need to pass a means test, a separate means test form will be sent to you to fill in.

Hospital stays

You can stay in hospital for up to 13 consecutive weeks and continue to get the Household Benefits Pack

Change of circumstances

You must notify the Department if your circumstances change. For example:

- You change address
- You change energy provider
- You move into residential care

If you change address you must re-apply for the Household Benefits Package, even if you still meet all the conditions.

What is covered by the Household Benefits Package?

There are 2 allowances in the Household Benefits Package:

Allowance 1

- Electricity Allowance of €35 monthly (€1.15 per day) or
- Natural Gas Allowance of €35 monthly (€1.15 per day)

Allowance 2

- Free Television Licence

Allowance 1: Electricity or Gas Allowance

If you have an electricity and natural gas supply, you must choose between the Electricity Allowance and Gas Allowance. You can choose only one. The Allowance is paid either to your bank account or post office on the first Tuesday of each month. (If you are collecting your Allowance from the post office using your Public Services Card, you have 90 days to collect your payment.)

If your energy supplier is Electric Ireland for electricity or Bord Gáis or Flo Gas for gas, the Allowance can be paid directly to your energy supplier as a credit against your bill each month. The Department of Social Protection (DSP) will contact Electric Ireland or Bord Gáis or Flo Gas who will then apply the allowance, including any backdated credit, onto your next bill. You pay for any electricity or gas you use above the allowance in the normal way.

If you change your energy supplier, you must inform the DSP. You must provide proof of your new energy supplier (for example, a gas or electricity bill) from the date you changed over. The Allowance does not cover the cost of installing an electricity or natural gas supply to your home.

If the electricity or gas bill is in your landlord's name

The Allowance can be paid, if the electricity or gas bill is in your landlord's name. However, you must be living in self-contained accommodation and your landlord will need to confirm in writing, that you are a tenant and paying your own energy bills.

If you don't use up your gas or electricity allowance

If you don't use all of your monthly Allowance, you carry it forward to your next bill. You can carry it forward if you switch, to a different energy provider, but you will have to contact your previous provider for a refund.

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Allowance 2: Free Television Licence

Once you qualify for the Household Benefits Package, you can get a Free Television (TV) Licence from your next TV Licence renewal date. To get your Free TV Licence, you must select the Television Licence option on the HBP form when you apply.

You will get a free TV licence for as long as you get the Household Benefits Package. You can find out more about the Household Benefits Package.

How to apply for the Household Benefits Package

You can apply online for the Household Benefits Package using MyWelfare.ie, if you have a MyGovID account.

If you cannot apply online, you can fill in the Household Benefit Package application form and return it to the Household Benefits Package section:

Department of Social Protection

Household Benefits Package

Social Welfare Services

College Road

Sligo

Ireland

Opening Hours: This office does not offer a service to personal callers. All queries must be made using the online enquiry form, by telephone or in writing.

Tel: (071) 915 7100 or 0818 200 400

Homepage: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/e87d27-household-benefits-package/>

Email: householdbenefits@welfare.ie

If you wish to talk to someone face-to-face about your entitlements, you can visit your local Citizens Information Centre, Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office.

Learn new skills or retrain

Introduction:

If you are about to lose your job or are unemployed you can upskill or retrain. You can do this through the formal school and college system or outside of it.

The Department of Further and Higher Education has an online portal called the “**Right Course**”

<http://www.gov.ie/therightcourse>

It has information on:

- Further education and training places
- Courses available in higher education
- Courses for those on social welfare payments
- Grants, other financial supports and career guidance

Higher education courses

The [Springboard+ Programme](#) provides free higher education places if you are unemployed and looking to return to the workforce. There is a range of part-time courses from certificate to master's degree levels - levels 6 to 9 on the [National Framework of Qualifications](#).

[Apprenticeships](#) offer you a mixture of on-the-job training with an employer and off-the job training in a training centre. An apprenticeship generally lasts

for 2 to 4 years.

Adult education and community education courses

You don't need formal qualifications to take part in many of the full-time and part-time courses in the adult education and community education sectors.

Adult education courses can include further and third-level education or continuing education and training. Courses are available both part-time and full-time. Community education is adult education and learning, generally outside the formal education sector. It promotes personalised learning and flexibility within learning groups.

The Education and Training Boards (ETBs), SOLAS and other agencies fund continuing education and training programmes. ETBs organise second-level, adult, community and second chance education. You can contact your local ETB for more details. They also operate the Vocational Training and Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) which provides a range of education and training courses if you are unemployed.

Further Education and Training (FET) courses help you develop or upgrade your skills in the commercial and industrial sectors if you are unemployed or have been made redundant. You can search online for training courses.

The Local Training Initiative Programme (LTI) is a project-based training and work experience programme carried out in the local community. It is run by local community groups. The programme is for unemployed people finding it difficult to get a job. It is primarily aimed at people aged between 18 and 35. You can find LTI programmes through your local ETB Training Centre or on fetchcourses.ie.

Community Training Centres are independent community-based organisations. They look after the training and employment needs of early school leavers, mainly aged between 16 and 21. If you are aged between 15 and 20 and have left school without any formal qualifications, the Youthreach programme will provide you with opportunities for basic education, personal development, vocational training and work experience.

Training and work experience

Employment schemes such as Community Employment and Tús provide short-term work opportunities for unemployed people. You can read more about the schemes to support employment on the following link: https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/employment/unemployment_and_redundancy/employment_support_schemes/schemes_to_support_employment.en.html

Financial supports for training or education

The Back to Education Programme can support if you are getting a social welfare payment and you want to take up a second-level or third-level course.

The Part-Time Education Option Part-Time Education Option allows you to keep your Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit and attend a part-time day or evening course.

The Education, Training and Development Option allows you to keep your jobseeker's payment and attend a course not covered by the standard Back to Education Allowance such as a personal development course.

Other agencies and information supports

Agencies such as Fáilte Ireland, Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Teagasc, Coillte and the Crafts Council of Ireland offer you specialist courses in their specific areas of work.

Other organisations such as Centres for the Unemployed, Family Resource Centres and Local Development Companies also provide training.

Skillnet Ireland lets groups of private sector companies set up training networks to deliver accredited and industry-recognised programmes. Skillnet Ireland also offers some training to eligible unemployed people. The training is free if you are unemployed.

You can get information on further and higher education and training courses from [Qualifax](#). The database includes information for adult learners and recognition of prior learning with links to college and other education and training websites.

Renting out a room in your home

What is rent-a-room relief

The rent-a-room relief lets you earn up to €14,000 per year tax-free if you rent out a room (or rooms) in your home to private tenants. A self-contained unit, such as a basement flat or a converted garage attached to your home, can qualify for this relief.

While renting out a room that is part of your home is not covered by landlord and tenant law, renting out a self-contained unit is covered – see ‘Your rights and obligations’ below.

Depending on their circumstances, your tenant(s) may qualify for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) – read more in ‘Housing Assistance Payment’ below. In certain circumstances, a tenant can claim [Rent Supplement](#).

Rules

For you to qualify for rent-a room relief, your home must be located in the State and you must occupy it as your sole residence during the year of assessment. This means that it is your home for the greater part of the year and is where people would normally expect to make contact with you. In most cases, you do not have to own the property – you could be a tenant and be sub-letting to someone else. (In these cases, you should check with your landlord that sub-letting is allowed – see our document on [tenants' rights and obligations](#).) However, if you are renting to a HAP tenant you must own the property and provide proof of ownership.

Currently, the total (gross) rent that you get, which includes any money that the tenant pays for food, utilities, laundry or similar goods and services, cannot exceed €14,000 in the tax year (1 January to 31 December) – see ‘Exclusions from rent-a-room relief’ below.

You cannot deduct expenses from your rental income while claiming rent-a-room relief. However, depending on the circumstances, it may be worth your while to opt out of the relief in a particular year in order to offset expenses against the rental income and avail of wear and tear allowances,

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see revenue.ie for examples of when this can be beneficial. The 'How to apply' section below describes how to opt out of rent-a-room relief. If you qualify for rent-a-room relief, the income you get from renting out the room will be exempt from PRSI, the [Universal Social Charge](#) or income tax. However, it must be included on your annual income tax return.

Rent-a-room relief will not affect your exemption from [Capital Gains Tax \(CGT\)](#) if you sell your home.

Exclusions from rent-a-room relief

You will not qualify for the relief if:

- Your gross income from rent and related services is over €14,000. In this case, Revenue will treat the full rental income minus allowable expenses as part of your total income for tax purposes and this should be included in your tax return.
- You are renting the room in your home to your civil partner, son or daughter (but there is no restriction in the case of other family members)
- You are an employee or office-holder in a company, and the company pays you to allow clients to use the room in your home on an occasional basis
- You are renting the room to short-term guests, for example, through an online accommodation booking site

The relief applies only to residential tenancies, not to short-term let arrangements. The occupants must be using the room on a long-term basis. So, renting a room to a student for the academic year or for a one-month course is covered, but providing accommodation to occasional visitors for short periods, for example, through an online accommodation booking site, is not, as this income is not considered to be rental income. This is because the visitors use the accommodation as guests rather than tenants. Revenue has published [a guidance manual on how this income is treated for tax purposes \(pdf\)](#)

If you normally rent out the room for the academic year and you rent it out for short breaks during the summer as well, you must identify the income you get from the short rentals separately from the income that qualifies for rent-a-room relief, when making your tax return to Revenue.

You can read more about rent-a-room relief on revenue.ie.

Housing Assistance Payment

If your tenant is applying for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), you will need to provide certain information to the local authority, which administers the HAP. The local authority will pay you HAP directly. This information includes:

- The amount of the monthly rent
- Your bank account payment details
- An undertaking regarding the property's compliance with standards for rental accommodation
- An undertaking regarding your tax compliance
- Proof that you own the property

The local authority will inspect the property within 8

months of the first HAP payment, unless the accommodation has already been inspected in the last 12 months. An inspector will check that the accommodation meets the minimum physical standards for rental accommodation.

