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MAYNOOTH GAA REACH KILDARE SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL FOR FIRST TIME IN 110 YEARS

Maynooth GAA have reached the 2026 Joe Mallon Motors Kildare Senior Football Championship (SFC) Final, earning their first appearance in the county's football showpiece since 1916. Maynooth pulled off one of the biggest upsets in years!

Maynooth secured their place in the decider on October 17th at Cedral, St. Conleth's Park in Newbridge, with a sensational 1-15 to 0-16 extra-time victory over Naas in the Semi-Final, with Cathal McCabe scoring a crucial goal in extra time to seal a memorable win. Maynooth looked to complete their remarkable journey by capturing their first Kildare Senior Football Championship title since 1913.

The final saw Maynooth take on Sarsfields at Cedral St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge, on Sunday, 1st November 2026. Maynooth now just 60 minutes away from ending a 113-year wait for Kildare Senior Football Championship glory!



Maynooth GAA Players after their historic win in Semi-final Maynooth GAA Facebook.
Photo: James Lawlor

The Town was buzzing as the excitement built for the final. Everywhere you look in Maynooth there were the black and white flags and bunting, shop fronts adorned in black and white, and many cars with black and white flags.

Match day, the Maynooth team arrived with huge support in the stands, a sea of black and white as far as the eye could see.



Maynooth Square All Set for the Final
Photo: Martina, Newsletter Staff

Maynooth and Sarsfield were level at half-time, 6 points each. This game was a very closely contested and could go either way.

The second half was more like the first, hotly contested by both teams and could go either way.

A goal from Sarsfield in the 48th minute was the beginning of the end as it started a gap of 6 points for Sarsfield despite a strong fight from Maynooth.

Sarsfield won 1-14 to Maynooth 1-10. Sarsfield ended their 7 year title drought. Congratulations to them.

Maynooth was the talk of the championship by triumphantly getting to the final, first one in 110 years and battling right to the end. Hard Luck to Maynooth Team and Management but Congratulations on getting to the Final.

The future looks bright for this young team in the years to come.



Maynooth GAA Finalists
Photo: Maynooth GAA

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

The phrase “Think Globally, Act Locally” is a phrase often used in discussing environmental issues. The phrase itself is credited to a number of environmental thinkers since the 1970s. In the 2026 “Maynooth Futures” lecture series which takes place this month, the topics all relate to issues that impact on our environment. The topics covered by the lectures are “The Future of Food”, “The Future of Energy”, “The Future of Transportation” and “The Future of Housing”. All the lectures take place on Monday nights in Maynooth University Library. Booking is required through Eventbrite.



After a busy October of activities (see article) which included a traditional musical event, a debate on The Fitzgeralds, Three nights of the theatrical event “ No Pastry For The King” as well as a night with the County Kildare Orchestra, Maynooth 850 will be holding a lecture series this month reflecting “20th Century Maynooth”. The talks include topics covering Maynooth in the revolutionary period, a talk on growing up in Maynooth, public transport development and social and creative outlets. Details of the events will be published locally.

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Friday 13th and hopefully everything will go well for Science Night 2026 at Maynooth University. The event is billed as a night of discovery for all ages. The activities take place on the Northern Campus in the TSI and Callan Buildings. Attendance is free but booking is required through Eventbrite.



Image courtesy of Maynooth University

Paul Croghan
Editor

Submission Date for December/January Edition is 5pm on 23rd November 2026

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Autumn Lecture series Of Maynooth

Lecture 1

November 10th: Revolution in Maynooth 1912–1923
Seamus Cullen

Lecture 2

November 17th: Growing up in Maynooth in a time of change – 1960s and 1970s.
Tom Nelson

Lecture 3

November 24th: Public Transport in Co. Kildare with a focus on Maynooth and North Kildare.
Liam Kenny

Lectures 4 & 5

December 1st: Women in Maynooth and the growth of the Maynooth ICA. 7.30pm
Mary McNamara

December 1st: The history of the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band 8pm
Chris Fox

Check out Eventbrite for more details

Doors open 7.15pm
Lectures start at 7.30pm



Venue

St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Parson Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 W300

Senior Hurling Final

Heartbreak for Maynooth as Cruel Late Naas Surge Defies Gallant Final Effort

Our Senior Hurlers put in a monumental performance at Cedral St Conleth's Park on Sunday 25th October, pushing standard-bearers Naas to the absolute limit before a devastating late sequence saw the reigning champions escape with the UPMC Kildare Senior Hurling Championship title.

