



Maynooth Newsletter



Recording the Social Footprint of Maynooth since the 1970s

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee celebrates its 60th Anniversary



A perusal on the internet of Irish organisations representing older persons shows a wide range groups such as Active Retirement Ireland (ARI), Age and Opportunity, Age Action Ireland, Friends of the Elderly and Irish Senior Citizens Parliament to mention some. But none can say that they have the longevity of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee, which is celebrating its diamond jubilee this year

advice for the social, emotional, physical and psychological wellbeing of our older people".

The new committee met for the first time on 31st May and adopted the name Maynooth Old People's Committee. Later, the term "old people" was deemed to be inappropriate and "senior citizens" came to replace it.



2005-2015 Ruby Celebrations – Four Chairpersons Marie Kelly, Mary Cullen, Josephine Moore and Imelda Delaney

This is a wonderful achievement for MSCC and a testament to the people who were the founding members, sadly some of whom have passed away. Thankfully our first Chairperson, Mary Cullen, is very much with us. It also illustrates the activism of dedicated committee members over the years who have ensured the continuation of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

The Maynooth Branch of the Red Cross held a public meeting on 24th May 1965 with a view to establishing a group in Maynooth. As Jo Moore noted in the 2015 publication Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee the Golden Years 1965-2015, "The presence at the early meetings of Dr. John Cullen, psychiatrist and Medical Officer of the Maynooth Branch of the Red Cross, Dr. William Cowhey, local GP and Gertrude Hyland, District Nurse, meant we had the whole package in terms of



Committee members who assisted during the Tea Dances and the Annual Sale of Work

The Committee had to constantly think about finance, and fundraising was a key activity. The most memorable was the Annual Sale of Work which ran from 1968. It was a much anticipated event in the Maynooth calendar and a lucrative fundraiser for our organisation. The organisation of the event was overseen by Jo Moore, Chairperson of Maynooth Senior Citizens for 30 years. Sadly, this meitheal and fundraising activity came to an end as Covid took hold.

Our activities in the past included very popular monthly Tea Dances which were held in the GAA Club House, again another victim of Covid. Two morning Clubs where various activities were carried out e.g. crafts, cards, gentle exercises and bingo. Outings were also organised.

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A Heritage Council programme

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The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused online 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.

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

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

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Editorial

Continuing on from last month about the delay in progressing infrastructural projects in Ireland and more specifically for Maynooth, I went back to check when the consultation work for the Part VIII of the Planning Act was commenced for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road. While some progress has been made on this important project for Maynooth, it is disappointing that it is over six years in the planning phase.

The **Maynooth Eastern Ring Road** development will comprise the provision of a new single carriageway relief road to the east of Maynooth town, to facilitate the connection of the R405 Celbridge Road and the R148 Leixlip Road. The proposed new road will include a 41mtr long single span bridge crossing of the Royal Canal and the Dublin to Sligo railway line.



At the northern extent of the development, it will connect to the existing junction of the R148 Leixlip Road and the R157 Dunboyne Road. At the southern end of the development, it will connect to the existing junction of the R405 Celbridge Road and the Griffin Rath Road. While no significant work has commenced on site, there is no doubt that when completed this road will be an alternative route for traffic currently needing to use the Main Street.

This month the hoarding was removed from the boundary of the **New Student Accommodation** being built in Leinster Street.

The new building extends the building line from the traditional terrace that has existed there for over two



hundred years. Additional student accommodation is needed in Maynooth and it is good to see high quality apartments becoming available.

Heritage Week events will take place in Maynooth again this year. One event that I am hoping to get to takes place at General Paints on the Maynooth Road in Celbridge. The General Paints Head Office is in the original Celbridge Workhouse and they are giving guided tours of the building entitled "if these walls could talk" on both the 20th and 21st August at 5pm and 7pm, tours take ninety minutes.

Congratulations to all the members of the Maynooth Senior Citizens Group on continuous activities for sixty years. Keeping such an important voluntary group going is never easy and we all owe you a huge debt of gratitude and acknowledgement for your work and for reaching this milestone.

Paul Croghan
Editor

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On 23rd August 2025

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee celebrates its 60th Anniversary



Currently the Committee meet for monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month. The morning clubs resumed after Covid and continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings where we have had a range of activities such as bingo, art classes, chair yoga, crafts and information sessions and we hope to include other activities this coming September. Our outgoing Chairperson Garry Bermingham, established an Annual Pub Quiz which is held in the Newtown Inn and has proved to be very popular and well supported by the community. We organise a Christmas lunch for our senior members. Our seniors also attend other community events such as the school musical in the local Post Primary School and the Castle Keep Art Group annual exhibition. Transport is provided for the morning clubs, for any other organised outings and to the vigil Mass on Saturday evenings.

We are grateful for the continued generous donations from key people in the community. We hold an annual church gate collection. In recent times we have availed of Kildare County Council and HSE grants and we have benefitted from courses provided by Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board – Community Education and Co. Kildare Leader Partnership.

We are marking the Diamond Jubilee with an event in the Geraldine Hall on Sunday August 3rd. Our senior members, committee members past and present, friends and supporters of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee are welcome to come along. We will be open from 12 noon until 5pm and there will be a launch at 2pm to 2.30pm. There will be a photographic display outlining the history of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee and a display of art created by our Club members over the last year or so.

The Committee would especially like to acknowledge and thank Josephine Moore for her tenure as Chairperson over an incredible 30 years during which the organisation was expertly guided and developed over the decades,

The values of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee are as relevant today if not more so...

To create an environment where older people can retain independence and have autonomy over their own lives... to encourage full participation in their community and in society as a whole... to eliminate isolation through transport provision and social inclusion and to provide a voice for the most vulnerable and to keep up to date on social policies affecting older people.

Susan Durack, Secretary/PRO Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

We would be delighted to welcome new committee members and suggest a visit to our morning club in the first instance.

**For more information please contact
maynoothseniorcitizens@gmail.com or 0877974582.**

Pictures: Birthdays, Day Trips, Easter Bonnet Celebrations, Senior Citizens Art Group, Busy at the Annual Sale of Work





National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

Exploring Our Foundations 16 – 24 August 2025

National Heritage Week celebrates Ireland's cultural, built and natural heritage. It brings together volunteers, community groups and heritage enthusiasts to share their experience, knowledge culture and practices. **#HeritageWeek2025 #NationalHeritageWeek**

List of events that are happening in Maynooth during National Heritage Week



Maynooth Heritage Trail - Guided Tour
Duke's Harbour
Maynooth
Co. Kildare

Date: 23 August, 12pm - 3pm

A guided walk around Maynooth, exploring the history and heritage of the town. From the Medieval Quarter, containing the remains of Maynooth Castle, and the Church of Ireland, to Courthouse Square, the walk takes us along the streets and lanes of a town whose growth and development is intrinsically linked to the Dukes of Leinster, the Fitzgeralds.

The walking tour is on public footpaths, paved areas, at all times. Occasionally, we get the opportunity to access some of the buildings included in the tour. There are major roadworks/street and path upgrades ongoing in the town at present.

We may alter our route slightly if necessary. The times given are a maximum. Tour guides are Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers.

Booking:

Email - MaynoothTidyTowns@outlook.ie

Mobile Number-0872861771

Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook/Messenger

Your booking will be confirmed and contact number requested.



Free Talks & Tours at Maynooth Castle
Maynooth Castle Main Reception
(Inside the Castle)
Maynooth Castle, Parsons Street,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare
W23F2D5

Dates:

16 August, 2pm - 4pm: **Silken Thomas Rebellion & Siege of Maynooth Castle**

17 August, 2pm - 4pm: **The White Rose of Kildare: Ireland in the Wars of the Roses**

20 August, 11am - 4pm : **Titanic and her Kildare Connections**

21 August, 11am: **Maynooth Castle and St. Marys Church**

23 August, 2pm - **The White Rose of Kildare: Ireland in the Wars of the Roses**

24 August, 2pm - 4pm: **Titanic and her Kildare Connections**

A range of free Adult talks and tours on a wide variety of historical subjects throughout Heritage Week.

Booking is recommended and attendance is limited to 40 persons.

For more INFORMATION and to BOOK your place on one of our Tours and Talks: email - maynoothcastle@opw.ie or contact us on - 0469422270 between 10:00am and 5:00pm

Free admission

NO public toilets on site

NO onsite parking (paid on-street parking)

Due to the historic nature of the building there is limited access for mobility issues.



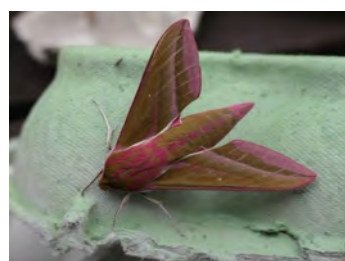
Tours of the Russell Library
Russell Library
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth
Co. Kildare

Dates: 19 August, 11am - 12pm & 2:30pm - 3:30pm
21 August, 11am - 12pm & 2:30pm - 3:30pm

In celebration of Heritage Week 2025, we are delighted to welcome visitors to the Russell Library for tours and to view our latest exhibition, 'Care and Repair: the work of the Library Conservator'. This exhibition brings to light the often-hidden work of conservators and gives an insight into how they care for our wonderful collections. There will also be family-friendly activities using a mini printing press!

No booking required.

For more details, contact (01) 7083890 or library.russell@mu.ie
Please note that there is no wheelchair access at this site.



Moth Morning
Cormackstown Wood
Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
W23 X0K1

Date: 16 August, 7am - 9am

Moth Morning on the Lady Chapel Road, Maynooth, County Kildare, at Philip Strickland's home. Philip's grounds contain an excellent grassland habitat and adjoining interesting woodland. Did you know that Ireland has just 35 butterfly species, but has 1505 moth species? These are vital for ecosystems, regulating plant growth, pollinating crops, feeding other animals, and living in many places: under the soil, in water, on grasses, flowers and trees. Learn about the amazing range in the colour, size and shape of our night-flying moths. You will get up close and personal with our rarely encountered nocturnal animals.