You must show that your tax affairs are in order by producing evidence of tax clearance from Revenue. Tax compliance is checked in 'real-time' on Revenue's electronic tax clearance system. Read more in our document on HAP and in the landlord information booklet (pdf).

Rental income and social welfare payments

If you are getting a means-tested social assistance payment from the Department of Social Protection, you can get up to €14,000 per year for renting out a room in your own home without it affecting your social welfare payment.

This does not apply to short-term lettings (of less than 28 consecutive days). It also does not apply if you are renting a room to your employee or to an immediate family member. Immediate family members are:

- Your spouse, civil partner or partner
- Your child, or the spouse of your child
- Your parent, step-parent or parent-in-law
- Your sibling, including step-siblings or siblings-in-law
- Your grandparent or your grandchild
- Your aunt or uncle
- Your nephew or niece

Your rights and obligations

Self-contained units

If you rent out a self-contained unit in your home, such as a converted garage attached to your home or a basement flat, the rights and obligations under residential tenancies legislation apply to you. For example, you are obliged to register the tenancy with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB), provide a rent book to the tenant and ensure that the accommodation provided meets minimum physical standards.

Residential tenancies legislation provides for security of tenure for tenants. These provisions are in Part 4 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004. However, if the self-contained flat or apartment was originally part of the main house, you can choose to opt out of these provisions. This option is available under Section 25 of the Act. You must give the tenant notice in writing, before the start of the tenancy, if you wish to take this option.

Rooms that are not self-contained

If the part of your home that you rent out is not self-contained, you are not covered by landlord and tenant legislation, so the rights and obligations under that legislation do not apply to you. For example, you are not obliged to register as a landlord with the RTB, provide a rent book to the tenant. In general the accommodation you provide does not need to meet any minimum physical standards. However, if you are renting to a HAP tenant the accommodation must meet minimum standards.

This also means that private tenants living in your home are living under a licensee agreement, not a tenancy agreement, and are really only entitled to reasonable notice if you choose to terminate the agreement. Tenants are, however, entitled to refer disputes under the Small Claims Procedure.

Common claims that are heard under the Small Claims

Procedure include disputes about retention of a tenant's deposit for what they consider unfair reasons, or deductions from rent for damage to property that is over and above normal 'wear and tear'.

Your tenants can find out more about their rights in our document *Sharing accommodation with your landlord* and can also contact Threshold for advice— see 'Where to apply' below.

Agreement with your tenant

Before you arrange to rent out a room in your home, it is strongly recommended that you and the tenant agree some ground rules and put them in writing. If you and your tenant each sign and keep a copy of this agreement, you can both refer to its terms in the event of confusion or disagreement. These ground rules might include:

- How long is the tenancy going to last?
- How much notice will you or your tenant have to give if either of you chooses to end the tenancy?
- How much rent will the tenant pay and how often (for example, weekly, monthly)?
- How will this rent be paid (cash, cheque, standing order etc.)?
- When will the rent be reviewed and how much notice will you give the tenant of a rent review?
- How are utility bills (such as electricity, gas, phone, broadband, TV, waste charges) to be divided between you and the tenant?
- Can the tenant have visitors to stay overnight?
- Are there any restrictions regarding noise levels?

Rates

Rental income from renting a room in your home (and related services) is exempt from tax, up to a maximum limit of €14,000.

Where more than one person is entitled to benefit from the rent (for example, you and your spouse), this limit is divided between the individuals concerned.

How to apply

To claim rent-a-room relief you must record your rental income when making your annual tax return.

You can complete and submit your tax return form online using:

Revenue's myAccount Service if you are a PAYE taxpayer (Form 12)

Revenue Online Service (ROS) if you are self-employed or a PAYE taxpayer with other sources of income (Form 11)

Alternatively, you can complete a hard-copy annual tax return. You record your rental income for rent-a-room relief in the 'Exempt income' section of your tax return form and return the completed form to your local tax office.

The tax office can answer any queries you may have and will help if you have any difficulties completing the form.

If you wish to opt out of the rent-a-room relief in a particular tax year and be taxed on the rental income instead, you must notify Revenue in writing, on or before the return filing date for that tax year. Read more on revenue.ie.

Where to apply

Use Revenue's contact locator to find your tax office.

[index \(revenue.ie\)](http://index.revenue.ie)

Maynooth University and Hexafly BioTech collaborate to deliver sustainable soil enhancer that protects cereal crops from greenfly

Maynooth University and Irish SME Hexafly BioTech have pioneered a sustainable insect-based soil enhancer that boosts soil health and significantly reduces greenfly on cereal plants.

Prof Kevin Kavanagh, of the Department of Biology at Maynooth University, and Hexafly, are pioneering the use of insects and insect-based products for inclusion in feeds and as plant nutrients.

Barley aphids or greenfly are particularly difficult to control with traditional chemical insecticide, wreaking havoc in farms and causing substantial economic loss in agriculture. However, new research shows that an insect-based soil enhancer Hexafrass, is proving highly effective in fighting the pest.

The soil enhancer Hexafrass, derived from the waste product of black soldier flies, boosts soil health and actively promotes root development and plant growth. The research, funded by SSPC the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Pharmaceuticals, has found that plants growing in treated soil had reduced aphid infestation numbers and enhanced natural defence against disease.



Investigating the cause for the reduction in aphid numbers, Prof Kavanagh and Dr Anatte Margalit, a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Biology, used proteomic analysis (a form of genetic analysis of proteins) to reveal that aphids feeding on plants cultured in Hexafrass were rendered infertile due to changes in their internal biology.

Commenting on his findings, Prof Kavanagh said: “This discovery creates the possibility of a highly effective and environmentally sustainable method of controlling aphid populations using Hexafrass. By feeding on the sap of plants, aphids reduce the nutrient supply needed by the plant, effecting growth and development, and enhancing the risk of viruses that can lead to plant disease and death. Control of aphids is essential to ensure healthy plant growth and food production, but many aphids have developed resistance to conventional insecticides therefore the development of alternative, effective and environmentally sustainable treatments is essential.”

Alvan Hunt, CEO of Hexafly, said: “The findings of this research are highly significant for us. Funding from SSPC, the SFI Research Centre for Pharmaceuticals and our collaboration with Maynooth University has allowed us to co-develop novel applications for our products that will have commercial value in the coming months and years. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Professor Kavanagh as we continue to advance our research and development program and bring more discoveries to market.”

Through MaynoothWorks, MU’s knowledge transfer and commercialisation unit, Hexafly Biotech have solidified their relationship with the University, and Prof Kavanagh and his team, recently signing a licence agreement to collaborate and commercialise the outputs of this project and to develop novel applications of Hexafrass.

Dr Paul Tyndall, MaynoothWorks Commercialisation Executive at Maynooth University, welcomed the potential commercialisation opportunities from this collaboration. “It has been a real pleasure to bring this project full circle and successfully complete this licencing agreement with Hexafly, which is focused on a strong research and sustainable development agenda.

This discovery serves as a clear demonstration of the benefits of industry and researchers working together, something that we prioritise facilitating here in Maynooth University. We look forward to working with the Hexafly team in the future as they build on the success of this project in collaboration with Prof Kavanagh.”

MaynoothWorks captured the Intellectual Property (IP) generated during the research project, initiated licence negotiations and supported the successful licensing agreements. They also led discussions for further development of the IP with Hexafly, which continues to pursue company-funded collaborative research projects with the University.

Commenting on their role as the funding body, Dr Sinéad O’Doherty, Head of Strategic Development at SSPC, said: “SSPC has a strong commitment to supporting research excellence through our industry funding model, in particular with our Irish

SMEs, a crucial element of our economy. This work investigated the antimicrobial effects of an identified antimicrobial peptide, which was then characterised, and its activity against a wide range of pathogens established. We look forward to future engagement with Hexafly Biotech, and supporting their commitment to research for future market opportunities.”

Researchers from Maynooth University’s School of Law and Criminology, and Department of Critical Skills, MIT and Cornell University, have found that a Wikipedia article can increase a case’s citations by more than 20%, thereby influencing judges’ legal reasoning.

Researchers developed over 150 new Wikipedia articles on Irish Supreme Court decisions, written by law students, half of which were randomly chosen for uploading to Wikipedia, the other half held offline, to illustrate what would happen to a case with no related Wikipedia article. They looked at two measures - whether the cases were more likely to have citations as precedents in subsequent judicial decisions, and whether the argumentation in court judgments echoed the linguistic content of the new Wikipedia pages.

Cases with a Wikipedia article increased citations by more than 20%, a statistically significant amount. The effect was particularly strong for cases that supported the argument the citing judge was making in their decision (but not the converse). The increase was bigger for citations by lower courts. The research indicates that Wikipedia is used more frequently by judges or clerks who have a heavier workload, for whom the convenience of Wikipedia offers a greater attraction.

The Irish legal system proved the perfect testbed, as it shares a key similarity with other national legal systems such as the UK and US. It operates within a hierarchical court structure where decisions of higher courts subsequently bind lower courts. There are relatively few Wikipedia articles on Irish Supreme Court decisions compared to those of the US Supreme Court. Over the course of their project, the researchers increased the number of such articles tenfold.



In addition to looking at the case citations made in the decisions, the team also analysed the language used in the written decision using natural language processing. What they found were the linguistic fingerprints of the Wikipedia articles that they’d created.

“The text of a court’s judgment itself will guide the law as it becomes a source of precedent for subsequent judicial decision-making. Future lawyers and judges will look back at that written judgment, and use it to decide what its implications are so that they can treat ‘like’ cases alike,” says co-author Associate Professor, Dr Brian Flanagan, Maynooth University .