While the final score read Naas 3-13, Maynooth 0-11, the 12-point margin was an entirely unfair reflection of a ferocious battle that hung in the balance until the 60th minute.

Maynooth appearing in their fourth county final in five years, the town turned out in force to support the lads. Under the masterful guidance of Clare hurling icon Ollie Baker, Maynooth looked intent on changing the script from the first whistle.

In a sensational opening five-minute blitz, the challengers absolutely dominated the holders. With precision and unmatched work rate, Maynooth raced into an incredible five-point lead, hitting five unanswered scores to rattle the champions.

Sustaining that blistering pace was always going to be an uphill battle, especially in a high-tension encounter where both sides struggled with accuracy — combining for a massive 30 wides.

Despite enduring a difficult 15-minute scoreless spell later in the half, Maynooth dug deep, showing incredible defensive resilience to head into the interval with a fully deserved 0-7 to 0-5 lead.

Fine Margins and Tough Breaks

Naas characteristically responded after the break, wiping out the deficit through two Jack Sheridan points. Yet, Maynooth refused to yield. In the 37th minute, Tom Power — who put in a masterful shift, finishing with five points on the day — delighted the traveling support by splitting the posts with an incredible sideline effort from near the left touchline to edge us back in front.

Then came the game's turning point just a minute later. In a cruel twist of fortune, goalkeeper Sean Bean looked to have dealt with a threatening Naas attack, but was dispossessed under intense pressure while trying to play his way out of defence. Cathal Dowling ruthlessly pounced on the loose ball, finding the net from an impossibly tight angle. The goal gave Naas their first lead of the match, completely altering the game's momentum.

Heads Held High

Even after the setback, Maynooth threw everything into an equalizer. Cathal McCabe (0-2), Harry Dunne, and Ciaran Dunne battled tirelessly all afternoon to unlock a stubborn Naas defence.

As the game entered its final minute and Maynooth pushed bodies forward in a desperate bid to force extra time, Naas brutally exposed the spaces left behind.

A low strike from Brian Byrne in the 60th minute was followed just 30 seconds later by a third from substitute Fionn Maher, putting a harsh gloss on the scoreline.



Though the historic eight-in-a-row stays with the county town, this Maynooth squad can hold their heads incredibly high. Their unwavering commitment, skill, and heart proved that they belong on the highest stage.

It wasn't to be Maynooth’s day, but this group has laid a foundation that ensures Maynooth's hurling future remains incredibly bright.

Maynooth Wins a Gold Medal

Minister Dara Calleary from The Department of Rural and Community Development presented the awards in Croke Park on 23rd October.

Maynooth received another Gold Medal in Category G and increased points in the competition by 9 to 403 just a few points behind Ballinahown the overall winners.

Many congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns and all the volunteers on this achievement. It is nothing less than you all deserve when you go out in all weathers all year round keeping our town looking so well and planting all the beautiful planters and baskets around the town.



If you wish to volunteer with Maynooth Tidy Towns please follow them on Facebook or email them at MaynoothTidyTowns@outlook.ie. They meet every Saturday morning at 9am in the Council Car Park just show up all equipment supplied.

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Centre:	**Maynooth - Maigh Nuad**	Ref:	**377**
County:	**Kildare**	Mark:	**403**
Category:	**G**	Date(s):	**22/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	62	63
Streetscape & Public Places	80	52	53
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	58	59
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	46	47
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	31	32
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	62	64
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	41	42
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	42	43
TOTAL MARK	**600**	**394**	**403**

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Community - Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanail agus Rannpháirtiocht:

Fáilte go Comóritas Baite Slachtmaha SuperValu 2026, Go raibh math agailah as bhur n-iarrasta a chur Isteach. Maith sáib as an obair adá déanta agailh an bhur geantar go dti sec - guíonn muid gach rath oraibh in bhur dtionscadal amach anseo. Maynooth Tidy Towns have submitted an entry for the 2026 National Tidy's Towns in the Competition G Large Urban Centre Population 15,000 to 25,000 Section. While I have been an occasional visitor to Maynooth over the years, this was my first visit to the town acting as the adjudicator for the Tidy Towns Competition.

Three notes of congratulation to mention at commencement of this adjudication report for 2026 - congratulations on the 850th anniversary of the foundation of Maynooth, congratulations on winning a gold medal in very prestigious 2025 Entente Florale, and congratulations on 50 years participation in the Tidy Towns competition, all fantastic achievements for your town. Comhghairdeas, agus math sibh go léir. In addition to your comprehensive 37 page entry for the 2026 year, you have also attached your Entente Florale Europe introduction booklet and your helpful route map for your inspectors.