The event will be led by Philip Strickland and Jesmond Harding. Please note that the area is private land at Cormackstown Wood, Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Eircode: W23 X0K1
The property is accessed via a long driveway.

See <https://butterflyconservation.ie/wp/events-2/>

Online Office

Here to help with

- * Medical Cards
- * Health issues
- * Social Welfare
- * Education
- * Services for Senior Citizens
- * Housing Support and Grants (Windows/ Doors, Insulation, Roofing, Electrical)
- * Housing Adaptations and Planning (Level Access Showers, Extensions, Rebuilding Ireland Housing Loan)
- * Social Housing
- * Estate Issues
- * Community Issues
- * Environmental Concerns
- * Covid - 19 related queries



Phone



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Cllr Angela Feeney

Labour

If I can help email: angelafeeney@kildarecoco.ie or call 087 238 1962

Stay safe everyone.



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Safety Issue on Celbridge Road

The issue of safety on the Celbridge Road Maynooth, where there are two large and growing primary schools, has been an ongoing concern for parents and school managers for over eleven years now. I have been bringing motions to the Council calling for improvements because there have been many near misses over the years.

Unfortunately, a serious accident happened a few weeks back and we do not want to wait until there is a further, even more serious event. I attended a public meeting of parents and teachers recently and the anger and frustration at that meeting was understandable. We want children to be able to walk or cycle to school but we need to make it safe for them to do that.

Education about road safety is part of that solution, as is driver behaviour but the bottom line here is the safety of the road and paths on that road. The existing footpaths are not fit for purpose. At the July Council meeting, there was some good news provided; the National Transport Authority project to revamp that entire section is now progressing and will be fast-tracked to the public consultation stage.

However, in the meantime, we need some interim measures that could help the situation and could be in place by the start of the new school year to reassure parents, the school management teams and the families. One of those is the motion that myself and Cllr Melrose put forward to introduce a "Special Speed Limit By-Law", of 30 km/h speed limit on the Celbridge Road in the area designated "School Zone".

The motion was voted on and it was passed unanimously by all members. The approval of by-laws is, after all, a reserved function. In this case, because of serious concerns for public safety, we are exercising that function. It necessitates us sending a letter to the Minister to this effect and it was agreed at the meeting to do this. We cannot have a repeat of what happened to the child there again and we have to do everything within our power to help.

Carton Masterplan

I asked for an update on the status of the Masterplan for Carton Avenue. Carton Avenue has been a much treasured space for so long and we need to preserve it. I welcomed the response from the Council on my request for an update. Work has started on the preparation of a tender to appoint consultants to prepare a Masterplan for Carton Avenue. The Council hopes to have consultants in place before the end of this year and to start work on the Carton Masterplan.

Update on Link Road from Mullen Park to the Celbridge Road

At the recent Council meeting, I called on the Council to instruct the developer of Mullen Park to open the link road from Mullen Park to the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, in compliance with planning permission.

Given the road safety concerns regarding the Celbridge Road, particularly in the vicinity of the two primary schools, I suggested to the Council that opening the link road could alleviate that situation. This road between Mullen Park and the Celbridge Road has proper footpaths and cycle lanes and has an exit/entrance right beside the two schools on the Celbridge Road.

In my view, it would make huge sense to have it opened. I also placed the issue on the agenda in June because it was a condition of the planning approval. The Council confirmed that the developer of Mullen Park is in the process of completing works to the link road. The outstanding works relate to the activation of the toucan crossing which is awaiting a power supply from ESB.

A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit also needs to be completed. There have also been recent works on the first section of the link road to install service connections to the Lidl store development and the new fire station. The Council's Development Control are liaising with the Roads and Transportation, the Municipal District Engineer and Chief Fire Officer to ensure a coordinated approach to make sure all works are completed to facilitate the opening of the link road as quickly as possible. The Council stated that the link road will open in quarter 3 2025.

Street Lights on the Straffan Road

The street lights on the Straffan Road from the Maxol Service Station to Larine House near Court House Square have been out of action for some days now. I have logged the fault on the Council's Public Lighting system and the Maintenance Contractor has prioritised the faults for repair.

Resurfacing works in St. Brigid's Terrace Straffan

St Brigid's Terrace is a small estate but the residents there some have mobility issues, some are elderly and they genuinely are worried about their personal safety. The estate is in need of resurfacing works. I have been highlighting the issue for some time now. Some Local Property Tax funding has been assigned.

I asked the Council to identify the full costs to do these much-needed works so that additional Local Property Tax can be assigned. I also asked that the works be commenced with the existing funds that have already been assigned.

Taste of Kildare Festival 2025

The 2025 Taste of Kildare festival offers an exciting world food tour without leaving the county! Showcasing the best local and visiting chefs, the cuisine from local producers highlights the diversity and vibrancy of food culture in Co Kildare.

From traditional Irish fare to Asian-inspired dishes and everything in between, a vibrant, diverse blend of homegrown and international flavours awaits you.

Our unique food and drink celebration highlights the globally inspired dining vibrancy now available in the heart of Ireland's culinary capital.

What to Expect

Explore our lively market, full of amazing creations from local makers and small businesses. Watch top chefs cook live on stage and join fun, hands-on workshops with food experts. Try delicious food and drinks, sample local favourites, and learn new kitchen skills. Enjoy live music as you snack your way through the market.

So many flavours and fun experiences - whether you're here to treat yourself or try something new!

Enjoy the best snacks from Shoda Café and Restaurant, straight from Maynooth at this year's Taste of Kildare festival! With a focus on fresh and healthy ingredients, Shoda will be serving coffee & sweet treats including churros.

<https://tasteofkildare.ie/tickets>

#TasteOfKildare #TOK25 #IntoKildare



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



Saturday, July 5th was a Red Letter Day for everyone connected with St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band when they travelled to Clonakilty in Cork for the South of Ireland Band Championships, where they won **First Prize** and also prizes for **Best March and Best Reed Section**. The band had worked hard to prepare for the competition and they were delighted to bring back the spoils, which was a major achievement when competing against 16 other bands from all over Ireland.

This success, following on from the Academy Band taking third place in the National Band Championships in Ardee, in April, certainly puts St. Mary's Band and Maynooth on the musical map nationwide, and augurs well for the future of both bands.

Normality will return when the band plays a return visit to Farmleigh Estate in the Phoenix Park. On Sunday 10th August, when it is hoped that the sun will shine between 2pm and 4pm in this beautiful setting.

The band also hopes these recent successes will encourage musicians in Maynooth and surrounding areas to attend rehearsals in the Bandroom on Pound Lane on Monday nights or Saturday mornings where they will be most welcome.

The Band can also be contacted on Facebook @stmarysbrassandreedbandmaynooth or sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie





Gold Medal Winners

2016 - 2017 - 2018

2019 - 2021 - 2022

2023 - 2024

July was a really busy month for the Tidy Towns Volunteers. We were preparing for 2 competitions: **Entente Florale European Competition** and **Tidy Towns Ireland**. It was all worth it as our town is looking the best. We received so many compliments from our local residents.

On the 11th of July the Entente Florale judges arrived in Maynooth after judging in Terryglass Co Tipperary. Terryglass were nominated to represent the small town /village category in Ireland.

Some of our Committee met them on the steps of Stoyte House and presented them with a welcome gift.

The judges, mentors and staff from the Department of Rural Affairs were all staying in Stoyte House for the duration of their visit to Maynooth.

On the morning of the 12th July we had a flag raising ceremony outside the library with all the team and members of Kildare County Council. We adjourned to The TSI building in the North Campus for presentations, questions and answers from many community groups in the town.

There are so many people to thank and we will do so individually in the not so distant future. The judges and mentors were taken around the town to Carton Estate, Pikes Bridge, Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich, The Retrofit House in Meadowbrook, and then back to the Square.

Thank you to Mark Nolan who kindly provided transportation. The judges enjoyed some traditional Irish music in the Square before having lunch in The Avenue. The Rickshaw, driven by our own Paul Cahill, was very popular among visitors at the square.

Some members of the committee met with judges in Renehan Hall for feedback at 5.45pm. The response was very positive and fingers are crossed for a good result in the finals, which occur in Slovenia this September.

We were also invited to do a clean up of the Royal Canal by Flossie and the Beach Cleaners, and we did a revamp of the Sensory Garden.

We are always looking for volunteers, please contact us on Facebook at Maynooth Tidy Towns or email maynoothtidytowns@outlook.ie

Mary Molloy

Maynooth Tidy Towns Association



Cllr. Donna Phelan
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Fianna Fáil

SUMMER UPDATE



Minister Moynihan visit's Maynooth



Demanding Action for equal education

We were delighted to welcome Minister for Special Education Micheál Moynihan before the school summer break to Maynooth to showcase the fantastic work being done to support students with special educational needs in our town.



Showcasing Progress

While great progress has been made, we also took the opportunity to highlight the urgent need for increased funding and additional school placements.



Supporting every student in Maynooth

Every child in Maynooth deserves access to an appropriate education, and we will continue to advocate until that becomes a reality for all.

Picnic in the Park

I was proud to represent the Maynooth Autism Friendly Town committee, at the picnic in the park where we distributed our event cards to support autistic children in our community. It was a fantastic day filled with music, entertainment, and wonderful local stalls, all coming together to create an inclusive and welcoming event for everyone.



Dondale Open Farm

I had the pleasure of attending this year's Agri Aware Open Day at Donadele Farm in Donadea. It was a fantastic event celebrating Irish farming and food production, and it was great to see so many local businesses supported on the day. Maynooth's own Shoda was also there, proudly representing local enterprise with their coffee truck you really can't beat a Shoda coffee!



FutureNeuro My Moving Brain Maynooth

I was honoured to speak at the recent My Moving Brain event, where I highlighted the role of Maynooth has played in becoming an Autism Friendly Town and the importance of providing inclusive sports opportunities for all abilities.

As someone directly involved with the Maynooth GAA Allstars team, I see first hand how vital it is to create spaces where every child can participate, regardless of ability.

It was truly mind blowing to share the stage with so many inspiring people who are all committed to breaking down barriers in sport.

The event also showcased the fantastic work of the Kildare Sports Partnership, supporting inclusive teams across the county with the help of local LPT funding.