“If the text itself is influenced, as this experiment shows, by anonymously sourced internet content, that’s a problem. For the many potential cracks that have opened up in our “Information Superhighway” that is the Internet, you can imagine that this vulnerability could potentially lead to adversarial actors manipulating information. If easily accessible analysis of legal questions is already being relied on, it behooves the legal community to accelerate efforts to ensure that such analysis is both comprehensive and expert.”

Thompson, N.C., Flanagan, B., Richardson, E., McKenzie, B., & Luo, X. (2022) “Trial by Internet: A Randomized Field Experiment on Wikipedia’s Influence on Judges’ Legal Reasoning” in Kevin Tobia (ed). The Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Jurisprudence. New York: Cambridge University Press.



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Cllr Feeney appeals the decision of KCC to grant access onto Carton Avenue

Copy of my recent submission to An Bord Pleanála appealing the decision by Kildare County Council to grant an opening onto Carton Avenue to Cairn Homes Ltd.

A Chara,

Regarding the grant of permission for the above proposal to develop an access to Carton Avenue by Kildare County Council to Cairn Homes Ltd., I wish to appeal this decision for the following reasons:

- As part of the housing development application to you at ABP (file 310865-21) in July 16th 2021, the applicant included a shared pedestrian and bicycle link onto Carton Avenue as part of the development application to the Bord. The Bord rightly refused this request on Nov 1st 2021 stating that the proposed link should be omitted from the development because of "potential impacts on Carton Avenue which is of historical and landscape significance," outlining how important Carton Avenue is historically and that its integrity must be protected.
- At a Kildare County Council meeting in April 2019, it was unanimously agreed that no further work would be carried out on the Avenue until the Carton Master Plan would go on Statutory Public Display and would be approved by the Maynooth MD. The Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting, held on Friday the 12th of April 2019, records this decision:
- "On the proposal of Councillor McGinley and with all members in agreement it was further agreed that no further work shall be carried out on the Avenue until the Master Plan goes on Statutory Public Display and is approved by the Maynooth MD." Regarding the Master Plan, at the March 2022 MD Council meeting I requested an update on the Master Plan for Carton Avenue and when it would be made available to the members and the public. In the response, I was informed that the Council is engaging a consultant to prepare a conservation plan for the Avenue and that the projected timeframe is September to December 2022.
- From reading the Planner's Report it is clear to me that the basis for accepting this proposed development is incorrect. In the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 the following zoning applies to the section of this proposal adjoining Carton Avenue:
- S - Carton Avenue - To protect and provide for passive amenity use of a 60 metre buffer zone on either side of Carton Avenue / the Lime Walk. The area covered by this zoning objective shall remain undeveloped and shall include a management regime so that the character and setting of this historic walkway is protected and improved.
- In the Zoning Matrix, Playing Fields and Park/Playground are Open for Consideration. This covers all of the 60-metre buffer zone. It is suggested in the Planners Report that because Playing Fields/Park/Playground is Open for Consideration that this justifies this development. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is quite clear that the buffer lands will be used at some stage for passive and active recreation, but nowhere does it state that a shared pedestrian/cycle path is open for consideration. It is very clear that the Objective of the S Zoning is to preserve the integrity of the Historic setting and landscape of Carton Avenue.
- In addition, the Planner's Report states that a pedestrian/cycle path connection from the Dunboyne Road to Carton Avenue, as outlined under the Roads Objectives Map of the Maynooth LAP, is effectively another reason to allow this proposal. Again, I state that this is incorrect. If you look at the Roads Objective Map (Drawing 200/18/905) in the Maynooth LAP 2013-2019, it is clearly talking about a shared pedestrian/cycle path along the Dunboyne Road and Blacklion Road to the Carton Avenue entrance opposite Carton House Estate. There is no suggestion whatsoever that there should be a shared pedestrian/cycle path from the new development to Carton Avenue.
- Carton Avenue has been in existence since 1750 and is a precious space and we need to retain its integrity. In 1981, the then owner, the Honorable David Nall Cain, gave Carton Avenue as a public amenity, in the care of Kildare County Council. Carton Avenue and the amenity have been well maintained by Carton House, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County Council over the years. However, in September 2018, when a 4m wide opening and two 2.2m wide footpaths were constructed from the Limetree Hall housing development onto the Avenue there was an outcry from the community supported by all local councillors about the incursion which was an appalling eyesore and was completely out of character with the Avenue.
- While permeability is important and I fully support all efforts to encourage and promote a modal shift to active travel, Carton Avenue Limetree Walk is an exceptional amenity; there is a preservation order on the trees and Kildare County Council is the custodian of the Avenue and has a duty to retain the integrity of this valuable and historic public amenity in Maynooth.

• I believe that no justification has been given for this unacceptable planning decision to destroy the integrity of Carton Avenue, compounding the outrageous planning decision that led to the creation of an access from Limetree Hall in 2018. It would seem to the residents of Maynooth that the intention of Kildare Co. Council is to destroy this wonderful amenity and I call on An Bord Pleanála to defend the people of Maynooth by calling a halt to the destruction of the integrity of Carton Avenue.

• To conclude, given the historic space that is the Avenue, the sensitivity of the area as acknowledged by the Bord in its refusal and the motion approved by members to await the delivery of a master plan for the site before any further such developments would take place, the Bord should overturn the decision by Kildare County Council.

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Cllr Angela Feeney PhD

Climate Innovation Funding

Kildare County Council has issued a second call for the Climate Innovation Fund 2022. Who can apply? Community groups that foster innovative climate solutions in Kildare. Joint applications with SMEs, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, early-career researchers, education institutions and citizens active in Kildare are also welcomed.

How much? The amount for the Clane/Maynooth MD is €18,400 with the minimum funding request is €5,000 for any individual project. This funding grant is being provided from Local Property Tax funds as allocated by the elected members of Kildare County Council.

Closing date for application submissions is Sunday 11th September at 23:59pm For more details and how to apply, please visit: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/applications>. If you have any queries on this or other issues email afeeney@kildarecoco.ie

The Annual Kildare Garda Youth Awards

Get Nominating! The Annual Kildare Garda Youth Awards will return to the county next month. These Awards provide an opportunity to recognise the achievements of young persons and groups in our communities, whether that be in delivering positive social impacts or in overcoming challenge and adversity and are a real highlight of the year. Nominations can be submitted quickly and easily via our online link.

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<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdhmzN6NZh.../viewform...>

with opportunities being afforded to nominators to participate in the presentation of the selected award winners.

Event will take place in Newbridge Town Hall on Friday 16th September 2022 from 7 – 9pm.

Annual Play Day 2022

Kildare County Council's Annual Play Day Event 10th– 17th September. A Treasure Hunt will take place across the county and children are encouraged to get involved by picking up their treasure hunt leaflet from their local participating library.

Play Day is a national initiative aimed at promoting play and recreation opportunities for children and young people all over Ireland. The theme of this year's event is All Play Together and children are invited to join in the fun in Kildare by visiting local sights, answering the fun treasure hunt questions and return the leaflet to the local library for a chance to win a book voucher worth €10.

There are 700 book vouchers up for grabs for 2022 Play Day in Kildare and entries will be accepted until Saturday 17th September. But don't delay, the first 50 submissions to each location will win the €10 book vouchers.


Outdoor play has a positive impact on children's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical wellbeing. Kildare County Council is proud to support this creative play initiative which is co-funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

Further details available from parks@kildarecoco.ie.#KildarePlayDay



RIP Tom McMullon

Former long serving Chair of Maynooth Community Council, Mr. Thomas (Tom) McMullon sadly passed away on July 28th. Tom made such an enormous contribution to his own community of Cluain Aoibhinn and the wider community of Maynooth over many years through his work as Chair of Maynooth Community Council, setting up Maynooth Festival and the long-standing twinning between Maynooth and Canet-en-Roussillon in France.

Cllr Feeney extends her sincere sympathy to his wife, Maura, his sons Andy and James and the extended family. Tom will be sadly missed. Codladh sámh Tom.



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES



Carton Avenue

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the approval by an Bord Pleanála for the Cairn Group’s proposed development at the Dunboyne Road. In particular, it welcomes that the permission prioritises permeability of active travel ie the link between the development and Carton Avenue over perceived impact on heritage. It is regrettable that the permission did not include the last few metres to link into the existing path in Carton Avenue but that is a matter for another time. Using parks and green areas for walking and cycling infrastructure is standard practice in the leading Irish local authority for the provision of active travel, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council, and elsewhere.

Female Cyclist Verbally Abused by Male Driver

It has been brought to our attention that recently a female cyclist using the traffic lane rather than the shared path on the Moyglare Road was verbally abused by a male driver. She was told to “Get onto the f***ing cycle track” by an irate male driver who objected to her choosing to use the outward bound traffic lane. The driver was obvious ignorant of the fact that bicycles are traffic too and cyclists are not legally bound to use cycle facilities.

Cycling Without Age

Cycling Without Age is an international movement which started in Denmark ten years ago to offer cycling to people who are no longer able to do so on their own – either through age or disability. Some years ago, Maynooth Cycling Campaign received funding for the purchase of a trishaw – a bike which can carry a pilot (driver) and two passengers. Due to a variety of reasons including Covid, the purchase did not go ahead and it was even considered that the funding should be returned. In recent months, however, a number of local authorities including Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Dublin City, Fingal, Wexford and Tipperary have become involved with Cycling Without Age and have purchased trishaws. Maynooth Cycling Campaign is discussions with KCC regarding plans for Kildare. More details will be provided next month.

St. Mary’s Boys School

The new St. Mary’s Boys’ School is nearing completion at the junction of the Moyglare and Kilcock Roads with the jury still out on the new appearance of the road junction. It is noted that the planning conditions require bike parking to be provided at a rate of 1 in 5 pupils plus 1 in 5 staff in accordance with the Kildare County Development Plan. As the school has been designed for 684 students, it is anticipated that more than 130 bicycle parking place will be provided. This assumes a cycling rate of 20% which may have been “adequate” at the time of planning permission but is inadequate when compared to the need to decarbonise transport in line with the government’s climate action commitments.