Thank you for taking notice and responding to the previous 2025 adjudicator's advice and the various headings. You have previously reduced your 2025 submission and that was well received by the adjudicator, and that direction of travel remains definitely relevant for future submissions. However the addition of a contents index page has proven helpful for other submissions. You have a very active committee of 11 members and uɔʏ 40 volunteers, making good use of sub-committees to deliver an effective programs.

You have highlighted the international nature of the Tidy Towns team with people from 18 countries helping out - it is no surprise that a university town of the stature of Maynooth is providing so attractive for so many people from all the corners. Déannan go leor lámha an obair éadrom. The participation of the Tidy Towns in the Community Council monthly meetings and the St. Patrick's Parade are an essential part of getting your message out to the wider community - your submission included a great photograph of some fearsome Tidy Towns warriors, hope you is all a great day. You have also mentioned your Maynooth Five Year Plan for 2024 2028 and your annotated Town Map. Your

It is incredible that you still have active members who were involved in the very first submission - Tidy Towns must have kept them healthy. Your presentation of your methods of communication covers all possibilities and is also very well out. Your participation and use of the high quality Maynooth Newsletter is certainly an effective medium.

Maynooth Tidy Towns enjoys wide support from many other voluntary groups, sports clubs, the university, and very importantly many of the local businesses - without the support of a person your town would not be the living attractive town that it is. A special word of appreciation for the students, teachers and pupils of Presentation Girls N.S. (great display of posters on the school wall), Gaelsicoll Ui Fhiaich, Maynooth Educate Together (how did the acorns grow?) S. S. Mary's Boys School (green flag on display) and Maynooth Post Primary Transition Year. Fair play also to Maynooth GAAD Under 14's under 14's who also made a major contribution in the planting an and in their work.

Without alloption of the entrants from Kildare identified the support and assistance of Kildare County Council - the high standard achieved by the county's Tidy Towns family both in the past and in 2026 are a testament to the ongoing commitment and energy of the County Council also with a particular reference to County Kildare your Large Urban Centre Category G is an especially competitive group and is of a high standard.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sraid-Dreach & Áitéanna Poblíš:

You have responded to the previous comments regarding wedding of the cobbie paving at Courthouse Square and you have taken some action to tackle the issue. Given the prominence of the Square to the town and the investment inlaying the cobbies and other features here it is a píry that the appearance here is not better- perhaps it might be useful to discuss further with the Council. The inclusion of also the Entente Florale Europe plaque here is very fitting. The street furniture, particularly the pair of decorative boot-shaped benches including planters were very effective.

Apart from the striking Courthouse Square mentioned above, Maynooth has very striking buildings and public realms spaces, very different in character in a relatively small space. The thumbnail photographs included in your entry proudly set out your extraordinarily rich heritage.

Main Street was generally a good condition with a number of very attractive shop fronts, including for example the Library and The Maynooth Bookshop opposite. The Doctor 365 clinic with yellow bike outside and the neighbouring Bistro 53 also caught the eye. The presence of mature trees and decorative light standards adds to the character of the street, bookbouding by Elys Wine Store the building opposite the magnificent entrance to Carton House.

Not too many towns have access to a facility literally in their town. Thank you for your photographs showing your work to the Main Street line trees carried out this year, well done. It was also encouraging to see that along with many other towns Maynooth has made provision for outdoor seating and dining facilities on the streets, most notably on Maynooth Main Street and Courthouse Square. Most of the businesses that were open on the sunʏʏ day of adjudication appeared to be busy.

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While this option presents challenges to every town and needs to be managed, it will encourage increased pedestrian traffic and result in increased footfall for all businesses and the overall development of the town. Maynooth has a great selection of the outside of the town - the use c of the barriers does not help the overall appearance. It would be much appreciated if the banks and building society buildings could match the contribution of the other local businesses to the overall appearance of the town. The Glenroyal Centre was also a centre of activity and again appeared very well maintained and cared for.

The new biodiversity sculpture and planting at the Maynooth Pond provided a great seating area away from the bustle of the town - hopefully the traffic comes flanking the bench seen on the day of adjudication have been removed. St. Mary's Catholic Church is a fine building adding to your streetscape, well maintained, on the day of adjudication work on installing a water butl was under way. The area around Maynooth Castle and South Campus Gate and St. Mary's Church of Ireland at Parrson's your Modeival Quarter added significantly to the sense of history for Maynooth. Traffic is obviously an issue for the town but the overall impression is of a lively vibrant town with many options to enjoy.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tirdhreachú:

You highlight the Harbour Field as the main green space for Maynooth and it certainly a major asset - on the day of adjudication the visiting circus was packing up and leaving town. It is a wonderful asset to have with us so many activities including the essential playgrounds and funs. We look forward to your proposed development of Maynooth Gardens together with Kildare County Council - you might consider making contact with other Tidy Towns committees who have undertaken similar gardens to gain from their experiences. Some of the fencing at the Harbour Field might require some attention.