Fianna Fáil North Kildare AGM



Stronger Together for North Kildare

We're very lucky to have a strong and committed Fianna Fáil team in North Kildare, all working together to represent our communities and keep your best interests at the heart of what we do. While two of our team members, Paul Ward and David Throst, are missing from this photo, they are very much part of the ongoing work, discussions and decisions that shape our collective efforts. As part of my role, I'm proud to share that I have recently been appointed the Women's and Equality Officer for the Kildare North Fianna Fáil team. This is a role I take seriously, and I'm committed to ensuring that equality, inclusion and the voices of women are central to everything we do, both within our party and across the communities we serve. If you'd like to get involved, share your ideas, or raise any local issues that matter to you, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to listen, represent and work with you.

KPMG Womens Irish Open



World Class Golf Comes to Maynooth

The KPMG Irish Women's Open took place in Carton House from the 3rd to the 6th July, bringing a fantastic buzz to Maynooth.



A Record Year for Irish Talent

This year's event saw a record number of Irish players taking part, including Maynooth's own Kathy Lanigan, which make it even more special for the local community. Congratulations to Lottie Woad, this year's well deserved winner. **Golf, Entertainment, and Festival Vibes in Maynooth**



The atmosphere was electric it felt like a festival in Carton House, with top-class golf, great entertainment, and a real sense of celebration throughout the weekend.



Life Store, Straffan

It was great to be there for the grand opening of the New Life store in Straffan. This new shop is a real gem for the village, offering something unique to the local community. I'd like to wish Siobhan and Eoin the very best of luck with their new venture—I have no doubt it will be a great success!



Entante Floral Europe

I had the privilege of attending the flag raising ceremony for the Entente Florale at Maynooth University on Saturday, 12th of July. Maynooth's entry into this prestigious European competition has been heavily supported through Local Property Tax (LPT) funding, helping to shine a well-deserved spotlight on our town at an international level. Judging took place during the visit, and we're hopeful the results will go in Maynooth's favour later this year.



Kildare's Rose Bud Shines at The Rose of Tralee

This year, Kildare doesn't have a Rose in the Rose of Tralee, but we are still proudly represented by our very own Rose of Tralee Bud, Niamh Kirwan, who is just 8 years old from Maynooth. Niamh is going into 3rd class in the Presentation Girls School, and although she hasn't found out which Rose she'll be partnered with, we know she will do Kildare proud. Naimh is also an active member of the community, playing for both Maynooth Town Soccer Club and Maynooth GAA, showing her team spirit both on and off the pitch. On behalf of the whole community, I want to wish Niamh the very best of luck and to enjoy every second of this magical experience.

We're all so proud of you here in Maynooth!



MOTIONS FROM MD COUNCIL THAT I HAVE REPRESENTED YOU ON



Cllr. Donna Phelan

Motion - Councillor Donna Phelan

That the members request Kildare County Council to develop and distribute a media pack for residents' associations in this municipal district outlining simple ways they can support local Tidy Towns efforts in keeping their public areas clean and tidy, including tasks such as weeding kerbs and litter picking. Furthermore, the motion seeks the creation of a clear and accessible process for these groups to arrange drop off refuse sacks and the collection of compostable material.

Report:

Kildare County Council is committed to supporting the work of Tidy Towns groups throughout the county. Annual grants are provided to Tidy Towns Committees, Residents Associations and other community groups. Much of this funding is used to assist in litter prevention and control. Educational material from a wide range of sources on litter and other waste issues is readily available including the council's 'Don't Waste It' booklet which provides a guide to managing waste at home and work. The council continues to support the National Spring Clean Campaign, which highlights the problem of litter and encourages communities to take practical steps typically through carrying out of clean ups to remove litter/waste from their local areas. This national initiative takes place during the month of April each year in conjunction with An Taisce.

Motion - Councillor Donna Phelan

That this municipal district supports the request from the local **Community First Responders** to connect two defibrillator units to EBS lampposts within the district. While ESB has raised no objections, these lampposts are managed by Kildare County Council, and therefore we are seeking the council's formal permission to proceed. This life-saving initiative has already been successfully implemented in Edenderry by Offaly County Council and would greatly enhance emergency response capacity in our area.



Report:

Kildare County Council will need to review this request in line with safety protocols and in consultation with the ESB. The applicant should contact The Public Lighting Team, publiclights@kildarecoco.ie directly to discuss details of the proposal including connectivity and the proposed location.

Question - Councillor Donna Phelan

Can the council confirm if it has an existing policy regarding tree cutting or hedge pruning in this municipal district, in particular, what is the procedure when overhanging branches or hedging present a health and safety risk to pedestrians using public footpaths?



Report:

There is no policy at present for tree cutting and hedge pruning. However, it is our intention to develop one and to progress that this year subject to staff resources. Any issues with branches or hedges overhanging footpaths are dealt with through our Tree Works Programme. Where the issue involves a hedgerow not in council ownership this a matter for the landowner to address.

Question - Councillor Donna Phelan

Can the council provide an update on the progress of the proposed community amenities outlined in the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) adopted earlier this year?

Report:

Each year the Members are presented at the November Annual Budget meeting with the Capital Programme for the next 3 years. This programme shows the planned projects for the coming years and identifies them by MD. The Capital Programme for 2025 - 2027 can be found online or by clicking on this link [Capital Programme 2025 - 2027](#).

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Cllr. Donna Phelan

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Package Holidays and Linked Travel Arrangements

Booking a Package Holiday

Travel organisers must give you information about the type of holiday you are buying. Travel organisers can be a tour operator or an offline travel agency.

Your travel organiser must tell you up front if you are buying a package holiday or a linked travel arrangement – explained below. To check what type of holiday you have booked, read the information you got before you booked or call your travel organiser.

Types of Package Holidays

Package holidays can be ready-made or customised packages. A package holiday is sold at a total or inclusive price, must last for more than 24 hours, or include an overnight stay. It does not matter if you are asked to pay separately for different parts of the package (such as, the flight or transport), your holiday is still a 'package holiday'.

Ready-made Package Holidays

Ready-made package holidays have at least two of the following included:

Transport - like flights, a cruise, train or coach journeys

Accommodation

Other tourist services – for example tours, excursions, guides or tickets for concerts or theme parks

Car rental

Customised Packages

A customised package (sometimes called a dynamic packages) is where you choose the different parts of your holiday – therefore, it is not a ready-made holiday. You buy the customised package online through a website, or offline from a travel agent or call centre. All the parts you buy must relate to the same trip or holiday.

A customised package must include either:

A single contract for all services

or

Separate contracts with different travel service providers, where:

All of the contracts are bought from a single point of sale

All services are selected before you agree to pay

There is a total or inclusive price

Example of protections when you have a customised package

Maria booked a flight to France directly on the website of an airline. When booking, she was offered accommodation at a hotel. She chose to book both the flight and the hotel. The airline's website charged a total price for all travel services, so this created a customised travel package holiday.

Unfortunately, when Maria got to the hotel it was being done up and there were no rooms available. Maria has rights under package travel legislation. She can ask and get the airline to help her get accommodation at the same or a higher standard.

What are Linked Travel Arrangements?

Linked travel arrangements (LTAs) are not considered a package holiday and different rules apply - see 'Rules for your travel contract and your rights' below. In fact, you have fewer rights with LTAs.

With an LTA, you buy 2 or more travel services from different companies under separate contracts but which are linked. For

example, you book a flight on a website and you are then invited, through a targeted link, to book a hotel on a different website.

You make a linked travel arrangement if you:

Book and complete buying one travel service on one website

Are invited, through a targeted link, to 'click through' and to book a second service on another website

Conclude the second contract on the second website within 24 hours of the first booking

When the second booking is made:

You must be told you are not booking a package and, therefore, you can claim insolvency protection only (protection that will cover you if your travel organiser goes out of business)

The second company must tell the first company that you have finished booking the second service

Example of protections when you have an LTA

Patrick books a flight to Helsinki directly with an airline (service 1). Shortly after receiving an email to confirm his flight, he gets an email with a targeted offer of a hotel in Helsinki. Patrick uses the link to book the hotel (service 2), and he does this within 24 hours after getting the email to confirm his flight booking.

Unfortunately, when in Helsinki, Patrick learns that the travel organiser for his flight has gone bankrupt. Patrick has rights under travel legislation to cover the cost of his flight home (service 1). These are covered under the airline's insolvency protection. But, the airline will not help Patrick if he has any issue with accommodation (service 2), as this is not a package holiday.

Rules for Your Travel Contract and Your Rights

Information you *must* get before you book

The travel organiser must give you all of the essential information about the holiday before you agree to the contract. You must be told about:

The travel product you are buying (that is, whether it is a package or linked travel arrangement) and the level of insolvency protection associated with it

Where You are Going and For How Long

The costs involved for the holiday itself and payment schedule (if this applies), as well as any tax or compulsory charges.

The mode of transport – this detail includes times, dates and places of departure and return.

Where and what your accommodation is (for example, hotel, guesthouse), and how it complies with the law of the EU Member State in question.

The meal plan, if any.

Cancellation details (for example, where a minimum take up is needed for a package holiday to come into being in the first place).

Itinerary of any excursions included such as golf outings

Contact details of the travel organiser or, if appropriate, the insurer

Any special or exceptional requirements, which you asked for and you and other parties to the contract have accepted.

The complaints procedure to follow if the travel organiser does not carry out their part of the contract.

Passport and any visa requirements.

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Package Holidays and Linked Travel Arrangements Cont.

Health requirements (that is, if you have to have any special vaccinations or health advice)

Special arrangements for bringing you home (repatriation) if there are any unexpected events

How any payments will be refunded if the travel organiser becomes bankrupt

Whether insurance is compulsory as part of your package holiday and if so, the minimum level of cover needed

Tip: Remember that you cannot be forced to take out the travel organiser's insurance. Where insurance is optional, your travel organiser must give you information to help you to decide whether to insure or not, if they have this information.