Local Authorities Failing to spend Cycling and Walking Funding

It was revealed that Irish local authorities only spent 58% of funding provided for walking and cycling in 2021. This is not a surprise to Maynooth Cycling Campaign which has highlighted how in recent years Kildare County Council (KCC) was one of the worst performing of 12 local authorities in the Greater Dublin and Regional Cities. To be fair to Kildare County Council, it takes time to ramp up schemes and there have been changes in personnel in KCC who are more sympathetic to active travel than their predecessors and we are hopeful that they are on the right path. However, we continue to have concerns about their commitment to high standards.

Kissing Gates

Two years ago, as the Public Participation Network’s representative on KCC’s Transportation, Safety & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee, Maynooth Cycling Campaign proposed the removal of kissing gates as a quick win for universal access to greenways and parks and their replacement with bollards in line with best international practice. In May, KCC officials rejected the proposal. In a letter last February, the Minister for Transport informed local authorities that all existing or future Greenways shall not include “non-compliant access control points” by which he meant kissing gates and similar type of accesses which are barriers to people with disabilities and to cyclists. Since then the NTA have published details of what should be installed instead. They are broadly in line with the proposals rejected by KCC.

Road Safety

Road fatalities continue to increase.

Year	Fatalities 1 Jan to 26 August
2019	85
2021	90
2022	104

With schools reopening again on 1st September, Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the announcement by the government that the fine for failing to stop at a school warden sign is set to double from €80 to €160. We hope that this will not be like many regulations which have been introduced but never enforced.

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.

Best Air Purifying Plants for Indoor Spaces

With increasing evidence that air purifying plants can clean the air in our homes and have a positive effect on our mental wellbeing, there's never been a better time to invest in one. Many chemicals are used as ingredients in products in our homes. Flooring material, electronics, and many other products that pollute your indoor air. The good news is that you can use air purifying plants to clean indoor air in your living areas, bathrooms, and even bedrooms. But what plants can clean air and remove toxins?

The best air purifying plants include the spider plant, snake plant, devil’s ivy, Chinese evergreen, peace lily, bamboo palm, dracaena, Barberton daisy, and weeping fig. Some of these houseplants are safe for cats and dogs but some are toxic.

When choosing the perfect houseplant, you want to consider whether or not it is safe for your pets (dogs and cats), and its growing requirements.

Below are a few of the best air purifying plants for all your indoor areas.

Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is one of the best air purifying plants you can buy as it continuously releases oxygen throughout the night while simultaneously taking in carbon dioxide (a good one for adding to the bedroom too). It's also relatively easy to maintain and particularly forgiving of forgetful waterers.

Position: In a bright spot but indirect light.

Care: Water it heavily once every two weeks.

Toxicity: Toxic to cats and dogs.

The Boston Fern

If nothing brings you more joy than tending to your houseplants, you'll get on well with the Boston fern, which likes attention. Scientists say the lush green houseplant is worth the maintenance though as a 2010 study by the American Society of Horticultural Science found that ferns removed more formaldehyde from the air than any other plant. They can also remove pollutants from car exhausts entering the home.

Toxicity: Non-toxic to cats and dogs.

The Lady Palm

This gorgeous air purifying plant can stand as tall as six feet and tolerates dark spaces in the home. It's one of the best air purifying house plants for helping to reduce levels of ammonia, according to NASA, as well as formaldehyde, xylene and toluene.

Lady palm, or rhaps excelsa, is native to Asia and has a unique appearance of broad fan-like leaves and bamboo-style stems.

Position: It's happy in low-light areas and makes a good hallway or living room plant.

Care: The lady palm enjoys generous amounts of water, with proper drainage needed to avoid root rot.

Toxicity: Non-toxic to cats and dogs.

The Spider Plant

The spider plant is known as one of the best air filtration houseplants because of a large cumulative leaf surface area for cleaning air, removing toxins like formaldehyde and benzene emitted by furniture polish, paint thinner, tobacco smoke, detergent aerosols, and air fresheners. Spider plants are air filters that tolerate low light conditions but prefer bright indirect light, which makes them easy to grow in pots and hanging baskets in most indoor settings such as bedrooms, bathrooms, living areas, etc. You can place this air cleaning plant in an office with a window or hung from the ceiling to get enough indirect sunlight.

The Peace Lily

A stunning house or office plant, peace lilies are air purifying plants loved for their beautiful flowers. NASA and RHS-approved for having in the house, they help clear the air of formaldehyde, trichloroethylene and benzene, a known carcinogen. It can improve the indoor air quality by 60 per cent and help reduce the levels of mould spores from the air.

Position: Peace lilies aren't fans of direct sun light as their leaves can burn so place it in a shady spot, while the flowers are more plentiful if they get more light.

Care: The low-maintenance air purifying indoor plant's leaves droop when it is thirsty, essentially telling you when it needs water, but once a week is recommended.




Toxicity: Toxic to cats and dogs.

Some of the benefits of Indoor Plants

- Indoor plants may help reduce stress levels
- Working with plants can be therapeutic
- Plants improve the quality of indoor air

Sharing your living or working space with living, “breathing” plant life can make your environment a happier, healthier place to be.

Source: www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/house-and-home/g32319013/air-purifying-plants/ Source: www.gardenine.com/best-air-purifying-plants



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Good food habits set early in childhood can last a lifetime.



Lunches provide around one third of our daily nutritional needs, so it's important to put some thought and planning into them. Here are some tips on how to prepare a healthy lunchbox that your child will eat and enjoy.

- Fluids are important for children – up to 6 cups of fluid should be encouraged daily. Milk and water are the best options. Straws and brightly coloured drinks bottles can make drinks more interesting!
- Get your child involved in packing lunches. Let them help choose some element of their lunch. Pick a colourful lunchbox or let them decorate one with stickers.
- Children often need to see and taste new foods several times before they accept them, so try out new ideas at teatime or the weekend before including them in a lunchbox Tired of packing the same old lunch? - Keep it varied

Help keep lunches cool and safe by following these tips:

REMEMBER THAT SANDWICHES CONTAINING MEAT OR OTHER FOODS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION SHOULD BE KEPT AS COLD AS POSSIBLE UNTIL LUNCH. HELP KEEP LUNCHES COOL AND SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS:

- An insulated box or bag can be used to help keep lunches cool. • It is important that lunches are not kept in a warm place such as near radiators or in direct sunlight • Throw away any perishable food that hasn't been eaten at the end of the day • Wash and dry reusable water bottles, lids and lunchboxes every day in warm soapy water • To keep the cool air in, minimize the number of times your child needs to open the lunchbox, by packing other food items that don't need to be kept cool separately. And last, always remember to wash your hands before eating lunch. Please note that your child's school may have a policy relating to food allergies.

- Include a wide variety of foods – fruit and vegetables, starchy foods, protein and dairy • Add interest to the lunchbox – try some of the following ideas: –

Healthy Lunches

Vegetables, salad and fruit At least one portion from the fruit and vegetables food group... • 1 medium apple, orange, banana, pear or similar size fruit • 2 small fruits – plums, kiwis or similar size fruit • A small glass (150ml) of unsweetened fruit juice • Half a tin (3 tablespoons or 4 dessertspoons) of fruit in its own juice



- 1 heaped dessertspoon of dried fruit (for example, raisins or sultanas) • 1 small bunch of grapes (10 grapes)
- 1 small salad (for example, dessert bowl sized salad of lettuce, tomato, cucumber and celery sticks) • 3 tablespoons or 4 dessertspoons of vegetables (for example, chopped or grated carrots).
- A bowl of homemade vegetable soup in a thermos flask for older children.

Dairy products are especially important in the diets of children and teenagers as they provide calcium to support growing bones and teeth. Low-fat natural yoghurt with fruit is the best option. Lean cuts of meat such as chicken breast are lower in salt than processed meats such as ham and bacon. Choose lean meat more often than processed.

Meat, poultry, fish, eggs, beans and nuts. One portion from the meat and meat alternatives food group... • 2 slices (50–75g) of cooked meat • 1–2 eggs (hard-boiled, sliced or mashed) • A small can (100g) of tuna, salmon, mackerel or sardines • 4 tablespoons of hummus - try out as a dip with carrots or celery Note: Fish such as tinned tuna or salmon should be included in the lunchbox at least once a week – remove any bone.



Wholemeal cereals and breads, potatoes, pasta and rice One portion from the bread and cereals group which would be... • 2 thin slices of wholemeal bread • 1 small bread roll • 1 tortilla wrap • 1 pitta bread • 4–6 crackers or breadsticks • 1 cup of cooked rice, pasta or couscous • 1 small bagel

Milk, yoghurt and cheese One portion from the dairy products food group... • 1 glass or mini-carton of milk (200ml) • A pot of natural or low-fat yoghurt (125ml) or custard • 2 cheese triangles • 2 thumbs (25g) of cheese such as cheddar, edam or gouda varieties Note: Low-fat dairy products are suitable for children over two years of age. Flavoured milks are also a good source of calcium but have a higher energy and sugar content than plain milk – check labels and compare brands.



It is important that children take in enough fluids during the day. If they do not drink enough, they may become dehydrated, thirsty, tired and weak. Drinks should always be included for break-time and lunch. Water and milk are the most suitable drinks for children. Because of its natural sugar content, unsweetened fruit juice should only be consumed with meals and ideally diluted (one part juice to ten parts water).

Children who eat a nutritious lunch in school are better able to concentrate and learn.

Source: www2.hse.ie/file-library/health-eating-active-living/healthy-lunchboxes.pdf

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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Who Goes with Fergus?