Lyreen Park is also a great amenity area that looks well. You have also mentioned the very striking Avenue at Carton House as a maintained area. In terms of green spaces and potential areas of landscaping Maynooth and it's environs are well served. Many of the extensive college grounds in Maynooth are hidden gems. The gardens to the student accommodation at the Divine Word School of English are a great example of the greening of your town. Some bee-friendly and pollinator areas were sign posted. The use of these spaces as potential wild meadows might be considered, and keep in mind that trees are the most effective cover against ground heating - bare soil is the worst.

Your bulb planting programme is also very worthwhile - well done to your own worker bees. Thank you for the work in keeping all the green spaces distributed through your town so well maintained and attractive for all.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bìhithéguáslacht i do cheantar:

The increased importance of Nature and Biodiversity is recognised in the increased scoring for this category of the 2026 Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for taking on previous adjudication and communication to encouraging some of the businesses to engage with your planting and greening projects for the town - that is much appreciated. You have highlighted the issues arising from the development of the town both in planning and in actual construction and the challenges that poses for nature and biodiversity. Your active management of the hedges in the town since 2021 is a brilliant piece of work - you have recognised the threat and taken the appropriate action - well done on this initiative. Hedgerows are the corridors for nature - communities need to take action to stop unnecessary destruction of our habitats. Your approach to allowing dandelions, nettes and briars allowing them to prosper in very much welcomed - monocultures is the enemy of biodiversity and those dandelions, nettes and briars continued to much so much to the ecosystems that our aol enjoy. Your advocacy work in relation to developments is valued, largely built on the reputation you have establish over your 50 years of continued commitment Your engagement with the Council's Draft Biodiversity Action Plan for 2026-2031 is a very positive step that will direct your future plans and actions.

Your engagement with the Council's and Maynooth University's water quality on your Joan Slade and Lyreen Rivers is especially interesting - your initial findings seem to reflect a nationwide picture of deteriorating water quality, there is little doubt that water quality will remain a critical issue for all. It will be interesting to receive an update in your next submission. One of the highlights is the adjudicator's visit was the Simsey Gardens, the year of the Park Centre at St. Mary's, the local, and the Kildare County Council - you might developed very nicely over time, a particularly striking avenue of lavender leading to a bench in a quiet corner, fruit appearing on the trees and a tranquil spot. Please make sure that the lavender is cut back before it gets to woody.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagan:

The increased importance of Sustainability for all communities is recognised in the increased scoring for this category for the 2026 Tidy Towns competition. While the adjudicator did not get access to the Retrofit House in Meadowbank, the on-line video was reviewed and it looks like an excellent pilot project that will educate and raise awareness of the need for sustainable housing in order to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels.

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You have identified the use of water buts and water storage as a key activity in the drive for sustainability and moved forward in a number of locations to hold and recycle water when required in an environmentally friendly way. In comparison to other European countries Ireland has a low number of active cyclists but based on this 2026 adjudicator's visit on a nice sunny day in June there was evidence of significant cycling activity in Maynooth which is very well served by cycle lane [and bike parking facilities] throughout the town. It is particularly pleasing that students of the schools and the colleges have recognised the efficiency and economic benefits of cycling – it is certainly healthier than sitting in a traffic jam in a car.

Research has shown that regular cyclists are happier so it is no surprise that Maynooth appears to be a happy town. Maynooth is also very well served by different modes of public transport and is a well planned reasonably compact town. You may outline many activities and programmes in Maynooth that are helping our environment by reducing waste – the schools participate in the Green Flags programme, well done to Three Pin Electric repair and recycle. Zero Waste for cutting down on clothes and textile waste, the supermarkets for keeping Food Cloud, and also for hosting battery and vape drop off and collection points.

