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Recording the Social Footprint of Maynooth since the 1970s



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Maynooth Educate Together NS officially opens new school building

From a small beginning in 2008 when Maynooth Educate Together NS opened with just fourteen pupils the school has grown and now has close to four hundred attending the school. With a permanent site on the Celbridge Road the school opened in a temporary building which was home for ten years. The provision of a permanent building on the site was confirmed in 2016 and it was completed 2022.

The official opening on June 23rd 2023 was performed by Dr. Emer Nowlan, CEO of Educate Together the Patron body for the school assisted by retiring school principal Marie Hand with Niall Hare current Chairperson of the Board of Management and Paul Croghan who was the previous Chairperson.

St. Mary's Brass and Read Band performed at the event with a number of musical and other performances by the pupils of the school including the school choir which added immensely to the occasion.



Photo: L to R: Paul Croghan former chair METNS, Marie Hand Principal, Emer Nowlan CEO ET, Niall Hare Chair of the Board of Management Maynooth ETNS.



Marie Hand has retired as Principal of Maynooth Educate Together National School. Marie was appointed as the school's first principal in 2008.

Maynooth – Ireland's cleanest town

It was clear that progress on litter management in Maynooth was being made when joint 2nd place was achieved in the final Irish Business Against Litter League (IBAL) survey in 2022.



Still to have achieved 1st place in the 2023 summer judging is a great success and an acknowledgement of the efforts being made in the town to tackle litter management. IBAL pick ten locations for each survey and in the latest Maynooth litter survey they picked seven streets and approach road locations and three privately managed sites in Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College.

The public road and street locations are cleaned by Kildare County Council and volunteers from Maynooth Tidy Towns who do midweek and weekend litter picking but there are some areas of the town where Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers undertake a daily litter pick up. It is important that everyone including businesses continue to support the efforts to tackle litter. Organisations such as Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College are also key to Maynooth's success. Well done to everyone involved.

You can read the detail of the June 2023 results in the Maynooth Tidy Towns notes on page 17



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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.

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Editorial

If Maynooth was not already all a buzz this month the holding of the Annual Beekeeping Summer School and the Bord Bia National Honey Show on the 28th and 29th of July in Maynooth University Southern Campus will get it going. This event has always provided wonderful educational, as well as social opportunities for beekeepers around the world, and this year's event in Maynooth will prove just as popular with a host of lectures, workshops, and exhibits, the centre piece being the An Bord Bia sponsored 'Irish National Honey Show'. I know that there are beekeepers in Maynooth so it will be of interest to local people.

(See full details on page 12)



There is clearly a big interest in growing allotments and community gardens in County Kildare with over thirteen hundred submissions already to the public consultation being conducted by Kildare County Council. There is no doubt that during the Covid pandemic people who have gardens with their homes spent more time in them and many including myself started to grow their own vegetables and fruits. An allotment where people could come together and make their gardening a social activity as well as a productive one would be a great addition for the people of Maynooth. There are some great examples of successful allotments such as the one developed by Fingal County Council at Clonsilla. Unfortunately, a suitable site in Maynooth will be difficult to find so we should not get our hopes up that an allotment will be available in Maynooth anytime soon. The benefits for the environment as well as for the wellbeing of gardeners should make the provision of allotments a priority for Maynooth.



After promising for many years another bus service linking Maynooth and Tallaght (Hazelhatch train station for the moment) started in June. W61 is operated by the private bus company Go ahead and is the latest service that provides a radial route as distinct from the bus services such as the C3/C4 which serve the Maynooth to Dublin City route. This follows on from Route 139 which started in March 2018 and serves a route between Naas and Blanchardstown including Maynooth which has become a very popular service. The restart earlier in the year of the Maynooth/Dublin Airport Hopper after suspension during Covid also provides an important access service to Maynooth.



**Paul Croghan
Editor**

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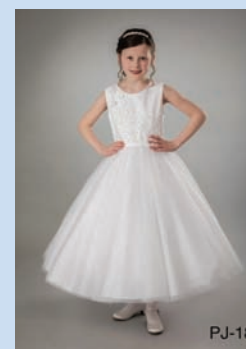


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Top Tips for Surviving the School Holidays

School holidays can be a difficult time for parents, especially working parents. Balancing work with childcare is hard and often expensive. Even if you are home, keeping children entertained can be tough, especially when weather is bad and going out is more of a challenge. But get it right and the holidays can be a lovely time for everyone, including you. Here are some tips for surviving, and enjoying, the school holidays.

Involve Other People

Your friends, particularly those with children or the parents of your children's friends, will also be trying to find ways to entertain their children during school holidays.

Using each other as entertainment is mutually beneficial, so you do not need to feel bad about it.

Doing things together will provide ready-made entertainment for the children, and adult conversation for you.

In summer, you can meet up somewhere outside, including the park, or go to a café with some outdoor play space.

Use Community Resources

Community resources, such as churches and libraries often have craft activity sessions or days during school holidays and, better still, they are likely to be inexpensive.

Even if you have to stay, it will still keep your children occupied and busy, and you will probably get a cup of tea or coffee.

To find out more, look at 'What's On' websites, or noticeboards at local community centres, libraries and churches, and ask other parents for ideas.

Libraries are also good places to spend time because they are a source of free books. You can sit there and read to your children if you like, or they can read books to decide if they like them. An hour or so choosing books, followed by a cup of coffee at the café, can be a good way to spend a morning at any time of year.

Look Out for Sports and Other 'Camps'

Schools and sports centres are well aware that parents work, and that children need entertaining.

Most schools will run some kind of holiday clubs, many of which are open to the wider community and not just to children at the school. Some run very specific sports clubs, or coaching sessions, which can be good if your child is into sports. Many camps offer either daily or weekly rates, so you can either send the children for a few days, or just a day as a taster if you really need to get something done.

Use the Rest of the Family

School holidays are a good time to draw on family resources.

Look on it as giving your children a chance to spend time with cousins/grandparents/other relatives. You may be able to do this on a day or overnight basis, depending on distances and also your children's ages. Alternatively, consider a 'child share' with other family members, where you take their children for a few days and they then reciprocate.



Use Free and Subsidised Resources

Many museums are free or heavily subsidised, making them cheap options for entertainment.

It also makes them busy so, if you can plan your visit for days at either end of the holidays when other people are at school, this may be better.

Plan Ahead

If you have four, six, or even more weeks of holiday ahead of you, it pays to plan ahead. Mark out when you are planning to be away on holiday together, and make sure that you give yourself enough time to do some packing beforehand and washing afterwards.

If your children are going to be spending any time away with grandparents or other family members as well as on holiday with you, try to space out their time away so that they do not feel they are being rushed from one thing to another (and you have time to wash their clothes and repack their bags)



Try to arrange to do at least one or two 'organised' things each week, such as days out with friends, or craft activities, so that the expectation on you for spontaneous entertainment is less. Space out your spending, especially if your budget is limited, so that expensive things do not all happen in the first week of the holidays leaving the rest as a bit of a let-down.

Check for Special Offers and Events at Local Venues

Because so many people go away in the summer holidays, local venues like leisure centres and swimming pools often have special offers, especially midweek. You can therefore do more with your children within budget.

Plenty of venues, including museums and art galleries, also have special family events during school holidays.

Stock Up on Craft Activities or Equipment

Make sure that you have plenty of indoor activities in hand, planned and ready to go, especially for wet days, or if you unexpectedly have to do some work for a few hours.

Look out for shops having sales of craft activities or kits, and stock up for emergencies, and use your local library or the internet as a source of ideas for craft activities that can be put together easily.

Plan a Treat for the End of the Holidays

For example, plan to take your children out somewhere special, perhaps a museum or theme park, or somewhere that they have wanted to go for a while.

This has two main purposes:

First, it acts as a milestone that the holidays are over and that everyone will be going back to school or work. Secondly, it acts as a reward for good behaviour during the holidays (or a gentle threat in the event of poor behaviour).

Furthermore, it gives everyone, including you, something to look forward to, especially if you have any period of time without much planned.

Source: www.skillsyouneed.com/parent/surviving-school-holidays.html

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A Pedestrian crossing at Maynooth Town Football Club.

Cllr. Feeney put forward a motion to the March MD calling for a pedestrian crossing and road safety improvements at Maynooth Town Football Club. The reason Cllr. Feeney raised the issue that the club is located on the Newtown Road with a footpath on one side of the road. However, the footpath is not on the same side as the football club which means that children walking or cycling to the club have to try and get across a very busy road, to get safely to the other side onto the footpath.