'So you're going to college after a full day's work, more power to you.' 'Yep.' Colin was standing in an uptown bus behind the driver, a Leitrim man who, despite battling hectic traffic, obviously welcomed his conversation. 'Doing electrical layouts isn't that strenuous.' 'And what would those involve? 'Oh, drawings showing the exact locations of receptacles and switches, that sort of thing; it means the electricians don't have to waste time checking architectural and other drawings – their pay is much better than ours.' 'And where did you come by all that know-how?' 'In Galway Uni; I was studying Civil Engineering.' 'And why aren't you working at that?' Colin hesitated. He didn't like confessing that he hadn't got past repeating 2nd Year in U.C.G. but what the hell? This was America, a place of new beginnings. 'That's a good question,' he held tight to the back of the driver's seat as the bus swung out into another lane. 'I didn't finish in Galway and, anyway, my present job isn't too tiring, so in the evenings I can do a bit of studying and socializing.' 'I hear there's lots of smart Jewish guys in City College.' 'Yep, and plenty of other students, WASPS, Black Americans, Puerto Ricans, Europeans, one or two English; it's quite a mix. That's what I like about the place.' 'Well, I can only say I admire you.' 'Why?' 'You're getting a college education and you're not busting your chops driving through traffic like this for a living.'

At 129th and Amsterdam he said goodbye to the driver and dismounted. Now he was passing a group of teenagers from nearby Harlem, studiously avoiding eye contact. An unexpected blow to the side of his face rocked him. In a fit of anger he put down his satchel of books and challenged the fellow who had hit him to a fight. Surprised by this reaction, the others held back while the aggressor raised his fists. Soon he and Colin were dancing round each other, trading harmless blows. After a while it dawned on him that he was tiring. If he went down anything could happen. Best to call it a day while he was still on his feet. 'Alright,' he said, 'let's shake hands.' The request must have been so unexpected that his opponent acquiesced. 'Why did you hit me?' he looked him full in the face. The fellow shrugged, 'I don't know.' 'Well, you're certainly fast on your feet,' Colin acknowledged. He realized that his unexpected reaction had won the respect of this young fellow's mates, so they wouldn't attack him. Picking up his bag, he continued almost jauntily uphill to the college. You couldn't really blame those guys for resenting the intrusion of students into their neighbourhood. What were their prospects, apart from unemployment and petty crime? If they'd been given the opportunity he'd squandered: three years in Galway during which he had spent more time at plays in the *Taibhdhearc* and films in the Astoria than studying? But he had other things to consider now, particularly how Lillian would react if she saw his bruised cheek.

Lillian, a receptionist in The Plaza Hotel, was one of those glamorous, self-assured girls who wordlessly convey social expectations. It was to win the approval of her and her businessman father Tom Ryan that he had decided to complete his degree by taking evening lectures. Unlike the situation in Ireland, City College believed that technical know-how should be balanced by knowledge of the liberal arts. As a result, he found that while he just passed engineering courses, he got high grades in subjects such as Psychology, Sociology and English. If it weren't for Lillian agreeing with her father – but he wasn't being fair. The truth was he himself wished to wipe out the stigma of past failure. So what if Lillian wanted him to do well?

Presently his thoughts drifted to Alexandra Tomkins, or Sandi, as she preferred to be called. Would she be in his English class this evening? She was a vivacious young woman from St Albans who combined an upper-class accent with a freewheeling lifestyle. Guys in the college flocked around her like bees round a honeycomb. He had never ventured beyond group chitchat, convinced that any attempt to gain her interest would be met with amused indifference. Not that the traditional British attitude to 'Paddies' held sway in America; JFK's term in The White House, tragically cut short the previous year, had eliminated their last social barrier. But he had better focus on this evening's lectures. Half an hour later, after crossing the Neo-Gothic campus, he was sitting in a medium-sized room, listening to Lecturer William Miller discuss that evening's assigned poems: Thomas's 'Fern Hill', Frost's 'The Road Not Taken' and Yeats's 'Who Goes with Fergus?' Sandi was in the front row, busy taking notes when not asking questions, one of which was if Miller had ever met Dylan Thomas. This led to his recounting a visit to The Poetry Center where Dylan had taken the lead role in a performance of *Under Milk Wood*. Colin remembered seeing that play in the Circle in the Square with Lillian. He had been entranced but she, who loved Broadway productions, had been bored and critical of the theatre's rough seating. In the Frost poem Miller asked them to explain why the road taken really wasn't that different from the one kept for another day. Finally, it was the Yeats poem but instead of discussing it, he dismissed it as a charming but fanciful creation.

That was too much for Colin. Battling self-consciousness he raised his hand. "I think there's more to the poem than fanciful creation," he blurted out. 'Really!' Miller raised his eyebrows. 'Perhaps you'll enlighten us.' 'Well, first of all Fergus wasn't just a name Yeats picked at random,' Colin steadied his voice, 'he was the King of Ulster, who gave up his throne to his son-in-law Conchobhar, or Conor, on the understanding he'd get it back after a year.' 'And why did he give up his throne?' Miller was bemused or amused; it was hard to tell which. 'To please Nessa, his wife,' Colin explained. 'Anyway, when he failed to get the kingship back he reconciled himself to the ensuing situation. In fact, you could say he was the first beatnik.' This statement drew chuckles from the class. 'Go on,' Miller encouraged. 'How does that add significance to the poem?' 'Well it's about the conflict between art and life. Fergus wants to lead us to the deep woods and the level shore and to forget about love's bitter mystery. He rules those places that are the realms of poetic imagination. Yeats himself was –' 'I think we get the general picture,' Miller raised his hand, 'but unfortunately we've run out of time. For our next session I want you to read the assigned poems of W. H. Auden, Emily Dickinson and Ezra Pound - who, of course, influenced Yeats. Oh! And Colin Scott, I'd like a brief word with you.' 'Now I'm for it, correcting Miller before the class,' he rebuked himself, while avoiding the eyes of Sandi, filing past with other students. 'That was quite an impressive commentary,' the lecturer waited till they were alone. 'I'm sorry if I seemed to pass over Yeats's poem, but then - fortuitously let me confess - you stepped into the breach. You obviously have a good knowledge of his poetry.' 'Yes,' Colin agreed.

'I'm interested in Celtic mythology, Lady Gregory's *Cuchulain of Muirthemne* and –' 'Quite! Quite!' The lecturer raised his hands to indicate that he understood. 'By the way, what happened to the side of your face?' 'A young fellow struck me as I was coming here. It wasn't a vicious attack.' 'It still shouldn't have happened. If you want a lift to the subway later?' 'No,

thanks; I'll be fine.' 'Okay then. One final question: have you received a letter from the dean?' 'No', Colin shook his head. 'In that case I'll look into it,' saying which Miller hurried away before he could ask what he meant. When he emerged into the corridor Sandi left a group of fellows she was with and approached him. 'That was brilliant,' she seemed almost shy. 'Do you really think so?' he found her closeness intoxicating. 'I hope I didn't bore everyone.' 'Are you kidding? It was certainly miles ahead of Miller's bland dismissal, but', she pointed to his cheek, 'how did you get that?' He explained what had happened, hoping she wouldn't classify him as another brawling Irishman. 'Oh, I think that's just super!' she exclaimed. 'You won't mind if I use it for a short story: *Brave Student Fights Street Hoodlum*? I'll submit it to The New Yorker.' 'Fire ahead!' he grinned, 'just don't play up the Irish angle.' 'I won't,' she raised her hands, palms out. 'Actually, when I was growing up we used to holiday in Cornwall and people there have historic links with Ireland: they even spoke a Celtic language once – and, of course, there was that love affair between Tristram and an Irish princess –'

'Iseult – she came from Chapelizod, near Dublin – by the way, Miller said something about me receiving a letter from the dean. Is that good or bad?' 'It's terrific. If you're on the dean's list it means you're a top-class student. You'll probably end-up being asked to join Phi Beta Kappa.' 'Phi Beta Kappa, what's that?' 'It's an honors society. Many of the top scholars in the country are members.' 'Are you a member?' 'No, it's for graduates. But my friend is. I'm more interested in writing – not that my writing's anything special.' 'I'm sure it is. Have you any of your short stories with you?' 'No. But I'll bring one in tomorrow; it was published in last week's Village Voice – that's if you don't mind reading about antiwar protestors.' 'I'd love to. How about a coffee?' 'Can't, sorry, I have an American History lecture; Manifest Destiny – and to hell with the Injuns.' 'I have a Physics lecture myself, but I could walk you to the bus or subway after that.' 'Actually I have a lift.' 'In that case I'd better be on my way.' 'No, wait!' She touched his arm. 'I'm throwing a party for some friends this Saturday. Would you like to come? My apartment's on West 112th Street, near Columbia University.'

'That sounds great. I'll bring a bottle of whiskey.' 'A bottle of wine will do. Here, I'll give you my card; it has my telephone number in case you change your mind.' 'Fine. I'm looking forward to Saturday.' He pocketed the card then watched as she hurried after her friends. Damn it! He had clean forgotten that he had promised to take Lillian to a dance and meal in The Lorelei on Saturday. He'd have to come up with some good excuse or she'd have her father drive her round to his room on West 56th Street. Lillian and Tom weren't to be trifled with, but maybe that was his problem, always doing what they expected. Frost's poem about the two roads diverging came back to him; 'And sorry I could not travel both / And be one traveler, long I stood...' Maybe that was where he stood now, trying to get an engineering degree to satisfy the bourgeois expectations of the Ryans, even though something told him that his most intellectually rewarding pathway would be through Liberals Arts. He could probably scrape by as an engineer but at what cost to his peace-of-mind? Yeats in his subtle way had put his finger on the solution, turn away from brooding on 'love's bitter mystery' and follow Fergus. He'd have to think hard about that.

P.G. Nerney



Writers’ Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers (Cont.)