Well done to the Tidy Towns and Maynooth University for their joint work in reuse and composting brown biw waste, the one million square metres of meadow in Maynooth College is an amazing resource to have. Many of the local businesses are pursuing sustainable practices, for example the Glenroth Hotel have not in the past frantilised in the estire in over a thousand liter toilet and a still mstage to deliver a viable business. It is also encouraging to see that a number of residents have planted fruit bearing trees – growing your own food is part of the sustainability drive.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmaireecht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Maynooth is a very interesting mix of urban, suburban and rural landscapes and presents a lot of different challenges for any community group trying to control litter and dumping. Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee and the volunteers together with the employees of Kildare County Council and other stakeholders have delivered a high standard of tidiness and litter control in all of the public areas of Maynooth visited. You have responded to the adjudicators previous comments regarding bottle banks and recycling centres – thank you for taking action, all areas inspected were in good condition. The only exception noted to this high standard was some evidence of anti-social behaviour and litter left behind at Cotes Lane. Incidentally the Stop sign here is facing away from the road and needs to be to-aligned. The litter has arisen from one of the local fast food franchises – it they are not already doing so, hey might be encouraged to contribute in some way to keeping the town clean. You have set out a very impressive schedule of cleaning timetables and works areas allocated – well done to all.

Some highlights from your submission for this adjudicator – it is truly fantastic that Maynooth has it's own beach clean, the brilliantly named MUCK canal clean-up, a a brilliant photograph of the Gaeliscoil Ul Fhiaich yellow army that picked litter at Harbour Field and Royal Canal area. Congratulations on your work

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithiochta:

Maynooth is a mix of an old town, university and ecclesiastical centre, new development and many adjointing housing developments of varying vintage and some new developments underway, including inflil developments and gated communities, all traversed by major roads carrying traffic through the area. The houses in the town are a mix of modern and vermaculur two story houses with businesses in between which makes for an active town day and night. Houses along the main streets presented well and many had been freshly painted giving a brightness to the streetscape. Some had window boxes, planters orhangh baskets which added colour and also benefited the insects giving them food and shelter. Particularly pleasing is the classic terrace of houses and gardens starting at the Garda headquarters down to the harbour house on Leinster Street. Notwithstanding the extensive development works currently under way the residents and communities in the newest estates maintain and keep their homes, gardens and streets to a very high level.

Lyreen Park and Castlepark were typical of the estates visited and most of the homes had very well maintained private and public spaces. The green space were generally planted with trees and pollinator friendly plants. On the other side of the town the Kingsbury and the Greenfield. Maynooth Park homes were equally well cared for. The work of the various residents associations throughout the town is essential to the general pukeep of the town. It is appreciated that the engaging with the management companies in some developments can be difficult but can be worth pursuing. Investors in properties to not want their properties to become rundown. You have provided details of the impressive work carried out to the stone wall at Manor Court during the year, hopefully the solitary bees and the bugs will enjoy their new superior accommodation. One third of Ireland's 98 bee species are threatened with extinction so every effort made is appreciated.

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Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Given its central location, Maynooth has many approach roads of different types and given its characteristics there is a certain fluidity to where Maynooth starts and ends, there is no clearly defined boundary. In addition the railway is a major gateway into the town and the canal still serves as an approach for the more leisurely traveller.

As mentioned previously the provision of cycleways also serves the town. You have also mentioned the development of the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road scheme. The surface condition of the roads, the road signs and road markings were generally a good shape on the approach roads, and most pavements and footpaths were also in good condition. Some footpaths and verges might benefit from some weeding in a small number of locations. There was evidence of some new footpaths through the tactile paving and dropped kerbs in place laid recently. It was also good to see that the intersections between new bike paths and roads were generally clearly defined.

As with all towns of this size there is a constant need to have some control of traffic speed, with ramps, pedestrian crossings and lights being part of the suite of measures required. No excessive speeding was observed in the town or estates The input of the Tidy Towns, into the Council's planting and grass cutting programme also contributes significantly to the appearance of the approaches to the town. The 24m approach sign on the R406 is somewhat obscured by the overhanging trees and bushes. The railway station was in excellent condition, and it wasencouraging to see the take up of the bike parking facilities The canal cyclesways were also in very good condition, good surfaces and no liltlr throughout. Mullen Bridge on R406 was excellent as was the Bond Bridge on Parson Street, unfortunately there is some graffiti on the sign at Bond Bridge. Maynooth Tidy Towns have worked very well to make sure that their town presents a very attractive face to all visitors especially closer in to the town where your planting and your murals to the utilities cabinets has been eye-catching and attractive. Well done to all.

Concluding Remarks: Maynooth Tidy Towns committee and volunteers and supporters have worked very well with the local community to enhance, develop and maintain your town's environment, including both natural and built heritage.

Congratulations on your work in 2026, your many achievements over the years and an extraordinary 50 years participation in the Tidy Towns Competition. You have much to be proud of and we look forward to seeing you in 2027. Thank you all who have contributed so much over the last 50 years, you have left a legacy that must be carried on.