Changes to the Contract

You have the right to cancel if the travel organiser changes the contract and the following applies:

The changes were without your agreement

The changes significantly change any of the main characteristics of the travel service - for example, if the travel organiser changed the agreed hotel

Booking Errors

If something goes wrong with the package, the travel organiser is responsible for putting things right. The travel organiser is also responsible for booking errors for packages and linked travel arrangements.

Cap (limit) on Price Increases

The price you pay for your trip can only increase if the contract directly allows for this. If the price increases by more than 8%, you have the right to cancel without paying a charge.

Tip: There are no price changes allowed within 20 days of the departure date.

Right to Transfer Your Contract

You can transfer your holiday to another person once you give the travel organiser reasonable written notice (at least seven days) before the start of the package. You and the person you transfer the package holiday to are responsible for paying the balance of money due to the travel organiser. You are also responsible for any other costs the organiser has to pay to carry out the transfer.

Rights If Something Goes Wrong While on Your Holiday

If something goes wrong with your holiday, the travel organiser must put the problem right. If significant parts of the holiday are not as agreed, you must be offered suitable alternative arrangements. For example, if the accommodation you agreed on and booked is no longer available, you must be offered an alternative that is of the same quality.

If the travel organiser does not provide solutions (also known as remedies) within a reasonable period, they should refund you for any necessary expenses you had to pay. You are also entitled to a price reduction or, if you prefer, to end the contract. You may be entitled to compensation for inconvenience.

Right to Help if in Difficulty

The travel organiser must give appropriate help if you are in difficulty. This includes:

Giving you information about healthcare, local authorities, consular assistance (for example if you have had a serious accident)

Helping with communications, for example helping you make long distance calls or other forms of contact so you can find other travel arrangements

Rights for Linked Travel Arrangements

A linked travel arrangement (LTA) is not considered a travel package, and your rights are limited if travelling using these arrangements.

You are only protected if the provider of the first service goes out of business. In this case, you are entitled to your money back and the cost of bringing you home if necessary (repatriation). This is sometimes called insolvency protection.

When you make the second booking under an LTA, you must be told that:

You are not booking a package

Your rights are limited to claiming insolvency protection

The Legal Basis for Your Rights

The EU Directive 2015/2302 on Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements introduced consumer rights for additional types of travel arrangements taking into account the increasing use of internet booking. In Ireland, SI 80 of 2019 (pdf) put the EU Directive into national law and amended the previous legislation - the Package Holidays and Travel Trade Act 1995.

You can read the European Commission's page on the Package Travel Directive.

Cancellation Rights

You can cancel your booking at any time before travelling, although you should try to give reasonable notice. However, you may have to pay a cancellation fee.

You have the right to cancel your booking for free before the start of the package, in the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances taking place at or near your destination which would affect your holiday, or your travel to the destination.

Examples include: A natural disaster like a flood or earthquake, War or terrorism and a serious disease

The organiser is also responsible for covering the costs of bringing you home (repatriation) and any possible extra costs.

If the Travel Organiser Cancels the Holiday

If the travel organiser cancels the package holiday or changes a term of the contract, including the price or type of accommodation, they must give you the option of one of the following:

A replacement holiday of the same or better quality

A lower grade holiday, with a refund of the difference in price

A full refund within 14 days

The travel organiser has the right to cancel the package due to factors out of their control. Examples include an act of God, or where they didn't get the number of people they needed for the package holiday.

For More Information about Package Holidays and LTA's visit
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And remember don't forget to have fun!

Family Games This Summer

Active outdoor games create moments of connection and teamwork. Win or lose, the real joy comes from playing together and making memories.

The following are games you could play:

- ♦ Leap frog
- ♦ Kick the can
- ♦ Egg and spoon race (things you can use: eggs, potatoes, apples)
- ♦ Three legged race
- ♦ Hide and seek
- ♦ Relay race
- ♦ I spy
- ♦ Wheelbarrow race
- ♦ Staring contest
- ♦ Handball: Players throw a ball to score by throwing it into a goal.
- ♦ Dodgeball: Players on opposite teams throw the ball at each other, while trying to avoid getting hit (soft ball)
- ♦ Bowling: Players roll the ball down an alley to knock down pins.
- ♦ Ring throwing: Players throw rings to land on pegs or targets like a bucket or bowl
- ♦ Hammer throwing: Players see who can throw the hammer furthest
- ♦ Basketball: Players throw a ball through a hoop (basket) to score points.
- ♦ Football

Enjoy!



National Botanic Garden of Ireland – Glasnevin

Here is a fun, free and inexpensive day out this summer for all the family.

The National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin, just 3 kilometres from Dublin city centre, are renowned for the exquisite plant collections held there. They are home to over 16,000 plant species and cultivars from a variety of habitats from all around the world.



The jewel in the Gardens' crown is a set of exquisitely restored and planted historic glasshouses. Most notable among these are Richard Turner's Curvilinear Range and the Great Palm House, both winners of an award for excellence in conservation architecture.



Conservation plays an important role in the life of the gardens and Glasnevin is home to over 300 endangered plant species, 6 of which are already extinct in the wild.



The gardens have been closely associated with their counterpart in Kilmacurragh, County Wicklow, since 1854. Unlike the Wicklow branch, though, they provide a calm and beautiful green space in the midst of the nation's capital.



The Botanic Gardens are famous for their beauty, the exquisite plant collections, and the stunning lawns and glasshouses.

Summer Opening Hours

March to October

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Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 – 18:00

Average Length of Visit: 1.5 hours.



Sourced: (heritageireland.ie)



August in Ireland is a time for celebrating Lughnasadh, an ancient Celtic harvest festival, and enjoying a variety of cultural events like the Dublin Horse Show and the Fleadh Cheoil.

Lughnasadh, celebrated around August 1st, marks the beginning of the harvest season and is a time for feasting, music, and storytelling, with some communities continuing to hold bonfires and athletic contests.

Sourced: www.google.com

MU welcomed Entente Florale judges

Maynooth University is proud to support the town of Maynooth, which has been selected to represent Ireland in this year's prestigious **Entente Florale Europe** competition, a European initiative that celebrates excellence in horticulture, sustainability and quality of life in towns and cities.

The University recently welcomed a team of international judges to campus on Saturday, 12 July as they set out to assess the town across ten categories, including planning and development, climate action, green spaces, planting, environmental education and community involvement.

The judges — from Czechia, Germany and Hungary — followed a route that began on Maynooth University's North Campus, continued through the town and surrounding area, and concluded on South Campus at St Patrick's Pontifical University.



Maynooth's entry is the result of a long-standing community-wide effort, led by Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County Council, with support from Maynooth University, St Patrick's Pontifical University, local schools, community groups and businesses.

Planning has been underway since February, with individuals and organisations working together to highlight what makes Maynooth a vibrant, welcoming and environmentally responsible town.

This is a significant honour for both the town and the University — and an opportunity to recognise the years of collaboration that have gone into making Maynooth a thriving community invested in sustainability and local pride.

Learn more about the competition at www.entente-florale.eu

MU-led team rescue weather data from Madagascar

An MU-led project to rescue African climate data has taken a major step forward in its mission to recover vital historical weather data from data-sparse regions of the continent.

Fifteen students from the University of Kentucky (UOK), led by Dr Ann Kingsolver, joined forces with the CliDaR-Africa (Climate Data Rescue Africa) team for a four-day workshop in June, focused on digitising meteorological records from Madagascar dating back to the early 1950s.

Launched in 2022 as a collaboration between ICARUS, MU's climate

research centre, and the Department of Geography, CliDaR-Africa is an innovative project involving second-year undergraduate students at MU.

The UOK students focused on digitising meteorological records from Marolambo, a remote and ecologically vast region in eastern Madagascar known for its biodiversity and vulnerability to extreme weather events.

The team ensured data accuracy through double keying, a system where two students independently entered the same data, followed by comparison using Python scripts to identify discrepancies. The workshop also educated students on Madagascar's climate systems, regional microclimates, and the pressing need for high-quality historical data in addressing climate vulnerability.

Dr Simon Noone, Senior Researcher in ICARUS said: "Digitising historical meteorological observations for Madagascar is critical, as the lack of consistent, high-quality long-term climate data severely restricts climate impact studies, the analysis of historical trends, the validation of climate projections, and the development of effective adaptation strategies.

"Madagascar is highly vulnerable to climate change, facing rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, and more frequent extreme weather events. The country's capacity to respond is further constrained by widespread poverty, food insecurity, and environmental pressures."

"Recovering and digitising historical climate records for countries like Madagascar is essential, not only for understanding past and present



climate variability but also for enabling research that supports resilience, sustainable development, and targeted adaptation in this ecologically and socially fragile region."

In the near future, the digitised data will be made openly available to the global research community via the Copernicus Climate Data Store and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Over the past three years, MU students have digitised over 450,000 individual weather observations spanning 64 years from Madagascar, Guinea, and the Central African Republic.

Maynooth University Alumni Reunion 2025

Maynooth University alumni are invited back to campus on Saturday, 6 September 2025 to celebrate the annual Maynooth University Alumni Reunion. This year, the event will celebrate graduates from 2015, 2005, 1995, 1985, and 1975.

It is an afternoon event, from 12.30 - 4.00pm, starting with a welcome reception and drinks. Guests will then be invited to enjoy a 3-course luncheon in Pugin Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There will be musical entertainment throughout the day.

The reunion is an opportunity for alumni to revisit the campus, to reconnect with fellow classmates and MU staff, and to celebrate together.

Tickets for the reunion are on sale now via Eventbrite and are €45 per person. Visit: mu.ie/alumnireunion2025-tickets

Guests are welcome, and table or group bookings can be made by calling **+353 1 708 6492**. Although we are celebrating graduates from decade years, all alumni are more than welcome to join in the celebrations.





A show like this takes many hands to get to stage and we would like to thank our committee for the huge amount of work you put into this show - it takes a village! A massive thank you to Insight Theatre Celbridge and Darren Kelleher for providing us with lights for the production, and to Joe Canavan for installing, designing and operating the lighting for us.

We also would like to say a special thanks to Maynooth Community College who provided us with our venue. Thank you to the businesses who donated raffle prizes, to everyone who gave their time to help get the show to the stage, to our Front of House and Stage Crew teams for keeping things running so smoothly, and to Mai Bergin for the wonderful photos you see above.