Cllr Feeney asked for a safety review at the March meeting and welcomed the fact that the Council in its response stated that it is in favour of a push button pedestrian crossing being provided near the entrance to the club so that everyone can cross safely. The related motion by Cllr. Feeney at the recent June Council MD meeting aimed to move the project forward because as Cllr. Feeney said, it needs to be done.

Cllr. Feeney welcomed the fact that the Municipal District Engineer said he will work with the Traffic Management Team to prepare a proposal at this location. As to funding, the members will be discussing how best to use remaining LPT funds in the MD in the coming days and weeks and Cllr. Feeney quietly confident that it will be provided as it will be money well spent.

Unfinished roadworks at the roundabout near Maynooth Education Campus.

Cllr. Feeney stated at the June Council MD meeting that she had been contacted by many local residents about the unfinished works near the roundabout at Maynooth Education Campus. The works appear to have been started and then abandoned for some time now and not only does it look unsightly, it is not safe. The Council said that while this area is not in the charge of the Council, Cllr. Feeney got clarification at the meeting as to who needs to be contacted and she is pursuing the matter and in communication with the stakeholders to address these unfinished works.

Old and new cemetery in Straffan safety improvements

Cllr. Feeney asked the Council to carry out improvement works on the steps that connect the old and new sections of the cemetery in Straffan and to install a handrail to make it more accessible and safer. On foot of the motion, the Council has already done an initial inspection and in consultation with the Council's Heritage Officer is assessing what improvement works can be carried out on the steps. It was also confirmed at the meeting that a handrail will be installed. Cllr. Feeney thanked the Council for its prompt action.

Swimming pool in Maynooth.

Cllr. Feeney asked the Council for an update on the swimming pool for Maynooth. She stated that the recently launched pop up pool in Leixlip is really welcome and she is delighted to hear that there has been great uptake, with bookings filling up fast. However, Cllr. Feeney continued that this only serves to prove the huge demand that exists for a permanent swimming pool to serve this part of the county. She said that it simply beggars belief that, with the combined population surge in towns such as Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock that there is no swimming pool. Cllr. Feeney said that the provision of a swimming pool has become a saga going on for generations. At the meeting, she asked about the status of the swimming pool.

The Council said that it submitted a joint application four years ago with Maynooth University and that the application was not successful, however, no reason was given as to why the application was unsuccessful. That decision was appealed and the Council, after almost three years, has not yet received the outcome of that appeal.

In the response to Cllr. Feeney's question, the Council did state that the outcome of the appeal is imminent and it also confirmed that a new funding scheme is being launched. The data being collected from the pop up pool bookings will be useful in making a strong case to the department.

Pets should be allowed in rental properties

Cllr. Feeney submitted a joint Labour motion requesting the Council to call on Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) operating in the county to end the ban on pets being allowed in rented accommodation and that a common sense approach be taken. The motion received full support from all members and the Council's Housing Department will correspond with the principal AHBs providing social

housing in Kildare to enquire about their specific policies, the responses received will be collated and provided to the members.

Official Opening of Educate Together National School

Cllr. Feeney was invited to the official opening of Maynooth Educate Together school on June 23rd. The 37 different nationalities of pupils were represented at the event with flags from those countries on full display. Retired Labour TD, Emmet Stagg who was part of the start-up group in 2008 was also an invited guest and was rightly thanked in the speeches. Maith sibh go léir!

Kildare County Council's Allotment Strategy

Kildare County Council is preparing to develop a 'Kildare Allotment Strategy', from which one potential allotment location may be identified in each of the five Municipal Districts: Leixlip-Celbridge; Clane-Maynooth; Naas; Newbridge-Kildare; and Athy.

To understand the demand for allotments and to prioritise the delivery of potential sites for such schemes in Kildare, the Council wants to hear from the public via the online survey. Whether you are an individual or part of a local community group, we're inviting you to submit your ideas for suitable locations for allotments in your town/village that are in accessible locations, are easily serviced, and are large enough to facilitate potential allotment developments. For further details and to participate in the online survey visit the consultation portal at:

<https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/surveys>.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm Tuesday, July 4th 2023.

Meetings attended by Cllr Feeney since the last newsletter

June 2nd 10:00 a.m. Council MD meeting, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

June 20th 14:30 p.m. BusConnects Briefing (online)

June 23rd 24:30 p.m. Official Opening of KCC MERITS building, Naas

June 23rd 14:30 p.m. Council AGM, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

June 26th 15:00 p.m. Council Plenary, Áras Chill Dara, Naas

Upcoming Motions at Council

Motions:

1. That the Council Installs a yellow box at the entrance to Manor Court estate Maynooth.

2. That the Council includes the public bins in Straffan Village and school as part of its weekly bin collection.

For full Council jointly with colleagues Cllrs Galvin and Breslin:

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Questions:

1. Can the Council provide an update on the taking in charge of the Moyglare Hall estate in Maynooth

2. What is the status of the Masterplan for Carton Avenue Maynooth?

Contact: Please contact me for any issue: afeeney@kildarecoco.ie or 087 2381962

Thank you.

Angela

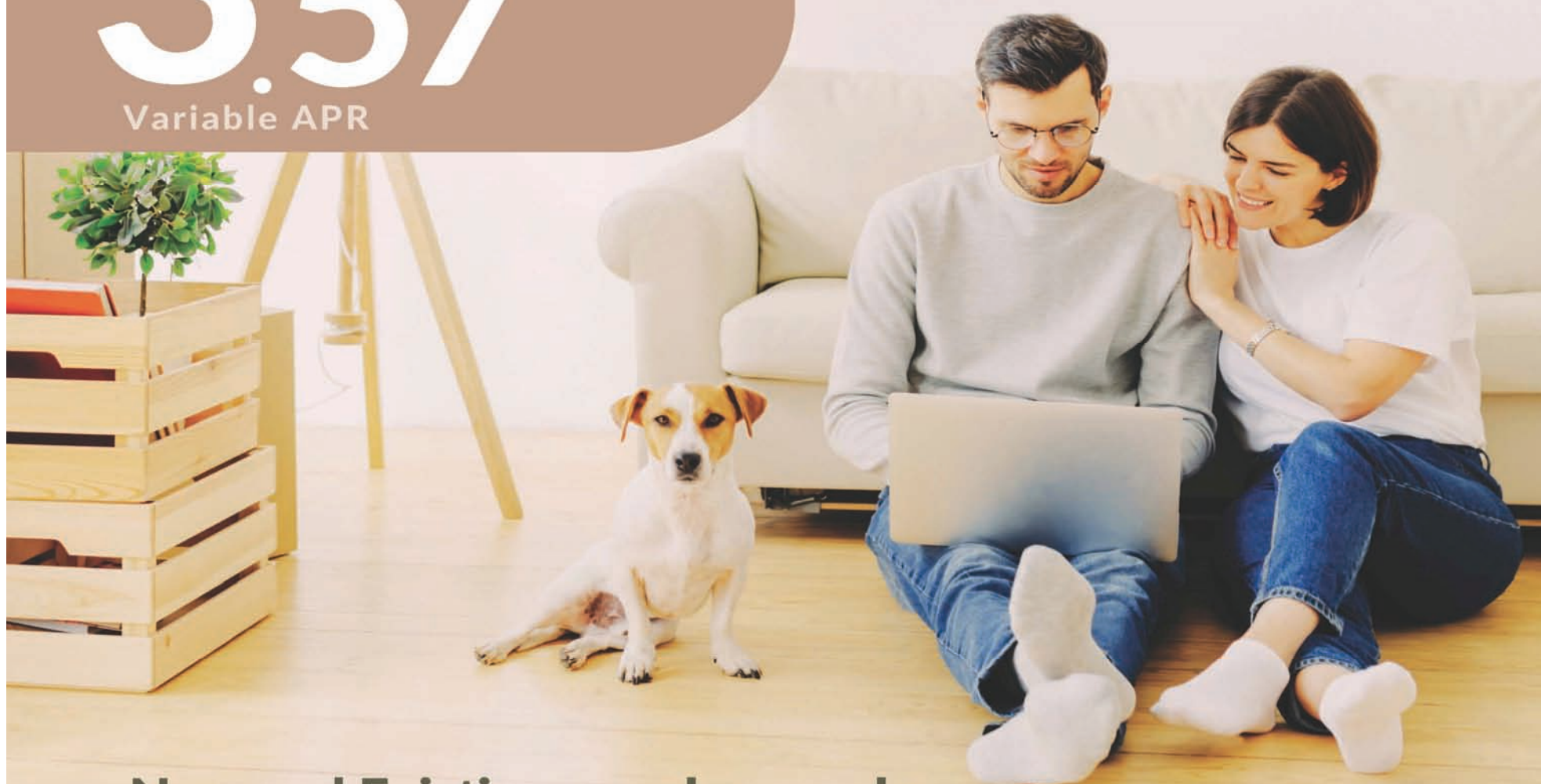
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Beekeeping Summer School

Over the past couple of years, you may have noticed more wild flowers being sown along roadsides, in gardens, and even on top of roundabouts. Apart from adding a dash of natural beauty and colour to their surroundings, these flowers are also playing their part for biodiversity by attracting the honey bee to harvest their pollen.