<p>Highlights</p> <p>Yes, I look on them as such, Though small when set against What others have accomplished. I swam at the Great Barrier Reef, No wet suit, flippers, goggles, Just a pair of well-worn togs And for a few, tense moments Doubted that I’d reach The safety of our anchored ship.</p> <p>Then there was that time My wife and I visited China’s famous, ancient wall; We were supposed to walk A certain distance then turn back, But, disregarding strict instructions, We ventured blithely on Till, finally aware of time, We hastily retraced our steps.</p> <p>I’ll mention another venture, One where we didn’t flout the rules, Our visit to Yosemite, That magic Californian valley; A crowded bus took us deep Into a place of shade and silence Where we explored on foot Spots where bears and bobcats lurked</p>	<p>And brought a giant pinecone back.</p> <p>But not to overlook this land, Where many happenings of note Have left their imprint on my mind, I’ll include Antrim’s sea- washed Gobbins. Just conjure up an image of A half-decrepit, anxious couple Making their way along a path With stairways hewn from solid rock And down below the hungry sea.</p> <p>Today I can barely walk And past adventures shift into Things that mightn’t have occurred Or if they did they pale beside Discords that beset most countries Or, greatest danger, climate change, That warns us with threatening fires. Yes, we’re now poised upon the brink Of a vast, manmade abyss...</p> <p>Colin Scott 26 - 07 - 2022</p>	<p>SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN</p> <p>It is with great trepidation that I venture into an area «adding my sum of more to that which had (perhaps) too much». (As You Like It). However, here goes! Again, Shakespeare's words are apt. In the Merchant of Venice he has Jessica declare «our house is hell». Well, I can echo that by saying that «our school was hell» but unfortunately there was no «merry devil» to «rob it of some taste of tediousness»! «Tediousness»! Maybe not the most apt word for the reign of terror that was our school. It was a two- teacher country school with the Missus reigning over all up to second class. She wasn't averse to corporal punishment herself but it was on the Master's side that the «rod» was the real ruler!</p> <p>When it had to be replaced a sixth-class boy was sent to cut one in the hedge. Six is the most I recall getting at one time though I well remember having three several inches-long ridges on my head having been walloped for fluffing a line of poetry. That was unusual, however, and holding out the hand for as many lashes of that rod as were arbitrarily deemed fitting was the usual aide-mémoire! I counted up to 14 for less fortunate «boding tremblers». And tremblers we were, tracing «the day's disasters in his morning face»! (Goldsmith, The Deserted Village). As we approached the school each morning we turned a certain corner and if the bicycle wasn't in its place hope filled our hearts. That, however, was a rare occurrence.</p> <p>It was a horrible place to be. Children are natural learners and mistakes are part of learning. Why make children suffer pain because they are learners?</p>	<p>Why make them hate that which they love doing? They all cry at birth but they cry again, internally, when the cold air of threat and oppression hits them as they make their first steps in school. All the younger members of the various families knew what was in store for them but once inside the school door they didn't have long to wait before seeing it and feeling it themselves.</p> <p>The usual excuse offered for such behaviour is «Oh those were different days. Corporal punishment was part of life then». I utterly reject such vacuous comments. My school was under the management of the local parish priest or his curate. They knew what was going on and if they didn't they should have! They were ministers in the Church of Christ and that Church was always supposed to be a prophetic church. The essential rôle of a prophet is to see what's before his/her eyes and intervene to remedy anything out of place. Christ spent all his public life, and perhaps his private life too, doing just that. He showed people how and where they were out of touch with the will of God. Shouldn't his followers do the same?</p> <p>Do I forgive my teachers? I certainly do, just as Christ has forgiven me. «They did not know what they were doing»! Then why bring it up? Just to remind teachers of who they are! A teacher “can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration, can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is his/her response that decides whether a crisis is escalated or de-escalated, and a person is humanized or de-humanized”. (Haim G. Ginott).</p> <p>GM.</p>
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How to deep clean your Wheelie Bin

The recent hot weather highlighted quite a stinky problem for many Irish households, but one that is easily remedied. Often we can forget about our wheelie bins – particularly the household waste and compost bin – and how dirty they can get. Generally, it’s not a concern but when the temperature rises, so too does the stink. If your bins are stored near any area in which you might indulge in outdoor entertaining like barbecuing, then you’ll want to avoid it ruining another sunny day.

The first steps to a more hygienic outdoor bin start inside your home. Where possible, rinse packaging before you place it in the bin. This is something you should already be doing for your recycling but doing so on non-recyclable materials it can prevent a smell from forming. Similarly, if you use bin liners, make sure you expel as much air from them as possible before tying them off and placing them in your wheelie bin. Try to keep your bin in a shaded area as well. Too much direct sunlight will accelerate decomposition and make smells rise, which can also attract insects and flies.

You should wash out your bins every two months. Pour half a cup of white vinegar and some washing-up liquid into the bin and half-fill it with hot water. Allow it to sit for an hour before rinsing the water down a drain. Repeat this a few more times for the best result and turn the bin upside down with the lid open to air dry.

You can also scrub the inside of the bin to remove any grime. The easiest method is to turn the bin on its side so it’s lying on the ground. Using a long-handled brush, such as an old sweeping brush, scrub the side of the bin closest to the ground. Rotate the bin to repeat this on each inner side.

One of the most obvious reasons to keep a bin clean is to avoid attracting flies to it. However if you’ve noticed an increasing presence of them, there are a few other things you can do to keep them at bay. Flies hate citrus scents, so rub down the lid with citronella oil or any other citrus essential oil to repel them.

Don’t forget the exterior of the bin either. Give it a scrub with a solution of white vinegar and washing-up liquid in warm water to remove dirt and prevent a stink on the surface. And to avoid major smells from forming again, sprinkle the end of the bin with bicarbonate of soda and a splash of lemon juice.

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

Never known to fail.
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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



It is great to be back. We know from our members that the re-sumption of the Club on Thursday mornings has been looked forward to for such a long time and now our senior citizens are delighted to be able to meet again for a cuppa and a chat and to take part in activities. Transport to Saturday evening mass has also been availed of by some of our members, again a welcome return of this service. We are in the process of planning ahead and we will have more on that in the coming weeks and months.

Over the last number of weeks our Club members have enjoyed games of bingo and art classes which have proved to be very popular. We have had 12-14 people attending both activities. Lots of works of art are being produced by the end of each session. The results have been amazing as you will see from some examples below.

Bingo also brought its own fun, with great rivalry between those on one side of the room and the other as to who is winning. Both bingo and painting require concentration and it is not found wanting among our members.

The committee volunteers who run the Club ensure that everything is planned and prepared. Tea/coffee making, biscuits/buns

are all at the ready. Tea and a chat is just as important the activities. Transport is provided for those who need it. Thanks to Tony and Johnny for their help in always having the room set up for us.

A morning in the Club lifts the spirits and does everyone good.

**Susan Durack, PRO
Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee**



Enjoying chat and cuppa after art session



Our group of budding artists



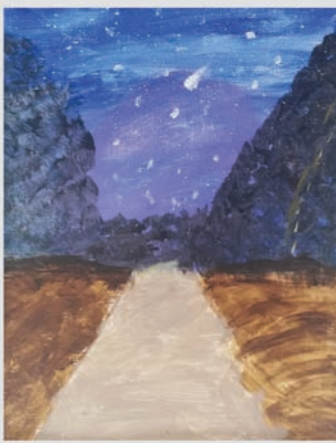
Busy at Bingo



Flower Study by
Josie Egan



Starry Night by
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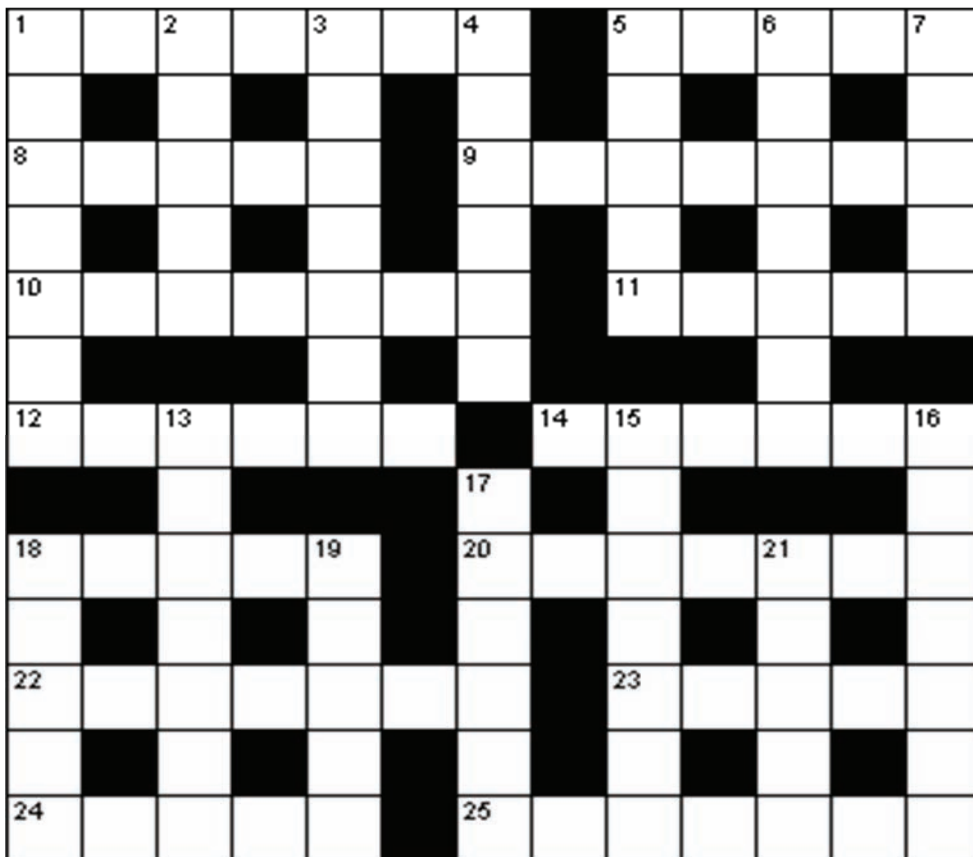
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App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
221020	Kildare County Council	Eircom Ltd.	8.5m southwest of existing telephone kiosk to the side of Maynooth Garda Station, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	19/08/2022
221012	Kildare County Council	CDS (Superstores International) Limited,	The Range, Carton Retail Park, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	18/08/2022
221006	Kildare County Council	John O'Brennan,	17 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 V2D0.	16/08/2022
221000	Kildare County Council	Philip and Ann-Marie Donohoe,	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/08/2022
22995	Kildare County Council	Grace and Barry Buckley,	No. 2, Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/08/2022
22314337	Kildare County Council	Cairn Homes Properties Ltd	Mariavilla, Moyglare Road, Maynooth	11/08/2022
22957	Kildare County Council	Darren Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/08/2022
22953	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University,	Buckley House, Parson Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	03/08/2022
22931	Kildare County Council	The Society of the Divine Word,	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	29/07/2022