We look forward to seeing you all again soon - panto season is very nearly upon us, **OH YES IT IS!!**

Tickets for this year's show go on sale online through annuadhplayers.ie and in Maynooth Bookshop on 1st September.

You don't want to miss **The Sword in the Stone**, Christmas Pantomime 2025, coming to the Aula Maxima from the 4th - 7th December.

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THAT'S A WRAP!

An Nuadha Players proudly presented The Prisoner of Second Avenue, written by Neil Simon and directed by Ann Kelly, in Maynooth Community College from the 8th to 12th July.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue is a dark comedy, focusing on the anxiety of living in New York City in the 1970s. It is centred around the character Mel Edison, a middle-aged New Yorker who loses his job and struggles with a nervous breakdown amid the chaos of city life. As he grapples with unemployment, rising crime, and personal frustration, his supportive wife Edna tries to hold things together. The play explores themes of anxiety, identity, complexities of relationships and the pressures of modern urban living.

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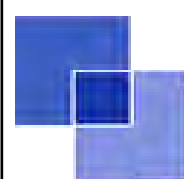
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Dublin Road, Maynooth

During Covid, as a temporary measure to encourage cycling, Kildare County Council provided plastic bollards to reallocate space from drivers to cyclists/pedestrians. Since then, vehicles have damaged many of them with the result that in May this year, Kildare County Council replaced bollards with “orcas” in a number of locations including on the Straffan and Dublin Roads.

An orca is a moulded plastic separator which is placed along the white line of a cycle lane to discourage drivers from drifting (or parking) on it. While it is an overstatement to label them as “killer orcas”, the positioning of orcas on the Dublin Road, while unlikely to lead to a fatality, could result in a nasty collision for a cyclist. Firstly, the cycle lane is defined by a line of orcas which is positioned 1.7m from the kerb. This contrasts with the former width which delineated space for parked cars of 2.4m. Reallocation of some of this 0.7m difference would have given cyclists more space. Secondly, at entrances to eight private properties, additional orcas are positioned at a 45o angle to the footpath which leaves a gap of only 0.8m between the kerb and orca on the left hand side and a gap of 0.4m between the orca and edge on the right hand side of the cycle lane. The Cycle Design Manual specifies a desirable minimum width is 2m for cycle lanes with an absolute minimum width of 1.5m.

In Dublin City, the Council places orcas on the white line which minimises the reduction in effective width of cycle lane. On the Straffan Road, Kildare County Council positions orcas on the inside of the white line which further reduces the effective width for cycling.

Celbridge Road

As a planning authority, Kildare County Council granted planning permission to Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich and Maynooth Educate Together school on the Celbridge Road some 25 years ago. It is unacceptable that there are still no safe cycling (or walking) facilities to the schools despite the authorities being aware of a number of road safety incidents. Kildare County Council did attempt to design facilities in 2019 but the quality of the design was very poor. More recently, Kildare County Council employed consultants to produce a high quality design but the NTA has declined to provide funding for the scheme. Maynooth Cycling Campaign is concerned about what elements of the design may be removed in order to meet the NTA approval. We have asked Kildare County Council for a copy of the published design in order to ensure that safety or quality is not compromised in the next chapter of the saga.

Royal Canal Greenway

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the reopening of the upgraded Royal Canal towpath between Maynooth and Leixlip. We welcome that Kildare County Council has provided access gates in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual which is in contrast to the substandard gates provided elsewhere. We welcome too that there are lengthy sections which have been black topped but disappointed that the Council failed to continue that quality of surface for the entirety of the scheme.



Mill Street

Work continues on Mill Street. The section on the east side between Manor Mills and Main Street is substantially complete and work has started on the equivalent section on the west side. Preliminary work has also started on the proposed pedestrian bridge over the Lyreen River adjacent to Manor Mills.

The quality of design and construction is generally very high but it is disappointing that the design of the Pound Lane junction continues to prioritise traffic from Pound Lane rather than people on Mill Street. Best international practice and the latest edition of Ireland's Cycle Design Manual are that footpaths and cycle tracks on a main route should continue across a minor junction. In other words, drivers should cross a footpath and cycle track rather than pedestrians and cyclists having to cross a road. The Manual also states *..... it is recommended that all dedicated cycle facilities in urban areas in Ireland should be red in colour.*

Coloured surfacing of various colours is used in several countries not because it looks nice but for reasons of road safety - to draw attention to vulnerable road users. Cycle lanes were coloured red on the Straffan Road so it again begs the question:

“What is the policy of Kildare County Council”?

Mobility Hubs

In June, IrishCycle.com reported that Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, would announce a pilot project of mobility hubs in Carlow town, Cork city, Dundalk, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, and Sligo town. This was the pilot ahead of a proposed wider rollout of hubs in some 300 centres across the country.

Mobility hubs are defined as locations where people can access multiple types of transportation modes in a central location. While we wish them every success with the pilot hubs, we are disappointed that Maynooth is not included. For a number of years, we have heard whispers of discussions on a bike share scheme between various partners - Kildare County Council, Maynooth University, the NTA and the Department of Transport but nothing firm has materialised. Hopefully something definitive will result from this latest initiative.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is an independent local lobby group for better cycling facilities in Maynooth and Kildare generally.

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Writers’ Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Letter to a French Lady

Tuesday, 2nd November 2010

Bon Jour, Ma Cherie, or as we say in Cavan, ‘Howya Gorgeous?’ Let me start by confessing that ever since I saw *And God Created Woman* I’m a bit sceptical about voluptuous French ladies - You’ll remember that the subtitle of that film was *But the devil created Brigitte Bardot*. Here in Ireland we have – no, I have – a mixed view of *La belle France*. We know that the Gauls were Celts and admire the brave stand of Vercingetorix against the Romans and, of course, Joan of Arc’s fight against the English. We even know that France was called the ‘eldest daughter of the church’ but behold her now. If I were to ask you, “Who is the patron saint of France?” you would probably look at me with contempt. After all, patron saints are for peasants. You children of the Enlightenment will only be found in church at your christenings, weddings and funerals. *C’est la vie!*

I once tried to sum up my attitude to your country in a piece of verse:
“Anjou, Iseult, Paris, Joan, / Brittany, Provence and troubadours, / Lace under moonlight trees. / Marie Antoinette and Versailles, / Chateaux and all that too refined pageantry/ That only the raw, foul-breathed mob / Beneath the guillotine can salt / To please the peasant taste of a sea-locked Irishman...”

All right, I’m no Rimbaud or Victor Hugo but you see what I’m getting at, your juxtaposition of elegance and sordidness, of stirring calls to Liberty, Equality, Fraternity and your later readiness to amass colonies and exploit the natives. And today you want *La Frappe*, your nuclear deterrent, even if it means carrying out tests in – But I’m getting up on my soapbox and you are more interested in *L’amour*. Well, words from one of your haunting songs comes to mind: *Plaisir d’amour/ Ne dure qu’ un moment; / Chagrin d’amour/ Dure tout la vie*: The joys of love are but a moment long, / Pain of love endures the whole life long.

But you may have a different kind of love in mind, the kind indulged in by ‘very curvy’ denizens of the demimonde. Here am I, ‘an older gentleman’ who is trying to suppress the urgings of the flesh, and you want to meet me for ‘mutually rewarding pursuits’. Do you mean browsing in the bookstalls on *La Rive Gauche* or wandering along the banks of the Seine or – I hesitate to mention it – kissing under its bridges? Perhaps you want me to play Maurice Chevalier to your Leslie Caron, as in the film *Gigi*, or President Sarkozy to your Carla Bruni? Well, I’ll lay my cards on the table; I’m one of those unfortunates that have been reduced to penury by our bankers’ reckless generosity to property developers. Now I’m trying to survive on a meagre state pension supplemented by an occasional win on the horses. Call me a *petit bourgeois* if you wish but aren’t your own countrymen currently taking to the streets about their pensions?

If you truly desire love and not – forgive my bluntness – a sugar daddy then please, please answer this email. Beneath my rough exterior beats a wild Irishman’s romantic heart. I will be consumed by passion till we meet, then you will find that, as one of your countrymen wrote, *Amour, tous les autres plaisirs ne valent pas tes peines*, Love, all the other pleasures are not the equal of your pains. *J’attend votre reponse*.

Bien cordialement a vous,

Pat ‘the Baker’ Brady.

P.G.Nerney

Apprehension

Surely, despite our adult wisdom,
Children know best,
Their joys are not made sharp by memory,
Nor do they know how bitter-sweet
To adult eyes appears
The mayfly’s buoyant dance
Above the shining, rushing river.

Colin Scott.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Who ever spoke as Jesus did in his sermon on the mount? Blessed are the poor; “blessed are the clean of heart; blessed are the peacemakers; blessed are the meek”. That is the world that Jesus wanted everyone to live in and will live in eventually. Love your neighbour as yourself, and if someone steals your jacket, offer him your coat as well! If he or she slaps you on the face, turn the other cheek. Who in the history of the world, except maybe a mad person here and there, ever said anything such as “Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will refresh you! Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is sweet and my burden is light”? That’s confidence in who he was and balm for millions of hearts. His followers, disciples, were a rough-and-ready lot and for quite a while didn’t know what they were doing as followers of Jesus. And they had strange notions at times. Once Jesus upbraided them for their utter ignorance of what he was about. “What were you arguing about on the road today”, he asked them? They were ignorant but at least on this occasion they knew they had been seriously off key! They didn’t answer his question. So he answered it for them. He gathered them about him and said: “whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all”. Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me”.

Then, there is probably his greatest parable, The Prodigal Son. All the tomes that were ever written cannot come near the power and beauty of that extraordinary story. There were some brief images in the old testament that prefigured the beauty and sensitivity of the God that Jesus was and revealed to us. “ He will not crush the bruised reed, nor quench the wick that still smoulders”. This words referred to Jesus himself who was a perfect revelation of the Father. A Father who would not allow his once wayward son to make his confession and who had only come back to him because he was hungry. The gospels are full of exciting and world-changing words of Jesus and how often is our attention drawn to them in the Sunday homily? We need such stories and the only way we can, as a Christian Church, be exposed to them is if the hearts of our priests and ministers are completely full of Christ so that they can say in truth with Paul, “it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me”.