Interest in bees appears to have soared recent years as we are becoming ever more aware of their ecological importance. Coupled with this is a growing awareness of the health benefits of natural honey, which in turn has generated a newfound appreciation for the art of beekeeping, with even celebrities like David Beckham, and Morgan Freeman, donning bee suits and tending to hives.

If you've ever harboured an interest in becoming a beekeeper, or you wish to further develop your beekeeping skills, then the 'Annual National Beekeeping Summer School' in Maynooth on the 28th and 29th of July is for you.

Now in its 75th appearance, this event has always provided wonderful educational, as well as social opportunities for beekeepers around the world, and this year's event will prove just as popular with a host of lectures, workshops, and exhibits - the centrepiece being the An Bord Bia sponsored 'Irish National Honey Show'.

Lectures and workshops are tailored to beginners, intermediate, and advanced, so there's something to suit all skill levels, and with access to a host of experienced beekeepers and tutors you will have the means to turn your beekeeping dream into a reality.

You can book for one or both days of the school, and there is also accommodation available to rent in Maynooth Campus for those wishing to stay over. There is a 10% early-bird discount in tuition fees for those who book before the 30th of June. More information can be found on irishbeekeeping.ie, and the Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations, Facebook page.

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Norman has been a bee research scientist for thirty two years. The lecturing panel, drawn from Ireland, Britain, the EU and the Americas is a balance of hands-on practical beekeepers with significant technical expertise and well published, accomplished academics involved in leading edge apicultural research.

HONEY SHOW

The Irish National Honey Show '23, sponsored by An Bord Bia takes place on Friday 28th and is the centrepiece of this our Beekeeping Festival on the Irish Beekeeping Calendar. Entry details see www.fibka.ie. Presentation of prizes on Saturday 4pm.

LECTURES • WORKSHOPS • TUTORIALS • EXHIBITS

Tuition fees for Friday & Saturday including morning & afternoon refreshments are €65 per day (€55 for FIBKA members). There is an additional 10% early-bird discount for tuition fees, if received before the end of June. On Saturday 29th we have organised three practical microscopy classes on Preparation, Morphology and Pests/Diseases, in the new 'state of the art' Microscopy Laboratory on the north Campus.

A Social evening and awards ceremony will be held at 7pm on Friday 28th.

In addition the FIBKA Annual Beekeepers' Conference is planned for the eve of the Summer School from 5.30 to 7.30 pm on Thursday 27th with demonstration sessions on live bee-handing on Sunday am 30th July. Also a study visit to a local Queen Rearing Apiary on Sunday afternoon is an option. The Thursday & Sunday activities are free of charge.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is booked through MU CAMPUS link. / Booking: www.Eventbrite.ie link
Queries: Website: www.FIBKA.ie • Tel: +353-87-1700314 • Email: admin@irishbeekeeping.ie
Our thanks to all our FIBKA Volunteers/Contributors and to Kildare Co. Council for their continued support, without which our fees could not be held at the quoted figures.

Summer Recipes for Cool Drinks

Passion Fruit Martini

This easy passion fruit cocktail is bursting with zingy flavours and is perfect for celebrating with friends. Top with prosecco for a special drink

Ingredients

2 ripe passion fruits (they should have a crinkly appearance), halved
60ml vanilla vodka
30ml passoa
1 tbsp lime juice
1 tbsp sugar syrup
prosecco, to serve



Method

- Scoop the seeds from one of the passion fruits into the glass of a cocktail shaker, add the vodka, passoa, lime juice and sugar syrup. Add a handful of ice and shake well, strain into 2 martini glasses, top up with prosecco, then add half a passion fruit to each. Serve immediately.

Tequila Sunrise

Master the art of a classic tequila sunrise, with grenadine, tequila, triple sec, orange juice – and of course a cocktail cherry and umbrella as garnish

Ingredients

2 tsp grenadine
ice
50ml tequila
1 tbsp triple sec
1 large orange, or 2 small ones, juiced
½ lemon, juiced
1 cocktail cherry



Method

- Blitz the orange juice, vinegar, coriander, vanilla and 50ml water together in a blender until smooth.
- Strain into a tall cocktail glass filled with ice, then pour in the grenadine slowly so that it settles on the bottom. Garnish with an orange slice.

Summer Cup Mocktail

Get into the summer vibe with this fruity mocktail featuring red berries, lemonade, mint, and cucumber. Cool and refreshing, it's fabulous on hot summer days

Ingredients

1cm thick slice of cucumber
1 sprig mint
few frozen red berries
120ml clear, sparkling lemonade
ice
To garnish
more frozen berries, chopped fruits, cucumber slice, mint, citrus – all optional



Method

- Chop the cucumber and mint sprig into small pieces. Bring 200ml water to the boil in a small pan and then add the mint and cucumber. Turn off the heat and leave for 2 mins. Add a small handful of frozen berries, let them defrost for a minute, then crush them lightly with the back of a spoon. Strain the mixture. This will keep in the fridge for up to 24 hours and will be enough to make four drinks.
- Pour 40ml of your strained mixture into a tall glass. Add a handful of ice and top up with 120ml lemonade. Garnish with whatever chopped fruit you like or some more frozen berries and mint leaves if you have them. Stir gently to combine.

Fruit Punch

Make this fruit punch as a non-alcoholic drink for a summer party. With fresh fruit, mint, juice and lemonade, it's wonderfully refreshing

Ingredients

8-10 strawberries, halved or sliced
½ orange, slice / ½ lemon, sliced
handful of mint leaves
large handful of ice
500ml pineapple juice
300ml orange juice/
300ml lemonade

Method

- Put the fruit, mint and ice in a large jug. Pour in the juice, stir and top up with lemonade



Source: www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/summer-drink-recipes



picnic in the park



Photo Gallery 1

Photos courtesy of Ronan Melia & Eoin McKeown





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Photo Gallery 2

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Photo Gallery 3

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Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area				
Planning Applications received from 30/05/2023 to 28/06/2023 Information from Kildare County Council Website				
App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
23705	Kildare County Council	Anne Gabbett	Lawerence Avenue, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/06/2023
23685	Kildare County Council	Ronan Price	92 Kingsbury, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	21/06/2023
23671	Kildare County Council	Ray Tyndall	Clonagh, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/06/2023
23652	Kildare County Council	Denise Nolan	1 Beaufield Avenue, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/06/2023
23595	Kildare County Council	Jimmy McMahon	Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	01/06/2023
23596	Kildare County Council	Mary Ryan Boyd Personal Representative of George Fennell (Deceased)	344 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/06/2023
23598	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	North Campus, Maynooth University , Co. Kildare	01/06/2023