Sourced: www.ildytowns.com/reports/2026/kildare/2026-Kildare-Maynooth-377

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Last month marked a very special occasion when, as part of the Maynooth 850 events, the Band joined with An Nuadha Prayers Payper and the Castle Keep Art Group in performing a one act play entitled “No Pasty for the King” in the Church of Ireland.

The play, written by Declan O'Connor and Directed by former Band Member John Bean, was a re-telling of the Royal Visit It.c.o the College in 1911 when some members of the Band refused to play for the King, The play ran on 14th, 15th and 16th of October and the Band made a very important contribution to the event.

One of the most important events of the year is the Band's Sunday 18th November at 1pm.

It is an opportunity to remember those who helped to keep the Band going through difficult times over the past 35 years since it was reformed in 1931 and they could be delighted to see that it is going from strength to strength.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert which this year is being held in the Maynooth Community Church on Saturday 12th December and more about this and our very important Christmas Collections on Saturday 5th December in next months Newsletter.



The Band performing at the play "No Pasty for the King" in the Church of Ireland

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MU'S PROF DAVID MALONE RECEIVES 2026 MATHS WEEK IRELAND AWARD



Prof David Malone

Prof David Malone, Director of the Hamilton Institute and Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Maynooth University, has been named the recipient of the 2026 Maths Week Ireland Award.

The award recognises outstanding and sustained contributions to the promotion of mathematics across the island of Ireland and was presented during Maths Week Ireland, which runs from October 10-18.

Prof Malone has been a member of the MU community for more than 20 years and is recognised for his contributions to mathematics research, education and public engagement.
Throughout his career, he has worked to make mathematics accessible to a broad audience through school outreach, public talks, media engagement and educational resources.

Prof Malone has visited primary and secondary schools around the country, introducing students to mathematical concepts through interactive activities and encouraging interest in mathematics and related careers.He has also contributed to public understanding of mathematics through articles, interviews and talks exploring topics including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, voting systems and data analysis.
Among his projects is a digital archive of Leaving Certificate mathematics examination papers dating back to 1925, providing a valuable resource for students, teachers and researchers.
He has also contributed to mathematics enrichment programmes and the Irish Mathematical Society and is due to become President of the Society in 2027.

Accepting the award, Prof Malone, said: "It's a real honour to receive the award and join the list of extraordinary previous recipients. I think mathematics is a very important thing because it helps us understand what the world is doing around us and also allows us to understand more abstract things.

This understanding is really useful and even in a world with AI, mathematics will still help us humans understand the world. It is very important to continue the effort of popularising maths across the island of Ireland."
Maths Week Ireland was established to promote awareness, appreciation and understanding of mathematics and its applications. The award recognises individuals who have made a significant contribution to advancing those aims through education, outreach and public engagement.

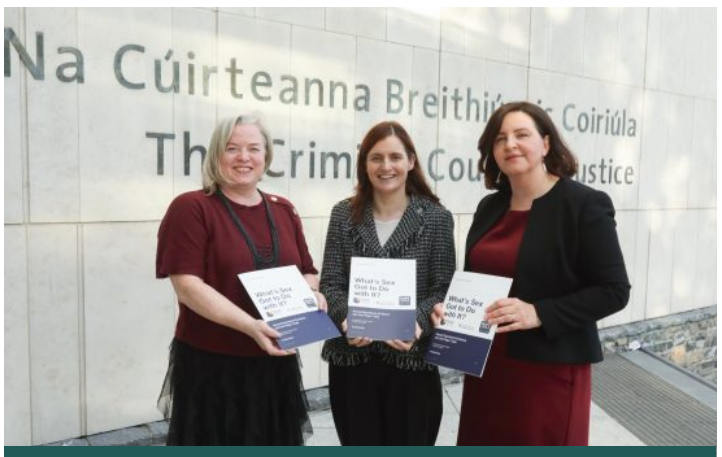
MU STUDY FINDS IRELAND'S RAPE SHIELD LAW FAILING TO SAFEGUARD COMPLAINANTS' PRIVACY

New independent research authored by Maynooth University (MU) and launched by Rape Crisis Ireland (RCI) shows that Ireland's rape shield law is routinely failing to stop complainants in sexual offence trials from being cross-examined about their previous sexual experiences.

The report, What's Sex Got to Do with It? Sexual Experience Evidence in Irish Rape Trials, is authored by Dr Sinéad Ring, Associate Professor of Law at MU's School of Law and Criminology, as an independent academic report, supported by RCI.
The first qualitative study of section 3 of the Criminal Law (Rape) Act 1981, the report draws on 21 in-depth interviews with barristers, solicitors, policy specialists, court accompaniment workers and Legal Aid clerks with direct experience of how the law operates in practice.