September 2022 Crossword - No. 516



Clues Across

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| 1. Theft (7) | 14. Soldiers (6) |
| 5. Ambit (5) | 18. Percussion instruments (5) |
| 8. Relating to a city (5) | 20. Burrowing rodent (7) |
| 9. Closest (7) | 22. View (7) |
| 10. Foster (7) | 23. Stroll (5) |
| 11. Public square (5) | 24. Choose (5) |
| 12. Floor covering (6) | 25. Pull out (7) |



Solutions to Crossword No. 515



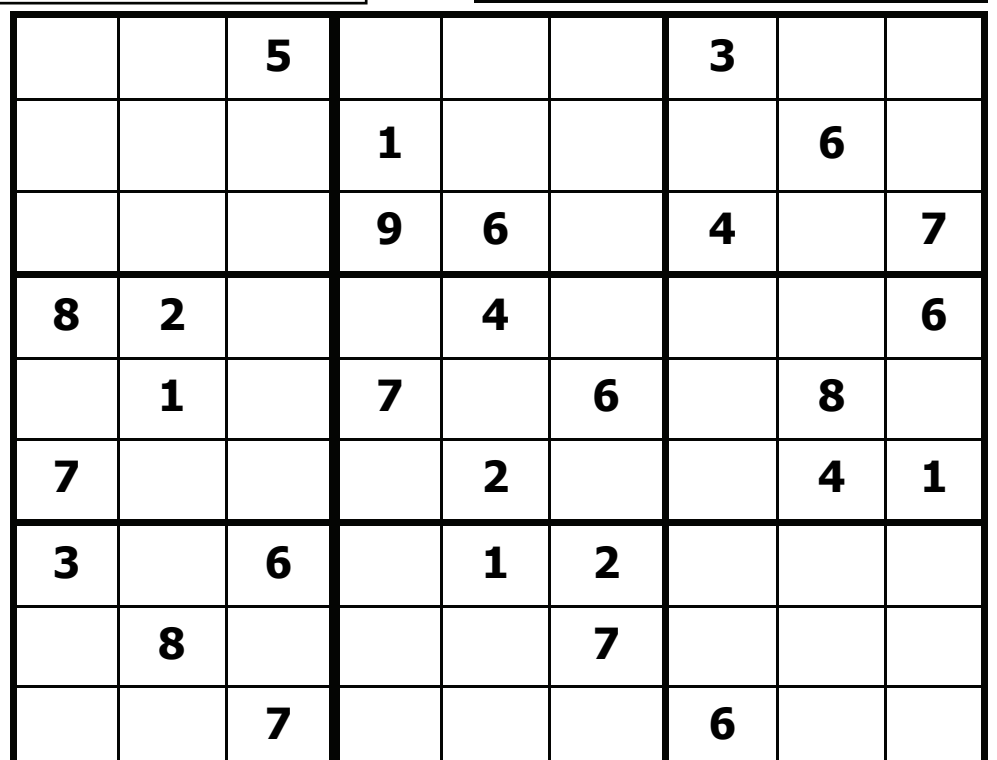
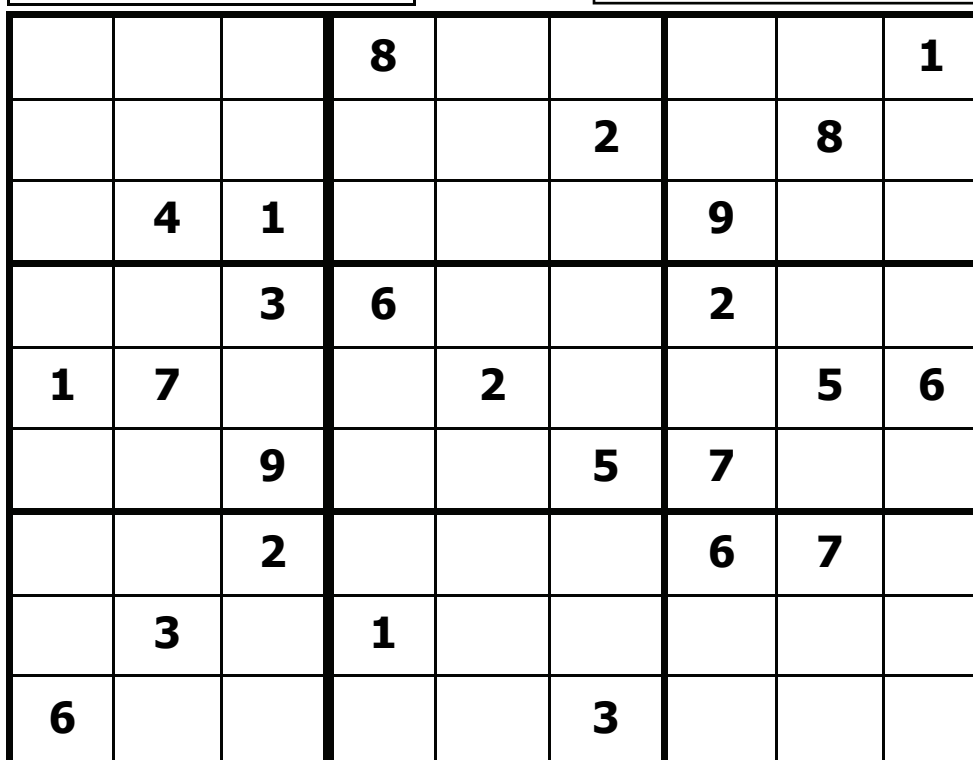
Clues Down

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| 1. Curt (7) | 13. Habitual method (7) |
| 2. Watercourse (5) | 15. Oddment (7) |
| 3. Leave out (7) | 16. Excess (7) |
| 4. Distant but visible (6) | 17. Opportunity (6) |
| 5. Acute (5) | 18. Stingless male bee (5) |
| 6. Aromatic herb (7) | 19. Change position (5) |
| 7. Additional (5) | 21. Shinbone (5) |

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Sudoku Challenge

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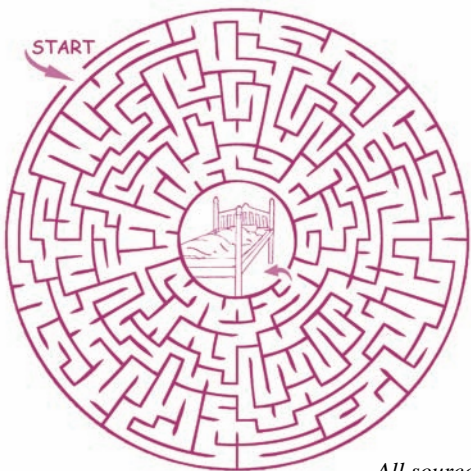


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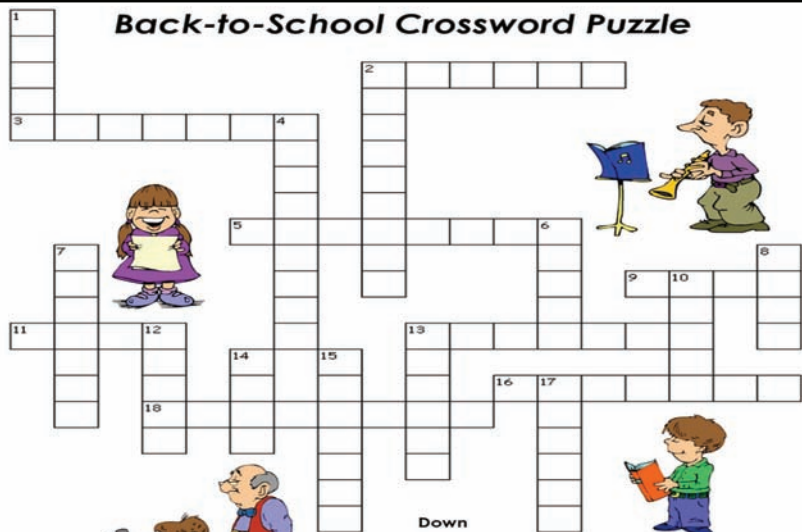
I can travel at nearly 100 miles per hour, but never leave the room.
You can cover me up, but that doesn't slow me down.
You will not know if I come only once or again and again and again.
What am I?

Answer: A Sneeze



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5	6	8	3	2	1	4	9	7
7	9	3	8	6	4	5	1	2

Sudoku Answers



- Across**
2. tool for writing
 3. tools for coloring
 5. device for connecting to the internet
 9. used to stick papers together
 11. another word for quiz
 13. to put a point on a pencil
 16. person who plans lessons and helps you learn
 18. book with blank pages for writing

Down

1. subject in which you learn about songs and instruments
2. person in charge of a school
4. yellow vehicle that brings kids to school
6. measuring tool
7. people you like being around
8. look at words and understand them
10. afternoon meal
12. what you do with your brain
13. place where students learn
14. subject in which you learn about numbers
15. place where books are kept
17. pink item that helps remove mistakes

Q: What happens if you throw a red sun hat?
A: It gets wet!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

There are seven.