Writers’ Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Macnadille Foray

Knowing how much their home states of New Jersey and Vermont outstripped Ireland in most respects, I decided to go for traditional attractions, so with my brother Charlie, I was leading Dave and his girlfriend Karen into the wilderness, well not exactly a wilderness, but the seldom-visited rural hinterland of our county. They were on a visit to Ireland, while I was permanently back in the old sod after having worked for eleven years in New York. ‘Those hazel and blackthorn trees over there are what we call a culleen,’ I pointed across from the bog track on which we were walking. ‘And what’s a culleen?’ Karen wanted to know. ‘It’s a small wood,’ I explained. ‘*Coill* is the Irish for a wood.’ ‘I saw a woodcock sunning himself on a bank there last week,’ Charlie was always eager to impart his encounters with wildlife. ‘I could hardly believe my eyes.’ ‘What’s a woodcock?’ though he was a lawyer, Dave was no naturalist. That question was all Charlie needed to launch into an explanation larded with anecdotes of the times he had taken a potshot at those elusive game birds. By now we had drawn near to the turlough, which allowed me to inform Karen that the word meant a small lake that rose after heavy rains. It drained into a swallow-hole, from which it flowed via an underground river into a lake on the far side of Ballinvilla Hill. ‘And what does Ballinvilla mean?’ Karen asked. ‘It probably means The Home of the Poet,’ I told her. ‘I just love those Irish place names,’ Karen remarked. ‘They remind me of Native American ones like Idaho, Gem of the Mountains.’ ‘That was a made-up name,’ Dave informed her, at which Karen remarked, smiling, ‘Well, maybe it was, but it’s still better than New Jersey.’ Dave shrugged. ‘So what? “A rose by any other name...”’ This exchange was interrupted by the sudden eruption of a duck from a drain. ‘Is that a Mallard?’ Dave asked. ‘No, it’s a Wigeon,’ Charlie said. ‘You can tell by his brown head. I wish I’d brought the shotgun.’ We were now at a cutaway bog with rhododendrons growing in one corner. ‘What a magnificent clump!’ Karen exclaimed. ‘Is it ok if I pluck one?’ ‘Sure,’ I said. ‘Nobody owns them.’ ‘There’s an orchard over there,’ Charlie pointed. ‘The gooseberries and currants should be ripe by now, not to mention the apples and plums.’ ‘That reminds me of the time we were children,’ I added. ‘We were helping Jimmy Burke with the hay and his daughter Helen arrived with a hatful of plums. She told us she had got them from Mrs. O’Rourke, who lived in Macnadille, over there, beyond the bog.’ ‘She didn’t want us raiding their orchard,’ Charlie pointed out. ‘Are any of the O’Rourkes still living there?’ I enquired. ‘No,’ Charlie shook his head, ‘though some people claim to have seen smoke rising from trees in that area. Maybe it’s been taken over by the fairies!’ Mention of the fairies made Dave’s eyes light up, ‘Then we’ll have to check it out. We may even find the leprechaun’s pot of gold.’ ‘Surely you don’t believe all that old folklore stuff?’ Karen scoffed. ‘No,’ Dave assured her, ‘but it’ll make a great story for the guys back in the office. Some of them are quite gullible.’ ‘Fine then,’ I agreed. ‘We can visit the orchard on the way back.’

After traversing rush-grown bottom fields and a treacherous stretch of bog, where it looked as if somebody had recently been digging for something, we eventually arrived at O’Rourke’s, but to our surprise, instead of a weed-grown ruin, we found that the farmhouse had been made somewhat habitable with makeshift repairs to the slated roof and front door. ‘What’s all this?’ I asked Charlie.

‘It’s as much a mystery to me as to you,’ he declared. ‘Let’s try the door.’ To our surprise the door wasn’t locked and the four of us ventured inside, expecting to be challenged by the new owners, but the kitchen, which seemed unchanged since the O’Rourkes lived there, was empty. ‘Look at this!’ Dave said to Karen, opening a large leather-bound dictionary left on the windowsill. ‘You wouldn’t expect to find a tome like that outside a library, and it’s a Webster’s. Wow! The O’Rourkes must have been an educated lot.’ ‘Yeah, we’re not all backwards here!’ Charlie retorted. ‘Old Joe happened to be the wisest man in the parish. But there’s no dust on it or anywhere else and that looks like fresh ashes in the fireplace.’ ‘Let’s see what’s in here,’ I pushed open the bedroom door and the others followed. To our amazement a canopied, four-poster bed like those once found in certain country houses had been roughly dressed and covered with a nylon quilt and on the floor beside it there were three rolled-up sleeping bags. ‘What’s going on here?’ Dave asked. ‘I’ve a fair idea,’ Charlie picked up a booklet lying beside one of the sleeping bags. ‘This is an army training manual.’ ‘So the Irish army trains here?’ Dave seemed nonplussed. ‘Not exactly,’ Charlie said. ‘More likely Dissident Republicans.’ ‘Wow!’ Dave’s face lit up. ‘Wait till my buddies back home hear about this!’ Karen looked alarmed, ‘Suppose they come back, find us here and then murder us?’ ‘They probably only come here on weekends to get a bit of peace and quiet’ Charlie told her. ‘Surely now that there’s a power-sharing executive in the North –’ I began, but the others were already leaving the room. Instead of following them I decided to inspect a wardrobe. It was half filled with soiled tracksuits and overalls thrown on top of a few pair of sturdy boots. Maybe the people who used the house were just nature enthusiasts? On reentering the kitchen I found it empty. There was a door ajar on the far side, so I made a beeline for it. Charlie and Karen were examining framed black and white photos of the O’Rourkes hanging on the walls, while behind them, facing the fireplace, there was a settle bed, closed so that it served as a couch. But what really caught my eye was a tea chest with five or six upright spades and shovels. Why keep tools like that in the parlour? Was it to stop them being seen by visitors who were in the kitchen? On being told that Dave had stepped outside, I decided to join him and found him walking, head bent, at the back of the house. ‘I just wanted to see if there were any signs of military training,’ he explained, ‘trampled grass, spent shells, that sort of thing.’ ‘And you found nothing?’ ‘They could have used another spot.’ ‘Maybe,’ I said, ‘but there’s another possibility. Do you remember the dug-up area we passed on the way here? It had crumbling black logs scattered on it.’ ‘That spot in the bog about half a mile back?’ ‘Yes. Well, why would anyone dig in a place like that?’ ‘Buried treasure?’ ‘You could be right, and I know just the man who’ll enlighten us.’ ‘An archaeologist?’ ‘No, a man of the cloth.’

That afternoon we were all waiting to enjoy the spread my sister Maureen had prepared when Fr. Bernard finally arrived. He was in civies, probably because he guessed our American visitors weren’t Catholics. After introductions, he took his place near the end of the table and soon had Dave and Karen chatting to him like old friends. When the conversation eventually turned to the dug-up area of the bog, Fr. Bernard’s eyes lit up. ‘Not having seen the actual spot I can’t be sure what you saw,’ he confessed. ‘It was an area about six times the size of this room,’ I explained.

‘More like twelve times,’ Charlie corrected, ‘and it was roughly circular.’ ‘I can’t be certain of this,’ Fr. Bernard said, ‘but it could be a *crannóg*.’ ‘What’s that?’ Karen asked. ‘*To answer your question I’ll have to fill in the background,*’ Fr. Bernard was obviously delighted to elaborate on a favourite subject. ‘*You probably know that our raised bogs were once lakes that over centuries filled in with vegetation. Some of these lakes had artificial islands built on a foundation of tree trunks, hence the word crannóg, from crann, a tree. There almost certainly was such an island in the bog near Macnadille, but nobody noticed it, nobody that is except a few, shall we say, dodgy characters? They probably picked up some artifacts, shards of pottery, dress pins, maybe even a brooch, and decided that with thorough excavation they might even find a gold horde, so they commandeered O’Rourke’s house for their base camp.*’ ‘*But why didn’t our own people excavate it?*’ Charlie asked. ‘*A good question,*’ Fr. Bernard remarked, ‘*especially as the name Macnadille in Irish is Mac an Iodáile, Son of the Idol. There must once have been a pagan idol in these parts and our ancestors usually appeased such idols with rich offerings, even human sacrifices. I’m guessing that something like that may have prompted those squatters to move into O’Rourke’s.*’ ‘*You don’t think they are Dissidents then?*’ Charlie put down his teacup. ‘*They may very well be,*’ Fr. Bernard conceded. ‘*The Gardaí will certainly be investigating that angle – By the way, have you phoned them?*’ ‘*I can drop into the station when I drive Dave and Karen back to their hotel,*’ I piped up. ‘*The squatters can’t know we’re on to them, so there’s no hurry.*’ ‘So where are they now?’ Dave asked. ‘Fr. Bernard shrugged, ‘Probably across the border in Northern Ireland,’ ‘I still don’t see how idol worship and this crannóg are related,’ Dave challenged. ‘Did the people living on the crannóg worship the Son of the Idol?’ ‘Assuming there was a crannóg, the answer to your question depends on when it was built,’ Fr. Bernard explained. ‘If it was before the coming of St. Patrick they might have. Anyway, that’s pure speculation on my part.’ ‘*But informed speculation,*’ Dave seemed content to drop the matter. ‘*In any case, I’m sure the O’Rourkes wouldn’t be too pleased with the present occupants of their house,*’ Karen buttered another slice of soda bread. ‘You’re dead right,’ Maureen was carrying a pot of fresh tea from the work counter. ‘Old Joe always said that the good earth provides enough to satisfy our needs, but not our greed.’ ‘I think he was quoting some famous person,’ Fr. Bernard tapped his forehead, trying to remember. ‘Anyway, I’ll have to make that the subject of my next sermon.’ ‘Now I’m sure you’d all like some apple pie and custard?’ Maureen smiled at our guests. ‘I baked the pie this morning.’