Key findings of the report:

- **In 2025, at least 39% of sexual offence trials involved an application to introduce evidence of, or cross-examine a complainant on, their sexual history, a figure the report describes as surprisingly high.**
- **While overt character attacks on complainants have declined, applications to admit such evidence continue to rely on the same discredited assumptions that rape shield laws were designed to prevent, namely that prior consent suggests future consent and that a complainant's sexual history affects their credibility.**
- **Two groups face a particularly high risk of intrusive cross-examination: adults who were in a relationship with the accused, and child or adolescent complainants. The latter are often questioned on issues far removed from the alleged offence, including social media use and access to pornography.**
- **Section 3 applications are frequently made with little notice, sometimes on the first day of trial, limiting complainants' ability to engage meaningfully with the process and placing significant pressure on the Legal Aid Board to secure a Separate Legal Representative (SLR) at short notice.**
- **The quality and experience of Separate Legal Representatives (SLRs), who represent complainants' interests during these hearings, varies considerably.**



L-R: Dr Clíona Saidléar, RCI Executive Director, Catherine Ardagh TD, Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Dr Sinéad Ring, Associate Professor at MU's School of Law & Criminology at the launch in the Criminal Courts of Justice © Paul Sharp SHARPPIX

Recommendations

The report calls for Section 3 to be repealed and replaced with a more clearly defined legislative provision.

It also recommends a series of procedural reforms, including mandatory written notice of applications, a right for Separate Legal Representatives (SLRs) to access applications and supporting evidence, compulsory written reasons for court decisions, the establishment of a dedicated Legal Aid Board panel of experienced barristers for SLR appointments, and ongoing specialist training for both SLRs and members of the judiciary.

MU research project explores Ireland's housing emergency through Dublin exhibition

A new exhibition examining Ireland's housing crisis through research, art and activism recently showcased the work of Maynooth University's (MU) European Research Council-funded Data Stories project.

Fictions, Frictions & Evictions: Understanding Ireland's Housing Emergency through Data Stories, Public Knowledge, Art & Activism ran from October 16-24 at The Bank, James Street, Dublin 8, bringing together researchers, artists, activists and community voices to explore the systems, data and policies that have shaped housing in Ireland.

The exhibition emerges from the Data Stories project, a five-year research programme led by Prof Rob Kitchin of MU's Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI).

Over the past four years, researchers have investigated the stories, politics and power embedded within housing and planning data, examining how housing and planning data are generated, governed, circulated and used in policymaking and public debate.

Dublin has experienced successive housing crises since independence, from overcrowded tenements and poor sanitation to contemporary challenges including housing affordability, displacement, speculative development, and homelessness.

The exhibition focuses particular attention on Dublin 8, a community that has experienced the consequences of urban change, gentrification, and housing policy over generations.



Fictions, Frictions & Evictions ran from October 16-24 at The Bank, James Street, Dublin 8

Curated by Brendan Fox, Fictions, Frictions & Evictions examines the evidence, data systems and decision-making processes that have shaped Ireland's housing emergency while highlighting the human experiences often obscured behind statistics and policy narratives.

The exhibition asks whether failures in housing policy are also, in part, failures in the production, interpretation and use of evidence.

The exhibition features work by MU artists-in-residence Augustine O'Donoghue, Mel Galley, Ella Harris and Hannah Mumby, Helen Shaw, Joan Somers Donnelly and Sean Borodale, alongside project collaborators Conor McCabe and Clara McSweeney.

Ahead of the official opening of the exhibition, Prof Rob Kitchin, said: "Our aim on the Data Stories project has been to examine what do we know about the housing crisis and what do we do with that knowledge? We usually seek to answer these questions in a scientific manner, but the exhibition approaches them through an artistic lens.

Through film, installation, photography, speculative fiction, performance and activism, visitors will be invited to engage critically with housing evidence and the ways it shapes public understanding, planning decisions and housing policy.

This perspective highlights weaknesses in our housing evidence-base and the consequences for citizen lives and how we might go about generating new insights to inform housing policy."

Exhibition curator Brendan Fox, added: "Behind the hoarding, a different city is being built: public land privatised, homes transformed into assets, and communities displaced in the name of progress.

Fictions, Frictions & Evictions confronts the housing systems reshaping Dublin 8, centring the lived experiences too often erased by policy, data, and development.

Through research, testimony, and collective memory, it reveals the human cost of a city increasingly rebuilt for capital rather than the people who call it home."