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INTRODUCTION

Galway Academic Press is delighted to publish **Journeys in Lughnasa: Selected Poems by Patrick Devaney**, a collection that beautifully captures the spirit of Ireland, the passage of time, and the quiet transformations of everyday life.

Devaney's poetry is distinguished by its clarity, empathy, and a deep-rooted sense of place, inviting readers to journey through landscapes both real and remembered. In poems such as “Journeys in Lughnasa, he plays moving tribute to friendship and memory, while in “Oh chestnut- tree” he contemplates the cycles of nature and loss with gentle wisdom.

Devaney's work is shaped by a love for Irish heritage and an undertaking of the complexities of identity, as well as a desire to preserve moments of beauty and meaning. His verse moves seamlessly between personal reflection and broader historical themes, often illuminating the connections between past and present,

Whether evoking the streets of Galway, the wilds of Inishmaan, or the echoes of history in “Mellifont Visits”, Devaney's poems resonate with honesty, insight and lyrical grace.

The collection stands as a testament to his poetic brilliance, and we are honoured to bring his voice to a wider audience.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Maynooth's connection with the RMS Titanic

Robert Browne, the Bishop of Cloyne.

Robert was born in County Cork and received his early education at St. Colman's College before pursuing clerical studies at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

He was ordained in 1869 and returned to Maynooth in 1874, where he quickly rose to prominence. He became Dean of St. Patrick's in 1875, was appointed Vice-President in 1883, and then President in 1885. He held this role until 1894, when he was appointed Bishop of Cloyne.

During his tenure as bishop, significant developments took place at Maynooth. These included the construction of the Aula Maxima, the grand hall used for major college events, and the completion of the college chapel in the 1890s. The crowning touch came in 1902 with the addition of the chapel's elegant spire.

In April 1912, following the tragic sinking of the Titanic, Bishop Browne led a memorial Mass at St. Colman's Cathedral in Cobh, offering prayers and comfort to a grieving community. The cathedral's tower had been designed by George Coppinger Ashlin, a pupil of the renowned architect Edward Pugin. Ashlin and Pugin were leading figures in ecclesiastical architecture in Ireland, responsible for designing many of the country's most iconic churches and religious institutions, including buildings at Maynooth itself.

His nephew Father Francis Browne, had the privilege of traveling on-board the Titanic for the first leg of her maiden voyage.

Francis Browne, born in County Cork in 1880, was an Irish Jesuit, acclaimed photographer, and decorated military chaplain during the First World War. Orphaned at a young age, he was raised and supported by his uncle, Robert.

Francis was educated at Belvedere College, the Christian Brothers School in Cork, and St. Vincent's College, Castleknock, before attending the Royal University of Dublin, where his classmates included literary and political giants such as James Joyce, Tom Kettle, and Francis Sheehy-Skeffington. Joyce would later immortalise him as Mr. Browne the Jesuit in the novel, 'Finnegans Wake'.

In 1912, as a gift, his uncle gave him a first-class ticket aboard the Titanic for its voyage from Southampton to Cherbourg and Queenstown (Cobh) her last port of call. His cabin, No. A-37, was located beside that of Thomas Andrews, the ship's chief designer. During his brief time on board, Browne took a remarkable series of photographs that have become some of the most iconic and historically valuable images of the Titanic.

His lens captured scenes from the Marconi Room, the Gymnasium, the First-Class Dining Saloon, and passengers strolling the boat and promenade decks. Among his images were the last known photographs of several men who perished in the disaster, including Captain Edward Smith, Gymnasium manager T. W. McCawley, and Belfast engineer William Parr.

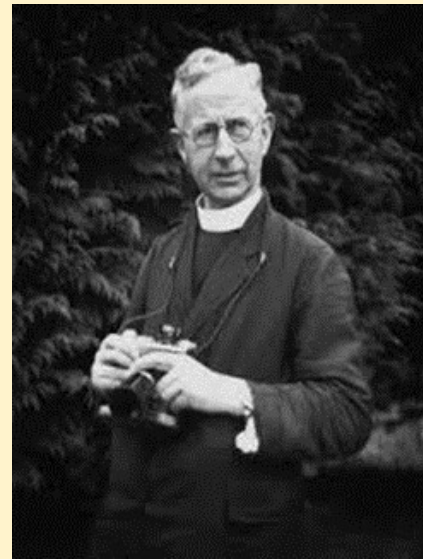
While on board, Browne befriended a wealthy American couple who offered to fund the rest of his voyage to New York and back. He telegraphed his Jesuit superior for permission. The reply was swift and definitive: 'GET OFF THAT SHIP'. He disembarked at Queenstown and returned to Dublin. It was a decision that saved his life.

In 1916, Browne joined the Irish Guards as a chaplain and served along the Western Front during some of World War I's bloodiest battles: Messines Ridge, Passchendaele, Ypres, Amiens and the Somme. He endured the world's heaviest artillery bombardment to date and was wounded five times, once severely in a gas attack.

Despite this, he survived the war and continued his ministry. He died in Dublin in 1960 at the age of 80 and was buried in the Jesuit Plot at Glasnevin Cemetery.

For decades, his legacy was largely forgotten, until 1986, when a treasure trove of over 40,000 negatives was discovered by chance at Emo Court House, County Laois. Just one year earlier, Titanic's wreck had been found on the seabed. Suddenly, through Browne's remarkable photographs, the world could once again glimpse life aboard the most famous ship in history.

Alan Cleary - Tour Guide and Historian



Father Francis Browne



RMS Titanic

For National Heritage week, Alan will be conducting two talks about Titanic and her Kildare connections at Maynooth Castle.

Dates and time -

Wednesday 20th August at 11am.

Sunday 20th August at 2pm.

Booking is recommended, and admission is free.

To book your place and for more information contact - maynoothcastle@opw.ie

046 9422270.



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Maynooth Clever Reach August 2025

Events for Children

Song & Rhyme Time for 0-2 year olds

Fri 1st August - 10.00am- 10.30am

A story and song session for ages 0-2. There'll be a few short stories, and some popular Action Songs to engage younger attendees.

Places are limited and one free ticket is required per child. All children must be supervised during this session.

Booking link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20058710>

Song & Rhyme Time for 0-2 year olds

Fri 8th August – 10.00am - 10.30am

A story and song session for ages 0-2. There'll be a few short stories, and some popular Action Songs to engage younger attendees.

Places are limited and one free ticket is required per child. All children must be supervised during this session.

Booking Link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20058781>

Messy Play at Maynooth Library

Fri 15th August – 3pm - 4pm Suitable ages 1 to 6 years.

Join us for messy, sensory play for 1-6 year olds and their grown-ups.

All the mess and fun, without the cleaning up! Old clothes highly recommended!! Please note children must be accompanied by their grown up for the entire session.

Booking link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20059516>

Summer Story time for Ages 3-6

Friday 22nd August, 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Join us in the library for some summery stories and songs.

Suitable for children aged 3 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20647565>

Heritage Week: Introduction to the Bodhrán Workshop for ages 8+ with the Irish Institute of Music and Song (IIMS)

Monday 18th August, 11.00 am – 12.00pm

In this engaging bodhrán workshop, children will combine listening & responding with hands-on participation and composition. Children will be introduced to the bodhrán in an immersive, and dynamic learning environment. Under the guidance of an expert IIMS Music Educator, this workshop will deepen children's understanding of traditional Irish music as well as enhance their practical skills in a fun and interactive way. All children attending this workshop must be accompanied by a parent /guardian.

Booking link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20502396>

"Tá Mé Just" : Ceardlann spraoiúil ar Scilleanna Sorcais i nGaeilge le haghaidh aoiseanna 4 - 6

Satharn 23ú Lúnasa 11.00 r.n. - 12.00 r.n.

Tá Stephen ag múineadh Ceardlanna Scileanna Sorcais spráúla trí Ghaeilge le breis agus 20 bliain. Tá na ceardlanna seo oiriúnach do chách. Foghlaim Lámhcleasaíocht, cothromú cleití, plátaí sorcais, agus cleasanna eile trí Ghaeilge. Gach píosa trealaimh san áireamh. Ceardlann spraoiúil agus ionchuimsitheach do chách. Caithfear tuismitheoir/ caomhnóir a bheith in éineacht le gach páiste le linn na ceardlainne. Cuir saor ticéid in áirithe anseo :

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"Tá Mé Just" : Ceardlann spraoiúil ar Scilleanna Sorcais i nGaeilge

le haghaidh aoiseanna 7-9

Satharn 23ú Lúnasa , 2.00 pm - 3.00pm

Tá Stephen ag múineadh Ceardlanna Scileanna Sorcais spráúla trí Ghaeilge le breis agus 20 bliain. Tá na ceardlanna seo oiriúnach do chách. Foghlaim Lámhcleasaíocht, cothromú cleití, plátaí sorcais, agus cleasanna eile trí Ghaeilge. Gach píosa trealaimh san áireamh. Ceardlann spraoiúil agus ionchuimsitheach do chách. Caithfear tuismitheoir/ caomhnóir a bheith in éineacht le gach páiste le linn na ceardlainne.

Cuir saor ticéid in áirithe anseo : <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20542398>

Little Makers Time for ages 1-6 years

Fri 29th August – 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Let their imaginations run wild! Join us for this making session for 1- 6 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! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20059826>

Summer Stars Magic Show with Simon Toal

Saturday August 30th, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

A Huge Well Done to all the children who took part in the Summer Stars Reading programme in Maynooth Library this year. To celebrate all the children who took part, please join us for a brilliant and entertaining magic show with Simon Toal. Simon presents a fully interactive comedy magic show suitable for all ages and abilities young and old alike. Adults will love the show just as much as the kids.