P. G. Nerney

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

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

Never known to fail.
Thanksgiving for favour received.

MU partners with Intel to create New Robotics Lab

The [Maynooth University Foundation](#) is delighted to announce the creation of a state-of-the-art robotics lab which will be supported by a donation from Intel Ireland. The lab will provide MU students with invaluable hands-on learning experiences using cutting-edge robotic technologies.

The establishment of the robotics lab at a total cost of €150,000 will equip Maynooth University students with access to innovative robotic technologies and equipment used by engineers from Intel and other companies. This hands-on experience will enable them to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application, empowering them to develop and refine their skills in robotics.

The new robotics lab is set to become a hub of innovation, where students can explore and experiment with robotics, pushing the boundaries of technology and unlocking new possibilities. This new lab will support students in MU's current degree programmes in [Robotics and Intelligent Devices](#), [Electronic Engineering](#) and [Computer Science](#).

The gift from [Intel](#) is coupled with an investment from the University, demonstrating the power of public-private partnerships to fuel innovation and improve student learning experiences.

The establishment of the robotics lab further strengthens the ties between Intel and Maynooth University.

Dave Selkirk, the Director of Advanced Analytics MSO Automation at Intel Ireland, said: "We are very proud of our close partnership with Maynooth University, a close neighbour of ours here in North Kildare. The development of key infrastructure in the area of robotics will provide an important opportunity for students to gain practical experience in an evolving technology field that has massive potential in Advanced High-Volume Manufacturing."

Vice-President External Affairs at Maynooth University [Rebecca Doolin](#) said: "We are tremendously grateful to our neighbour and partner Intel for supporting the development of a new robotics lab, which will give Maynooth students hands-on learning opportunities to work with the same robots Intel engineers down the road are using, bringing their classroom learning to life."

Doolin noted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Maynooth University and Intel in 2019, and its significance in creating a strategic research and innovation partnership.

"Over the years, Maynooth University has developed a strong partnership with Intel that has fostered collaboration in various areas, including student skills and experiences, research, innovation, and community engagement. As neighbours in a vibrant and fast-growing region of Ireland, today's announcement not only deepens the ties between Intel and MU, but also demonstrates the positive impacts on student learning and innovation that such partnerships can yield."

[Prof Gerry Lacey](#), Head of Engineering at Maynooth University, said: "Robotics and AI are creating new industries, making agriculture more sustainable and revolutionising transportation. We are excited that Intel's support will help our students to become leaders in creating this new future."

New School of Business project supports green energy transition



Researchers at the School of Business, Maynooth University, have received Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funding for an innovative citizen engagement project to harness business and community participation in the green energy transition.

SFI's National Challenge Fund has awarded the researchers €250,000 to advance this innovative project, with a further two researchers to join the team as a result of this funding.

The team aims to drive change towards green energy and climate action by bringing the local community into the research process, making their needs central to the project, and facilitating knowledge sharing with key MU academics, particularly in the area of renewable and smart energy systems.

Over the next 18 months, the researchers will work with local organisations to identify and address their energy transition needs, creating a suite of tools and resources, including a targeted micro-credential course.

The MU project is one of 47 competing in the National Challenge Fund – receiving initial funding totalling more than €13 million to work on solutions to major environmental and societal issues.

Commenting on the ambitious goals of the project, [Prof Fabiano Pallonetto, School of Business](#) and lead researcher said: "We are delighted that our project RENEW has been selected by SFI for funding. We see huge potential for our local community to show leadership in the green energy transition. Our aim is to work closely with the local community, and together explore how Maynooth and Kildare can become an active node of the electrical grid through the co-creation of smart energy management systems."

[Dr Amy Fahy, School of Business](#) and co-lead on the project, noted the unique methods employed by the project that involve the community: "This is a perfect example of engaged research at Maynooth University. We are taking a community first approach, addressing the research needs of our local community of Kildare, and creating a process where we can build tools and resources that specifically address community needs, while also providing us with valuable knowledge that can be shared both nationally and internationally."

Speaking at the launch of the National Challenge Fund, **Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris TD** said: "These teams have presented ingenious ideas and committed their talents to working for the benefit of the people of Ireland. We see examples in the news most days of why Ireland needs to work at the green transition and digital transformation and ensure that our innovation and research prepare the country for the future. In fact, the solutions being worked on in all eight challenges in the National Challenge Fund have the potential not just to improve life here in Ireland, but across Europe and around the world."

The National Challenge Fund was established under the government's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), funded by the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility. The fund is coordinated and administered by Science Foundation Ireland.



Pictured L-R: Bernard Capraro, EU Talent Development Programme Manager, Intel; James Petri, Student -BSc Robotics and Intelligent Devices, Maynooth University; Heather Bruen, Student - BSc Robotics and Intelligent Devices, Maynooth University and Allan Stewart, Area Manager, Intel.



Pictured L-R: Dr Amy Fahy, lecturer in the School of Business, Peter Hamilton, Chair of Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community and Prof Fabiano Pallonetto, School of Business

MU announces new undergraduate course in Nursing

Maynooth University has announced that it will establish an undergraduate General Nursing programme. The course is being developed to meet Ireland's existing and growing population and healthcare requirements. As part of the University's broader ambition, it is also exploring opportunities to develop programmes in Medicine in the future, subject to regulatory approval.

The development and introduction of the new Nursing course supports the Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2023-28, which aims to develop a strong academic presence in health and medical disciplines. This builds on the University's strong academic underpinnings in biomedical sciences, immunology, assisted living, digital health and social care courses. MU aims to establish a School of Health and Medicine over the next five to ten year horizon that will be known for innovative and inclusive health education, making a significant contribution to the development of a future health care workforce in Ireland.

B.Sc. (Hons) General Nursing – Key Information

A four-year undergraduate (Level 8) General Nursing Programme, the programme will commence in 2025, with a planned initial intake of 50 students rising incrementally to 100 students per year. The course will take approximately 50% of its intake from mature/local FET learners (those who have completed pre-nursing schools). The establishment of the course is aligned to the MU strategic plan to develop a School of Health and Medicine that will offer health programmes at all levels from undergraduate to PhD. In developing the programme, the University will continue to actively engage with key stakeholders,

and it aims to expand non-traditional pathways into Nursing, with a strong regional focus and the potential to create greater access to Nursing outside of Dublin.



Commenting, Professor Eeva Leinonen, President of Maynooth University stated, "This is a very significant development for Maynooth University, the healthcare sector and citizens accessing services. Our ambition in healthcare, nursing and medicine is aligned to our long standing and emerging strengths in academic disciplines underpinning Human Health and significant medical and health focused research. Through our existing strengths in areas such as biomedical sciences, chemistry, digital health, the work of the Kathleen Lonsdale Institute for Health Research and the Institute for Assisting Living and Learning, for example, we are well placed to deliver the country's next future-focused health care courses.

"With regard to the new courses being developed, we are actively engaging with regional providers to develop a unique model of collaboration that enables an enhanced focus on community-based placements to address both existing and future regional and national healthcare needs. We will offer new academic and professional opportunities for those from backgrounds under-represented in health professions. This is part of our new strategic vision and plan for 2023-28 which builds on the ongoing success of the university to date, and indeed the broader development of Maynooth and the overall region as a desirable location to live and work."

Summer Visit

My mother sits beside the fireless grate,
Eyes closed, murmuring with intensity:
"I once was small...my own canoe..." *
She does not recognise us,
Wandering the frontier of an inner world
That lies beyond our questions.

After dinner we follow our children downhill
To the farmhouse that held
Her warmth like an open hearth
For close on fifty years –
The place of her enclosure:
"My heart sank when I saw it..."

Now piers and gables crumble
And weeds supplant the lupins that she tended,
While on the chimney's side
A TV aerial – emblem of a hard-won comfort –
Pipes signals from the outside world
Into the disconnected kitchen...

We walk across the meadow field
Through which barefooted I lead a donkey
With carts of turf to build the garden rick;
It was a drawing near to her unfailing welcome.

Often stooking oats in the Far Bog
Or putting hay in cocks,
Her thrilling whistle summoned us
To dinner in the kitchen.

Today the field is once again
Green with after-grass,
But sheds collapse and children's ghosts
Watch us from their empty doors.