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September Recipes

Roast whiting with chorizo and tomatoes

Ingredients: Serves 6

8-12 whiting fillets or similar
100g chorizo
250g cherry tomatoes
1 pepper, red or yellow
Small bunch fresh basil
Crusty white bread

Method:

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Remove the skin from the whiting by placing the fillet on the chopping board flesh side up. Use a sharp, flexible (if possible) knife. Make a small nick at the tail end but don't cut all the way through to the skin; this will give you something to grip. Carefully work towards the top of the fillet from the tail end, gripping firmly while using a saw-like motion with the knife. The skin should come away in one piece. Remove any bones you can feel. Repeat with each fillet. Place each fillet on a large oiled baking tray. Fold each one in half with the tail tucked underneath to create a small compact rectangle. Place a thin slice of chorizo on top of each one and then scatter the tomatoes, chopped pepper and remaining chorizo around the fish. Bake in the hot oven for 12-15 minutes until the chorizo is crisp, tomatoes ready to burst and the fish opaque. Scatter with torn basil leaves and serve straight away with crusty bread to mop up the sauce.



Lamb with olives and baked feta

Ingredients: Serves 4

2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 tbs olive oil
250ml red wine
8 black olives, halved and stones removed
15g mixed herbs
1 shoulder of lamb, about 1.5kg, boned
2 large handfuls of spinach
200g feta cheese
200g cherry tomatoes
4tbs basil pesto

Method:

Mix the crushed garlic, oil, olives and roughly torn herbs. Rub this mix all over the inside of the lamb piece - no need to put it on the fat-covered side. Pour the red wine over and make sure every part of the meat is covered with the wine. Roll it all up and place in a sealed tupperware or zip-lock bag in the fridge for a few hours to marinate.

Preheat the oven to 170°C. Unroll the lamb and place in a roasting tray with 250ml of water and any of the marinade that hasn't been soaked up. Cover tightly with foil and cook for two to three hours (three is best). Then remove the foil, baste the meat with juices and add another splash of water, if needed. Turn the oven up high to 200°C and roast uncovered for 10 minutes or so until the meat is crisp and browned. Cover with foil and leave to rest for a few minutes before serving.

You can cook the feta while the oven is high and browning the lamb. Roughly chop the spinach. Place in a colander and pour over boiling water. Leave to cool slightly, then squeeze dry and place at the base of a small oven-proof dish. Place the feta on top and cover with the chopped tomatoes. Drizzle with oil and bake for 10 - 15 minutes. To serve, simply shred the lamb with two forks and then spoon over some over some of the pan juices. Serve with the hot baked feta and cauliflower purée or mashed potato and a drizzle of pesto or fresh herbs.



Apple and Chestnut Soup

Ingredients: Serves 4 - 6

2 pints of chicken stock
115g shallots
170g peeled potatoes
2 large apples
300g chestnuts (poached and peeled)
20g butter
200ml cream
Toasted hazelnuts (to garnish)
Seasoning, to taste

Method:

Melt the butter, then add shallots, apples and poached and peeled chestnuts. Cook until it's transparent in colour and then add diced potatoes. Season, then add chicken stock and simmer for 30 minutes approximately. Liquidize all ingredients and then pass through a fine sieve. Season to taste and then add cream. Garnish this soup with toasted hazelnuts and sliced fresh apple.



September Gardening

Autumn has started to creep in. It is now time to get ready for the start of the next season. Autumn is one of the best planting seasons as the roots of new plants will have time to establish before the onset of winter. Flowers buy spring bulbs and plant them as soon as possible, the fresher they are going into the ground, the better they will flower. Take cuttings of tender plants such as geraniums, marguerites, fuchsias and argyranthemums to carry over winter. Conditions are usually ideal with heat in the soil and adequate moisture to encourage rooting immediately. Continue feeding and watering baskets and other containers on a regular basis.

Shrubs & Roses:

Shrub roses and ramblers could now be pruned by removing some of the shoots that flowered. Roses that were pruned after flowering and were given some rose fertilizer will be showing a new crop of late buds and flowers - these can even flower into early winter if there is no frost. Evergreen shrubs could be moved now if they need to be given more space. Finish clipping hedges as soon as possible, all kinds of hedge can be clipped at this time and they will stay neat longer if clipped now. Prepare ground for planting trees and shrubs, including hedging, if not already done. The planting itself can take place now for evergreens or in two months for bare-root deciduous trees, or planting can be delayed until spring if the weather is wet and the ground becomes sodden. Do not plant until spring in an exposed area as the young trees will be damaged by strong winds before they get a chance to get established. Check that trees recently planted are properly staked and stake any old shrubs that appear top-heavy. Check on wall trained climbers that their support is solid.



Fruit & Vegetables:

If you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you will be busy harvesting. It is time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs.

Dig up remaining potatoes before the slugs damage them. Plant spring cabbage into ground vacated by early potatoes. No

fertilizer is needed because the potatoes would have been adequately fed. This ground is also usually nice and open after potatoes – just the conditions that spring cabbage needs to make some growth before winter. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so they are ready for use in the autumn. Cover leafy vegetable crops with netting.



Making Potpourri:

Garden Potpourri allows you to bring not only some of the flowers, leaves and pods inside with you, you can bring some of the scents of the season. It's not hard to make your own potpourri. Look for flowers that hold onto their colour and still look good when dry, like geraniums, lavender, peonies, and roses. Add in interesting seed pods, like sweetgum and rose hips. Pinecones make a nice chunky addition. For more colour, include berries like beautyberry and holly. You can include leaves, but they tend to fall apart quickly when dried. Look for thicker leaves, like leather-leaf viburnum and the lacy leaves of scented geraniums. Dried citrus peel and dried apple slices add fragrance and nice texture. For extra scent add some essential oils. No matter how you make your potpourri, do not use metal bowls or utensils. These can react with your ingredients and alter the fragrance. Glass, ceramic and wood are the safest materials. Plastic is fine too, but the scent will linger in it for weeks. A quick and easy way to mix up a batch of potpourri is to add a few drops of essential oil to your fixative, cover and set it aside for 3 - 5 days, so that the scent is completely infused. Then add your dry ingredients and stir everything together. Cover again and allow to steep for about 1 month. Check it occasionally, to make sure the scent is strong enough for you. If not, add more oil.



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TOM CRUISE MOVIES QUIZ



Tom Cruise has had a long, successful career in Hollywood with many hit box-office movies.

Test your knowledge of this very popular actor in the following movie quiz:



1) In which film did Cruise make his debut?

- a) The Outsiders
- b) Taps
- c) Endless Love
- d) Risky Business



2) In what year was Risky Business released?

- a) 1983
- b) 1985
- c) 1990
- d) 1992



3) Name the character Cruise plays in the 1986 hit film Top Gun

- a) Lieutenant Steve Mitchell
- b) Lieutenant Phil Mitchell
- c) Lieutenant Randy Mitchell
- d) Lieutenant Pete Mitchell



4) In Rain Man, what job did Cruise's character Charlie have?

- a) Cop
- b) Real Estate Agent
- c) Car Salesman
- d) Fireman

5) In A Few Good Men, from which military branch are the soldiers who were court-martialled?

- a) Navy Seals
- b) Scouts Rangers
- c) US Air Force
- d) US Marines



6) Which actor co-starred with Tom Cruise in Neil Jordan's gothic horror classic Interview with the Vampire?

- a) Jack Nicholson
- b) Dustin Hoffman
- c) Brad Pitt
- d) Paul Newman

7) In which popular Tom Cruise comedy-drama, does the line 'Show Me The Money' appear?

- a) Mission Impossible
- b) Top Gun
- c) Jerry Maguire
- d) Jack Reacher

8) Cruise broke his ankle during a stunt for one of the Mission Impossible films - which one?

- a) Rogue Nation
- b) Fallout
- c) Ghost Protocol
- d) Mission Impossible II

9) In which controversial Stanley Kubrick film did Cruise star with his ex-wife Nicole Kidman?

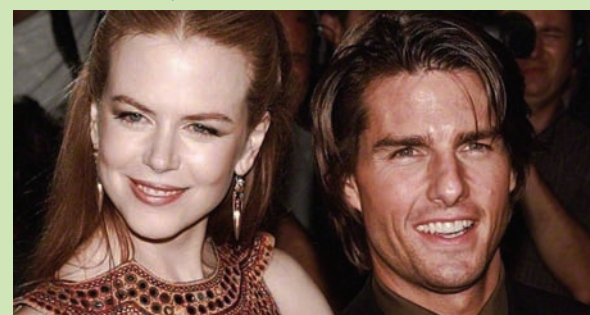
- a) Far and Away
- b) The Color of Money
- c) Eyes Wide Shut
- d) Born on the Fourth of July

10) Name the war film Tom Cruise appeared in as a German Colonel who was instrumental in the conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler

- a) Valkyrie
- b) Lions for Lambs
- c) Edge of Tomorrow
- d) Inglorious Basterds

11) Tom Cruise worked with acclaimed director Martin Scorsese on which of the following films?

- a) A Few Good Men
- b) Goodfellas
- c) The Color of Money
- d) The Departed



12) Cruise received his first Academy Award nomination for what film?

- a) Magnolia
- b) Jerry Maguire
- c) Rain Man
- d) Born on the Fourth of July

13) Which recent record-breaking, highly successful film is a sequel to a popular 80s action film starring Tom Cruise?

- a) Risky Business
- b) Cocktail
- c) Mission Impossible
- d) Top Gun

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