Children can also collect their Summer Stars Certificate of achievement before or after the magic show. All children attending this event must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Booking Link: <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20515306>

Events for Adults

Age Friendly Coffee Morning

Wed 13th August, 10.00am – 11.30am

As part of our Age Friendly Programme, drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat with library staff and find out more about the libraries online and other services. *Drop In. No booking required*

Ecofeminist Book Club

Thursday 18th September, 7.00pm - 7.50pm

This eco-feminist book club meets every three months in a different Kildare library, hosted by practitioners from Dúlra Forest School. They will be bringing their experience of working in Irish nature to the circle, fostering (cothú) ideas for sustainable pathways where individuals, communities, and nature thrive. Join us to sit in counsel and comhrá, sparking meaningful conversations for a greener, more harmonious future. Copies of the book will be available on loan from your library 3 weeks before the event - please bring your copy along to the club. All welcome! Our third meeting in Maynooth Library will be to discuss the book Silent Spring by Rachel Carson.

Other dates and books in this series:

Newbridge Library, Thurs 27th November: An Irish Atlantic Rainforest, by Eoghan Dalton

Booking Link : <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20626082>

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Events at Maynooth Community Library Continued

Groups and Clubs

'Knit + Chat ' Craft Club

Thursday 21st August, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

"Maynooth Knit + Chat" is a club intended to create a space where the knitters and fibre artists of Maynooth can come together and bond over a shared love of knitting (or crochet, or anything that takes your fancy!). Whether you are a beginner or an advanced knitter, this is the club for you! People of all ages (from 18 and up) and skill levels will be in attendance. Even if you are the most skilled knitter in all of the greater Kildare area, we are sure that there will be something new for you to learn! Please contact the library [@maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie) for queries about the 'Knit+Chat' Craft Club.

Drop in, no booking required

Maynooth Community Library Craft Club

The Library Craft Club meets every Monday, 11.30am - 13.00pm (except on Bank Holidays).

Bring something you are working on, and exchange ideas and skills with this social craft group.

Baby and Toddler Group

Every Thursday, 10am – 11am

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

Exhibitions

'Curiosity ' an abstract / pouring exhibition in acrylic, texture and cultural by Artist Kirti Pandey

1st - 31st August

Kirti Pandey is a self-taught artist originally from Uttar Pradesh, India, and currently based in Dublin, Ireland. She holds a Doctorate in Microbiology and has previously worked as a lecturer at a paramedical college in New Delhi. After relocating to Ireland, she found the time and space to fully embrace her passion for art, using her canvas to celebrate and showcase the rich cultural heritage of Indian painting.

Exhibition Opening: ' Curiosity ' an abstract / pouring exhibition in acrylic, texture and cultural by Artist Kirti Pandey Saturday 9th, 2pm – 4pm

All are welcome to attend the opening of the exhibition ' Curiosity ' by artist Kirti Pandey. No booking required, * drop in *

Exhibition 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 October 2026. To be placed on a waiting list to use the exhibition space in 2025, or for booking enquiries, *please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie*.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 26/06/2025 to 30/07/2025 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
<u>2560834</u>	Kildare County Council	Gothafa Ltd	20 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/07/2025
<u>2560806</u>	Kildare County Council	Joe Duffy	10 Parson Street, Maynooth, Co Kildare	16/07/2025
<u>2560791</u>	Kildare County Council	Louise Woods	No. 09, Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/07/2025
<u>2560792</u>	Kildare County Council	Anne & Anthony Barnes	6 Lyreen Place, Mariville, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/07/2025
<u>2560761</u>	Kildare County Council	Gothafa Ltd	20 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	08/07/2025
<u>2560759</u>	Kildare County Council	Graham & Tracy Tierney	Rakaia, Moneycooley, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	07/07/2025
<u>2560737</u>	Kildare County Council	Ronan Coyne	Kilmacredock Upper, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	02/07/2025
<u>2560725</u>	Kildare County Council	Ken Richmond	25 Parklands Rise, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	28/06/2025
<u>2560705</u>	Kildare County Council	David and Olivia Burns	4 Linden Avenue, Linden Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/06/2025
<u>2560709</u>	Kildare County Council	Brendan Baxter	Applewood, Kilcock Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/06/2025
<u>2560699</u>	Kildare County Council	Lorcan Halton	Threadstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/06/2025

GARDENING

August in the garden involves a mix of planting for a late summer/autumn harvest, caring for existing plants, and preparing for the upcoming autumn.

Sowing seeds, transplanting young plants, and maintaining established crops are key activities this month

Checklists

Prune rambling roses, removing up to a third of stems that have flowered, and tie the rest to supports

Keep pots and hanging baskets flowering by watering and deadheading regularly, and add tomato feed fortnightly

Sow hardy annuals in sunny spots to provide early summer colour next year

Set up an automatic watering system for pots and hanging baskets if you're going away on holiday - in the case of a hosepipe ban, drip or trickle irrigation systems are usually exempt, check your local water board for restrictions

Strim or mow areas of wildflower meadow, now that the plants have scattered their seeds

Remove any spent hardy annuals if you don't want them to self-seed

Provide support for climbing roses and other plants to prevent them from becoming leggy.

Order saffron crocus bulbs (*Crocus sativus*) to plant in September, so you can harvest your own saffron this autumn

Sourced: www.gardenersworld.com



Preparing for Autumn

Seed Saving: Collect seeds from desired plants for next year's garden

Composting: Make sure to compost all organic materials to enrich the soil for future use

Lawn Care: Maintain lawns by mowing regularly, but raising the height during dry weather

Plant autumn bulbs in pots and borders such as colchicums, sternbergia and nerines

Greenhouse

Set up a capillary matting system to ensure plants have enough water if you're going away on holiday

Plant cold-stored potato tubers in large tubs in a greenhouse or cool porch, for harvesting at Christmas

Pouring water over the greenhouse floor every morning during hot weather can help to increase humidity - use water from your water butt

Plant up pots with 'Paper White' narcissus bulbs for fragrant indoor displays this Christmas

Remove the lower leaves of cordon tomatoes up to the lowest truss, to let more light and air reach the fruits

Plant autumn flowering bulbs, such as nerines, lachenalia and veltheimia in pots indoors, for autumn and winter colour

Look out for pests and diseases on greenhouse plants, and treat any you find immediately

Flowers

Collect seeds as they ripen, from plants such as aquilegias, sweet peas and love-in-a-mist, choosing a dry day

Deadhead dahlias and other perennials to encourage a constant display of blooms

Keep camellias and rhododendrons well watered through late summer while their flower buds are forming

Prune lavender once flowering is over to maintain a compact, bushy shape, but avoid cutting into old wood

Take softwood cuttings of woody herbs, including lavender and hyssop, choosing non-flowering shoots

Fruit and veg

Be vigilant for signs of tomato and potato blight, removing affected plants immediately to prevent spread

Summer prune both free-standing and trained apple trees, to encourage good fruiting in future years

Plant well-rooted strawberry runners into new beds

Pinch out the tops of outdoor tomatoes

Use netting or fleece to protect blackberries and autumn raspberries from birds

Lift onions and shallots once their tops die down, then leave to dry in the sun

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No-Bake Berry Cheesecake Cups

(serves 6)

Ingredients:

For the crust:

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs (or digestive biscuits)
- 2 tsp melted butter
- 1 tsp sugar (optional)

For the cheesecake filling:

- 1 cup cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream (cold)

For the topping:

- 1 cup fresh mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- 1 tbsp. honey or sugar (optional, for macerating)
- Mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

1. Make the crust:

- Mix graham crackers crumbs, melted butter, and sugar in a bowl until combined.
- Divide evenly into 6 small serving cups of jars and press down gently to form the crust.

2. Prepare the filling:

- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract until smooth and creamy.
- In another bowl, whip cream into the cream cheese mixture until fully combined.

3. Assemble the cups:

- Spoon or pipe the cheesecake filling over the crust in each cup.
- Chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours (or overnight) until set.

4. Top and serve:

- Toss berries with honey or sugar if desired, then spoon over each cup.
- Garnish with a mint leaf and serve chilled.



Remember:

all recipes can be altered to suit one's palate.

Enjoy!

Cooking

Jacket Potato with Tuna and Sun-dried Tomatoes

Prepare: 30 mins

Cook: 1 to 2 hours

Serves: 2

Dietary: Dairy-free,
Egg-free, Gluten-Nut-free



Tinned tuna, sun-dried tomatoes and capers with a zippy lemon dressing make a fresh-tasting jacket potato filling. Rocket brings a peppery flavour that's delicious with tuna.

Each serving provides 465 kcal, 34g protein, 47g carbohydrates (of which 2g sugars), 15g fat (of which 1g saturates), 5g fiber and 2g salt.

Ingredients

2 large, floury potatoes
1 tsp olive oil
220g/8oz tuna in olive oil, from a jar or tin (drained weight)
50g/1¾oz sun-dried tomatoes (in oil), drained and roughly chopped
2 tsp capers
½ lemon, juice only
40g/1½oz rocket leaves
flaky sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.

Prick the potatoes all over with a fork then rub them with olive oil and sprinkle with flaky salt. Place on a baking tray and bake for 1 hour–1½ hours, depending on size. The potatoes are ready when the skin is crisp and the center is soft (test by gently squeezing or piercing with a skewer).

Drain the tuna, reserving the oil. Using the back of a fork, mash the tuna in a bowl. Add the sun-dried tomatoes, capers, lemon juice and rocket. Add 1 tablespoon of the olive oil from the tuna and some black pepper. Mix until evenly combined, then taste and add more pepper or lemon juice if you like.

Cut the hot jacket potatoes in half and top with the tuna mixture.

Recipe Tips

Using scissors will make it easier to chop the sun-dried tomatoes



August Pet Care

August 26th is International Dog Day

International Dog Day, celebrated on August 26th, is a special day dedicated to honouring our loyal canine companions and recognising the importance of adopting and rescuing dogs in need. It's also an opportunity to raise awareness about the millions of dogs worldwide who are looking for a loving home.



Volunteering at animal shelters or with rescue organisations can make a significant impact. Volunteers provide much-needed care, socialisation, and attention to dogs awaiting adoption, helping to improve their chances of finding a forever home.