How can I tell my children this?
How let them know my heart
Is crying for the days of happiness
That was her gift to us,
Who now are ravelled from her thoughts?

*Part of the song: 'I once was small/ I cared not at all/

My rent was paid when due/ I never sat down/
With a tear or a frown/ To paddle my own canoe.'

Patrick Devaney

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee will take its usual break for the month of August. However please note that our **last Thursday morning Club for the will be on Thursday 20th July** and we will resume the morning club on Thursday 7th September. Our September Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th September. In the meantime we still have a few weeks of the morning club activities, mass bus service and of course our pendant alarm provision.

We would like to thank those who gave so generously at our Annual Church Gate Collection on 25th June. All funds go to maintaining the services. Fundraising is a necessary consideration if we are to continue with the service. We will be having a fundraising table quiz in November, more about that later. We also acknowledge the support of the HSE grant and the LPT grant throughout the year.

We will be back re-energized and ready to go in September. We will circulate a newsletter then to our people, as we are aware that not everyone has access to online resources. Maybe the Newsletter board might consider bringing back the print edition.

In the meantime wishing all our members the best for the rest of the Summer.

Susan Durack, PRO
Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.
E-mail: maynoothseniorcitizens@gmail.com

Quote of the day

- "The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's what you're made of. Not the circumstances." — Unknown
- "If we have the attitude that it's going to be a great day it usually is." — Catherine Pulsifier
- "You can either experience the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. The choice is yours." — Unknown
- "Impossible is just an opinion." — Paulo Coelho
- "Your passion is waiting for your courage to catch up." — Isabelle Lafleche
- "Magic is believing in yourself. If you can make that happen, you can make anything happen." — Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
- "If something is important enough, even if the odds are stacked against you, you should still do it." — Elon Musk
- "Hold the vision, trust the process." — Unknown
- "Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great." — John D. Rockefeller
- "People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point. The glass is refillable." — Unknown



Gold Medal Winners 2016 - 2017 - 2018 2019 - 2021 - 2022

We are congratulating ourselves this morning on been judged Number 1 for the 1st 6 months of the year in the IBAL Irish Business Against Litter league, Summer Survey. Early in January 2024 the winner of this survey will be announced by IBAL, Naas won the 2022 and 2021 Competition. As the report states our litter bins look a bit tired and should be replaced by Kildare County Council ASAP. The bottle bank in The Council Car Park also took a hit with broken bottles and cardboard at the base. This is mainly due to couriers who lift the bins on a weekly basis.

Other news, the work continues every Wednesday evening, Saturday morning and we have a rota of 4 people who litter pick on a Sunday morning before our Citizens arise. We have 4 Asylum seekers who have joined us since last January and they have done trojan work around the town painting all the bollards, which look magnificent, I might add. Maynooth is SO lucky to have these young men working with us. They also volunteer in Celbridge and Leixlip.

*Mary Molloy PRO - Maynooth Tidy Towns Association
Please follow us on Facebook for more up to date information*



An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 1, 2023

Maynooth: 1st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms

A near-perfect showing gives busy student town Maynooth top spot in the rankings. Many of the open / outdoor spaces were particularly good, not just with regard to litter but the presentation and maintenance of same e.g., Carton Avenue / Parkland, Maynooth Campus, St. Patrick's College and the Sculpture / Heritage Wall. It was great to see the participation of Maynooth Tidy Towns beside Buckley House (Parsons Street), a boarded-up property.

Leinster Street: Grade A: The overall impression along Leinster Street was a good one with regard to litter, just minor sweet paper, cigarette butt and chewing gum presence. Great to see the opportunity to 'separate' waste with recycle bins position right beside general waste 'Big Belly' bins. Some of the other, older, style bins were looking rather tired / defaced.

Buckley House, Parsons Street: Grade A: Clearly a careful eye is kept on this boarded up property as there was no litter directly associated with it. A 'Maynooth Tidy Towns' sign indicates that the area outside has been cleaned by volunteers and asks that people help to keep it that way.

Carton Avenue / Parkland: Grade A: A wonderful expanse of green space with attractive 'Visitor Information' notice at the beginning of Carton Avenue. There were very minimal items to be seen throughout a vast expanse of parkland – a credit to the users and those responsible for the same.

Recycle Centre, by SuperValu: Grade B: The main items to be seen at this 'Bring Facility' were broken glass at the base of the units, cardboard boxes and other miscellaneous items to the front of the units.

R184 Kilcock Approach Road: Grade A: A very clean and fresh impression was created along this approach route into Maynooth. All aspects were in very good order e.g., asphalt path, cycle lanes and shrubbery. This was maintained for almost all of the remaining sites surveyed.

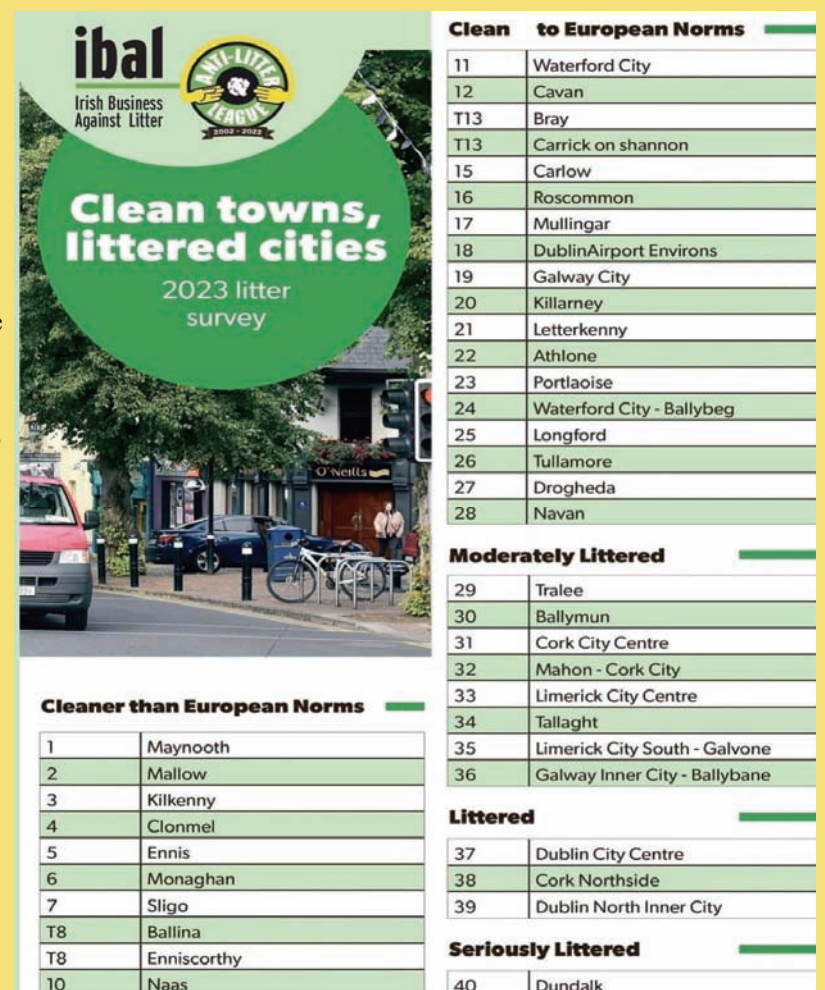
Maynooth University Campus: Grade A: Work has continued apace at this campus with some very fine new builds and sculptures. Not only was the campus excellent with regards to litter, it was very well presented and maintained.

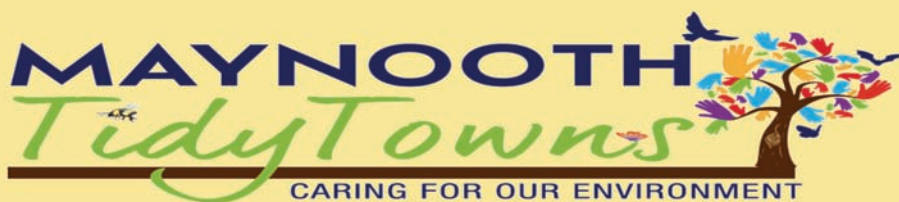
St. Patrick's College: Grade A: The grounds of St. Patrick's College were spotless and meticulously maintained.

Sculpture & Memorial Plaques / Heritage Wall, by University: Grade A: A beautiful environment and spotless throughout.

Convent Lane approach: Grade A: There were some nice features along Convent Lane: 'The Tree of Liberty' 1798 -1998 plaque looked very well, with the text easily legible and the Compass Indicator with sculpture was in good condition. The area was characterised by clean streets and green verge.

Dublin Road: Grade A: Despite heavy levels of traffic, there were no litter issues of note along Dublin Road





**Gold Medal 2022, this is our 6th Gold Medal.
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Our Prayer? What is it?

Asking God to see to something that He appears to be forgetting? Those poor unfortunates in The Ukraine? The millions starving all over the world, without even a cup of clean water, being ignored by their Creator? And if we don't pray for them they are lost?

If that's your idea of prayer then I suggest that you are somewhat astray! We know why there are wars and famines and evictions from houses but we are reluctant to name it. Isn't it selfishness and greed that are the causes of all these horrible realities. Your country has a wealth that my country wants? There is hunger because we won't share the riches of the world with everyone and we waste them on churning out tons and tons of armaments. There is poverty all round us because so many of us have far too much.

Certainly prayer will save the world but not as we often imagine it. God doesn't change from day to day because of our prayers. God is far more generous than the people who ask favours of Him and he understands much better and much earlier the dire straits that people often find themselves in. But then if that's the way things are aren't the many prayers we say each day quite useless? And what about Jesus' parable of the unjust judge? Does that parable not negate all may argument? Well, no, it doesn't. And continue on praying as that is the best way to put your mind and spirit in synch with God's will. And when your spirit is in step with the mind of the Lord you are having an influence on actions and outcomes here below. Perhaps it is more correct to say that the Lord brings about the fulfilment of his will through you as you cooperate with Him.

Many experts say that God does not take an active part in the happenings of the world He created nor set aside its laws. We, however, continually try our best to change the course of events. Aren't there millions alive today thanks to our medical interventions in their healthcare? Don't we save thousands every year with our technological ability to forecast the weather and make that forecast widely known by means of radio and television? Anyway it's nonsense to say that God "created" the world when in fact his creative power keeps it and us in existence from moment to moment.

When we say prayers for some person or for some desirable outcome what we are doing is aligning our will with the will of God who desires nothing but good. Thus our prayer becomes effective in bringing about the result intended. That was what Jesus was talking about in the parable of the unjust judge. Power of the mind when in lockstep with the mind of the Lord. That is how we should live our lives. That was what Jesus intended when he told his disciples that they should always be praying and never to be discouraged. Let's not forget it! An invitation to prayer is an invitation to cooperate with the Lord in his work of creation! And lastly! Don't let saying prayers get in the way of praying!

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This month has been a busy one for MAFT. We were delighted to receive €5000 from the Intel Pride of Place Competition. This money will help us start up a social club for children and teens in Maynooth.



Thank you to everyone who visited our pop up information stand at the Maynooth Picnic in the Park. It was lovely to see so many people.



We had our first parent support coffee morning. This was another milestone and we plan to offer this support morning one day every month.

If you wish to contact us please do our email is: autismfriendlytownmaynooth@gmail.com



June Events at Maynooth Community Library

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Children's Events

Little Makers Morning

Friday 7th July, 10 am - 11.00am

Ages: 1- 4 years

Let their imaginations run wild! Join us for a morning of making for 1- 4 year olds. Practice fine motor skills while having fun! Build amazing creations using construction toys such as Magna-Tiles, Duplo, Mega Bloks, Blockaroo, puzzles and more. While not all activities will be suitable for all ages – there will be something for everyone!

Suitable for ages 1- 4 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Book your free ticket through TicketTailor :

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Little Makers Morning

Friday 14th July, 10 am – 11.00 am

Ages: 1-4 years

Let their imaginations run wild! Join us for a morning of making for 1- 4-year-olds. Practice fine motor skills while having fun! Build amazing creations using construction toys such as Magna-Tiles, Duplo, Mega Bloks, Blockaroo, puzzles and more. While not all activities will be suitable for all ages – there will be something for everyone!

Suitable for ages 1- 4 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Children's Creative Writing Workshop with Niamh

Wednesday 19th July, 3pm – 4pm,

for Ages 8- 10

Join Library staff member and long-time creative writing enthusiast Niamh for a writing workshop during the Summer Holidays. Based on the Fighting Words style, and suitable for ages 8-10 years old, this workshop will mix collaborative writing and individual story writing with support and tips from Niamh.

Limited Places, free tickets via TicketTailor:

<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/maynoothlibrary/945543>

Summer Story Time

Friday 21st July, 3pm - 3.30 pm

Ages:1- 5

An open story and song session for ages 1-5. There'll be a few stories, and some popular Action Songs to support the different stages of literacy development and engage younger attendees. All children must be supervised during this session.

Places are limited and one ticket is required per child via TicketTailor

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/945746>

Summer Stars Mary Poppins theme Kite Workshop

Saturday 22nd July . 2pm - 3pm

Ages : 5- 11 years

This Mary Poppins workshop includes a sing a long of Let's Go Fly A Kite. Fancy Dress is optional. The second half of the workshop you will trace, colour, build and learn how to fly your special Mary Poppins Kite - which really does fly.

Limited spaces, free tickets via TicketTailor:

<https://buytickets.at/maynoothlibrary/944912>

All children under 8 years attending this workshop must be accompanied by a parent /guardian.

Comic Workshop/ Ceardlann Greannán le Aidan Courtney

Monday 24th July , 1pm – 2.30pm

Age: 8 +

Aidan will be showing children how to create mini comics, draw cartoons step by step and use a cúpla focal as well. Píosa spraoi agus ealaín!

Limited Spaces, free tickets via TicketTailor :

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Summer Story Time

Friday 28th July, 3pm – 3.30pm :

Ages: 1- 5

An open story and song session for ages 1-5. There'll be a few stories, and some popular Action Songs to support the different stages of literacy development and engage younger attendees. All children must be supervised during this session.

Places are limited and one ticket is required per child via

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Young Adult Events

Online Teen Writers Group

Thursday 4th and 11th July , 2pm – 3.30pm

Online via Teams

Open to Teens and Tweens to enjoy writing, Maynooth Teen Writers Group meets online for an hour, once to twice a month. This is a relaxed and friendly environment to talk about writing, get some feedback if they wish and also very important quiet writing time. Contact Maynooth Library at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie or 045 980 493 for more information.

Library Groups and Regular Groups

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Conversation Group

Tuesdays / Dé Máirt , 11.00 am - 12 i.n.

Venue: Leabharlann Phobail Mhág Nuadh/ Maynooth Community Library

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish conversation group . Fáilte roimh chách ! All welcome !

Baby & Toddler Group

Thursday Mornings, 10 am – 11 am

Venue: Maynooth Community Library

If you have a young baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents or minders in the area, come to our new stay and play group every Thursday morning at 10am. No need to book, just drop in!

Poetry Café

Tuesday 25th July, 6pm – 7pm

Want to meet for, chat about, and create poetry? Come along to the poetry café for adults in Maynooth Community Library on Tuesday the 25th July, 6pm - 7pm. No booking required, just drop in !

Exhibition

Maynooth Community Library's Exhibition Space Open for Bookings

If you are a local artist or art group and would like to book our exhibition space, please contact us. Maynooth Community Library's Exhibition Space is available to host exhibitions from August 2024. For booking enquiries, please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie.



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Clues Across

1. Plaid (6)
4. Inveigle (6)
9. Plane figure with straight sides (7)
10. Publish (5)
11. Creep (5)
12. Plant with prickly-edged leaves (7)
13. Schedule (6)
15. Despot (6)
18. Producing a sensation of touch (7)
20. Investigation (5)
22. Performed (5)
23. Gathered together in large numbers (7)
24. Objective (6)
25. Formal proposal to buy (6)

Solutions to Crossword No. 524

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Clues Down

1. Subject (5)
2. Let go (7)
3. Investor in theatrical production (5)
5. Nimbleness (7)
6. Beginning or early stages (5)
7. Best environment for a plant or animal (7)
8. Become one (5)
13. Draw in (7)
14. Diminish (7)
16. Kept away from (7)
17. Impart skills or knowledge (5)
19. Supply food ready to eat (5)
20. Provide evidence for (5)
21. Type of duck (5)



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Sudoku Challenge

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Super Difficult

If you have access to a printer and wish to complete the Crossword and/or Sudoku for fun you can print the single page by going to File -> Print and print the single page number only.

Chow Mein

This simple chow mein is packed with spring onions, mangetout and lightly marinated chicken.