Sadly, many rescue centres and dog shelters are fit to burst with abandoned dogs, often for reasons through no fault of their own. Although it's not a decision to be taken lightly - pups, and training and looking after a 'new best friend' can be a lot of work! - rescuing instead of buying from a pet store or a breeder can be so very rewarding.

If you think about all the roles our furry friends play in our communities, it really is quite astonishing! They have remarkable abilities, often sacrificing their own safety to selflessly protect the most vulnerable in our society. They work with law enforcement, emergency services, the army, and individuals that may need additional help, like those who are partially sighted, people with medical conditions or who need extra support. Not to mention, they consistently show us unconditional love and unending comfort, and brighten up our 'ruff' days with their waggy tails and goofy smiles. They're not only super cute, but they're extremely useful, and humans and dogs have a long and special relationship that has evolved over thousands of years of cooperation, trust, and kinship.



A little history of International Dog Day

International Dog Day was first established in 2004 by a lovely lady, Colleen Paige, who is a pet and family lifestyle expert and animal advocate. She created the day - August 26th - to mark the date that she adopted her first dog, Sheltie, when she was 10 years old, and to encourage others to adopt a dog rather than buy from a pet store or breeder.

Since 2004, International Dog Day has made big waves across the world, with various countries and communities celebrating all dogs, whatever breed, size or personality. In 2013, the day was marked by the New York legislation, and it can now be seen on the New York State Senate's website.

With its growing popularity, International Dog Day is an awesome



chance for rescue centres and shelters to spread the word about all the lovelies in their care that are looking for a forever home. It also allows us the opportunity to reflect on all the amazing things these creatures offer us in terms of keeping us

safe, protecting us from harm, rescuing us from danger, and using their unique gifts to help us. They really do deserve a round of a-paws!

General Pet Care

Summer coats need regular attention prevent matting, which can cause skin damage and attract flies and encourage hot spots. Many pets enjoy a shorter coat during the hot summer months. So if you are

cutting your own dog's hair, be careful not to cut too close to the skin and don't stress the dog too much. Sometimes it might be easier to get a professional to take the hassle out of grooming.

Adding omega-3 essential fatty acids to your pet's diet is important for a healthy coat year round. This not only prevents shedding and flaking, but supports a glossy, shiny coat. Also feed your dog little and often as they may not eat as much when the weather is hot and also may not be as active as they would be in cooler weather.

Baths can be a great way to freshen up your pet's coat, and also keep your pet cool. Bath time can be a fun time with all the family getting involved and having water fights with your pet. But be aware of the temperature - the best time to bath is either in the early morning or the evening when the temperatures are not at their highest. Make sure your pet can dry comfortably in a warm environment.

If your pet has lighter skin, especially on their nose and ears, and is out in the sun a lot during the summer, consider getting pet sun cream.

Travelling Tips

1. Get your pet used to travelling in the car by making several short trips first. Extending each journey every time till your pet is comfortable with long times in the car. If it is a long journey, take several breaks to ensure your pet gets hydrated, some fresh air and able to stretch their legs
2. Most importantly, bring lots of water for the journey. Keep the water in a cooler as the water will heat up in the car.
3. Never ever leave your pet alone in a parked car. Temperatures in a car are much hotter than outside and can increase rapidly if no windows are open and even if the window is cracked open a little bit
4. Prepare for emergencies. Your pet should be microchipped with all your current up-to-date details. Also be wearing a collar with ID tags. You might also consider getting a GPS tracker for your pet
5. Burn off some energy before the trip. Take an extra long walk or extend playtime with your pet. This will tire your pet out so they may rest for your trip or some of it, making it easier for everyone
6. Pack a travel kit for your pet. Bring your own pet food as where you are staying may not provide your dog's dietary needs especially if they have to have special food. Also bring some bowls and not forgetting their favourite treats.
7. Don't forget to pack pet friendly sun cream as human sun cream can contain harmful ingredients.
8. To protect the paws during summer use a natural, wax based balm.



Summer months also bring burrs, thorns and foxtails. Avoid undergrowth and brush with your pet. If they've been out running through it, check their paws and coats for any foreign objects that might be causing discomfort. Booties can protect dogs that are tromping through the brush. Bathe your dog after each walk to ensure all foreign bodies, pollen and seeds are removed. Be mindful of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. When treating your lawn, try to use a natural solution when you can. When you're walking your pet, notice areas that have recently been treated and avoid those. Dogs and cats love to chomp on grass during the summer, so be careful.

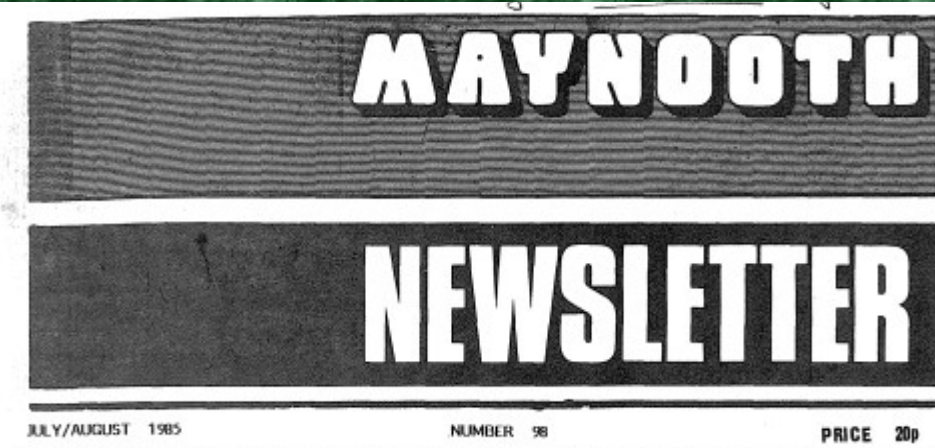
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All items for inclusion in the next issue of the Newsletter should be handed in on or before the deadline date of 11th August 1985.

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ANNIVERSARY

The September issue will mark the 10th Anniversary of the present style Newsletter. It doesn't seem that long, does it? The first publication was in September 1975 and we have continued with only a couple of failures since that time. Can we have some letters perhaps, commenting on those years and on the future years? We sincerely hope that each and every one of you will survive the next ten years with us as well.

Recent Births

Congratulations to Michael and Maureen Mooney, 27 Maynooth Park, on the birth of a daughter, a sister for Michelle.

Congratulations to Brendan and Teresa Carty, Waynestown, Dunboyne on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to Noel and Breda Walsh, Ballygoran on the birth of a son.

Also congratulations to Bartly and Bernadette Conneely, Pagestown, Dunboyne on the birth of a son.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. James P. McCormack, Ph.C., who is 25 years in business on Main Street, Maynooth.

Jimmy opened his Chemist Shop in July of 1960 and has provided an efficient and courteous service to the people of Maynooth and district ever since. Best wishes to Jimmy and his wife Ita and family for the future.

Congratulations to Peter Dowling, Blessed Sacrament Community, All Hollows, who has successfully completed his examinations. Peter is the son of Mrs Madge Dowling, Leinster Cottages.

We wish to express sympathy to the following:

The husband, family and relatives of the late Nora Geoghegan R.I.P., Sion Farm, Conely, Leixlip.

To Mr. Joe McBride, Boys National School, Maynooth, on the death of his mother, R.I.P.

The wife, family and relatives of the late Tommy Murray, R.I.P., Main Street, Maynooth.

The wife, family and relatives of the late Peter Brennan R.I.P., Lakeland, Naas (late of Murphy Bros. Undertakers, Naas).

The sons, daughters and relatives of the late Mrs. Margaret Barry, Killoon.

CARTON COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Carton Committee held in Maynooth College on Monday May 27 under the chairmanship of Dr. Patrick Duffy, the members present decided that we had entered a critical stage in the fight to reserve this unique estate. The committee had succeeded in two of its primary objectives, to prevent rezoning of Carton for residential purposes, and to discourage potential buyers who might wish to exploit Carton commercially, and this had ensured that the purchase price of the estate was now hovering at the level obtaining for agricultural land. There was also evidence that the owners, Powerscreen Ltd., were anxious to sell and this presented the government with a unique opportunity to acquire the estate for the nation.

The population explosion projected for the Eastern Region in the recent RDO report made the need for future amenity space extremely urgent and Carton was ideally situated to suit this function. The committee saw the estate with its lake, outbuildings and forests as ideally suited for family recreational pursuits on the lines of those provided at Lough Key Forest Park, while the house could be utilised by the National Museum to display furniture and other bulky items it present in storage. Whatever the exact nature of the development, the important thing was to preserve the integrity of the entire estate,

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as it was the survival of buildings such as the stables, the boat houses and the Shell Cottage that made the place unique.

Three decisions were reached:
1. To send a press release to the newspapers emphasising the need for the government to purchase Carton now as the opportunity to acquire it at a moderate price may never arise again and delay may lead to deterioration in the condition of the house and outbuildings;
2. To emphasise the folk park potential of Carton so that any expenditure of public monies on its purchase will be seen to benefit the people as a whole;
3. To visit Carton.

In keeping with the last item, a visit was arranged for Thursday June 13, and this passed off successfully. The house was obviously being maintained by Powerscreen, the lawns were being mowed and the ornamental pool was in the process of being cleaned. On the way to the house, the writer saw a cock and hen pheasant feeding by the driveway, a swan sailing on the artificial lake and a heron flying to the heronry on one of the islands, all these a reminder of another aspect of the estate, its importance as a refuge for wildlife. Many visitors were impressed by the rolling green parkland to the rear of the main building and another was surprised to learn that the entire estate, including the boundary wall, was still intact.

At a time when so much of our heritage is being destroyed by indiscriminate development the chance to preserve this beautiful estate for our children and their children's children must not be lost through indifference or inaction.

The argument that in a time of economic hardship public money should not be squandered on acquiring an estate is as shortsighted as it is spurious; money spent to enhance the quality of life of our people and to preserve their cultural heritage is not squandered. The ancestral home of the Fitzgeralds of Kildare, the family that gave us GARRET MOR, Silken Thomas and Lord Edward, must become the Versailles of Ireland. We call on the government to act NOW.

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