Preparation time:
Less than 30 mins

Cooking time:
10 to 30 mins

Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 225g/8oz egg noodles
- 2 tbsp sesame oil
- 100g/4oz chicken breast, skinned
- 2½ tbsp finely chopped garlic
- 50g/2oz mangetout, trimmed
- 50g/2oz cooked ham, finely shredded
- 2 tsp light soy sauce
- 2 tsp dark soy sauce
- 1 tbsp Shaoxing rice wine or dry sherry
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp freshly ground white pepper
- ½ tsp sugar
- 3 tbsp finely chopped spring onions
- 2 tsp sesame oil

For the marinade:

- 2 tsp light soy sauce
- 2 tsp Shaoxing rice wine or dry sherry
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- ½ tsp salt

Method:

- Cook the noodles by boiling them for 3–5 minutes in a pan of boiling water. Drain and plunge into cold water, drain again then toss with a little sesame oil.
- Slice the chicken breasts into fine shreds approximately 5cm/2in long. To marinate the chicken, combine the chicken with the light soy sauce, rice wine, sesame oil, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Mix well and leave to marinate for 20 minutes.
- Heat a wok until it is very hot. Add one tablespoon of oil and, when it is very hot and slightly smoking, add the chicken shreds. Stir-fry the mixture for about 2 minutes, then transfer to a plate.
- Reheat the wok, and add the remaining oil. Add the garlic and stir-fry for 10 seconds. Add the mangetout and ham and fry for one minute. Add the noodles, light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, rice wine, salt and pepper, the sugar and spring onions and continue to stir-fry for 2 minutes.
- Return the chicken to the pan and continue to fry for 3–4 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through. Stir in the sesame oil and give a few final stirs.
- Turn onto a warm serving platter or bowls and serve the Chow Mein immediately.

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/food>

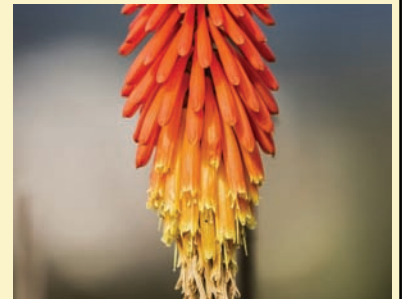


July Gardening

Your monthly gardening checklist

Flowers

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

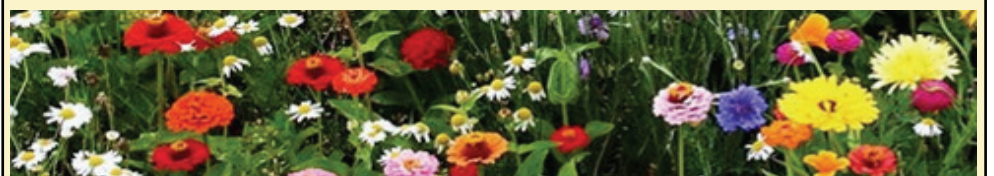


Fruit and Veg

- Check crops such as runner beans regularly for aphids, and rub or wash them off straight away, before they multiply.
- Water thirsty plants such as celery, beans, peas, courgettes, pumpkins and tomatoes regularly.
- Make the last pickings of rhubarb and remove any flower spikes that start to form, cutting right down at the base
- Thin out heavy crops of apples, pears and plums, and remove any malformed, damaged or undersized fruits.
- Prune plum trees in dry weather, when silver leaf fungal disease is less prevalent. Sow a last batch of peas and dwarf beans before mid-July for an autumn crop.
- Shorten side shoots growing from the framework of trained fruit trees, reducing to about five leaves from their base.
- Water fruit trees and bushes, then lay a thick mulch of garden compost around their base to hold in moisture.
- Cover brassicas with fine netting to prevent cabbage white butterflies laying their eggs on the leaves.
- Peg down strawberry runners into pots of compost to root new plants.
- Pick courgettes regularly so they don't turn into marrows.
- Sow small batches of fast-maturing salad leaves, rocket and radishes every few weeks for continuous pickings.
- Cut down broad beans after harvesting, but leave the roots in the soil to release nitrogen as they decompose.



Source: <https://www.gardenersworld.com/>





Junior Puzzles



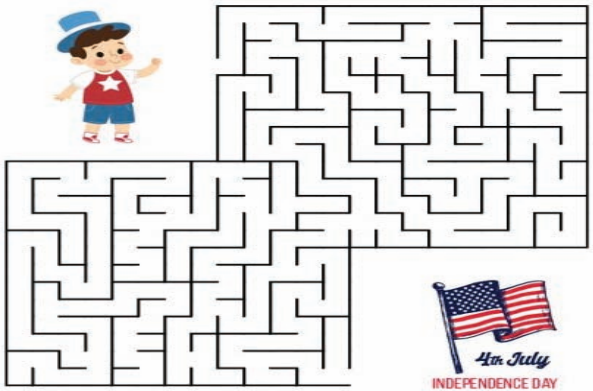
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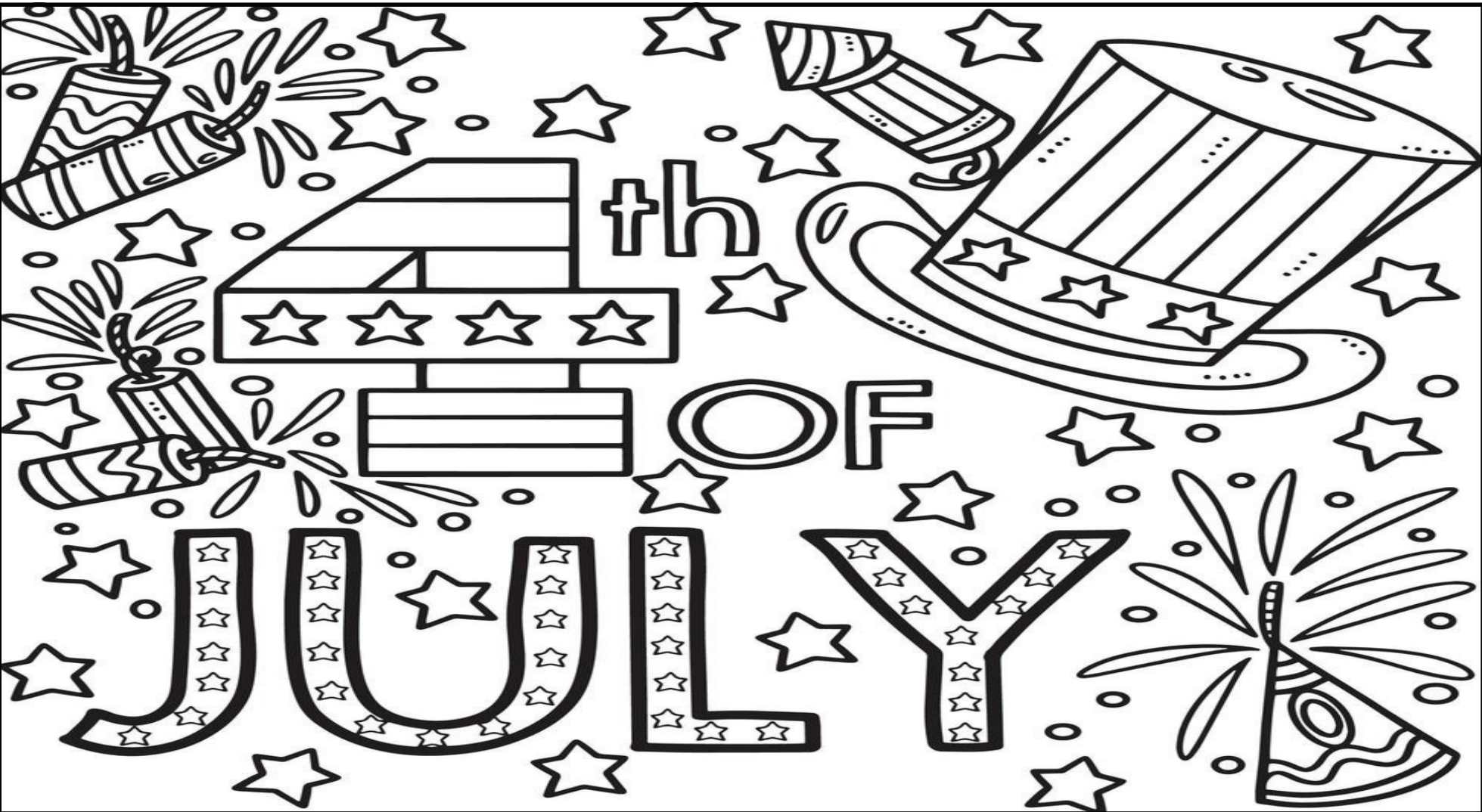

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