At the centre of the exhibition is a public access library that connects the project's research with community-produced knowledge and wider housing literature, creating a shared space for exchange between academic research and lived experience.

A programme of public events will accompany the exhibition, including artist talks, conversations, performances and a walking tour led by invited artists Con: temporary Quarters (Aoife Ward and Eve Woods).

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If you have any events happening or planned for January, please send the details in by 23rd November



MAYNOOTH MARKET EXPANDS TO THREE FESTIVE WEEKENDS AND YOU'RE INVITED!





One Christmas market is good. Two are even better. But this year, Maynooth Market is going for three!

While our regular Saturday markets continue throughout November, we're busy planning three festive markets on Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th December, bringing even more Christmas cheer to Court House Square. We're also inviting local makers, craftspeople, food producers and small businesses to join us and help make this year's celebrations our best yet.

Whether you create handmade decorations, jewellery, candles, artwork, gifts or something completely different, we'd love to hear from you. We're particularly keen to welcome new vendors who would like to join us for one or more of our Christmas markets.

We're especially interested in hearing from hot food and savoury food vendors who could add something delicious to our festive offering. We have a generator available to provide electrical power where needed, so please get in touch to discuss what's possible.

Joining us is easier than you might think! A once-off event licence from Kildare County Council costs €50, or you can get an annual licence covering all 52 weeks for just €100. These fees go directly to the Council.

As a volunteer-run market, we're passionate about helping local makers and producers thrive. We'll happily guide you through the licence application process and help spread the word about your stall on our social media channels. So, if you've been thinking about giving the market trading a go, why not make githis Christmas your starting point?

Email: maynoothlocalmarket@gmail.com to find out more.

The Magic is in the Makers

Over the past two years, the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas have been brilliant at supporting our market, and we're incredibly grateful.

Every Saturday, our vendors bring their creativity, skills and hard work to the Square. Behind every stall is a person with a story to tell, whether they're creating something by hand, growing fresh produce or sharing food made with care. They're the people who make our market special.

As Christmas approaches, we'd love to encourage everyone to think local when shopping for gifts, treats and festive essentials. Every purchase makes a difference, helping people earn a living from what they love while keeping more of our Christmas spending within the local community.

And with so many talented makers on our doorstep, you might just find that perfect gift you didn't even know you were looking for!

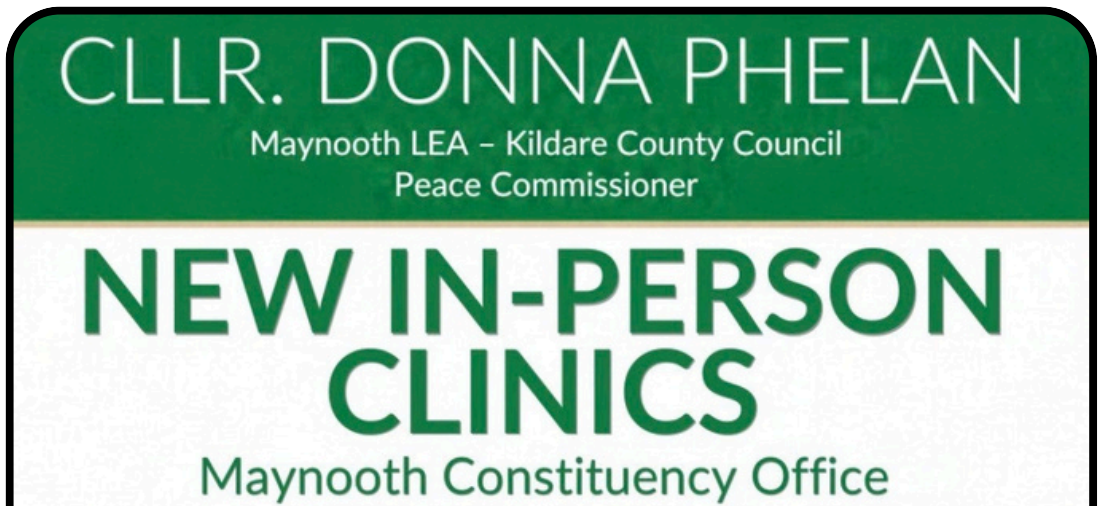
We'll also have some lovely prizes to give away through our social media channels in the run-up to Christmas, so make sure you're following us on Facebook and Instagram for your chance to win @maynoothlocalmarket.

Our Christmas markets take place on Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th December. In the meantime, we're there every Saturday throughout November, so wrap up warm, pop down and see what is on offer. We look forward to seeing you!






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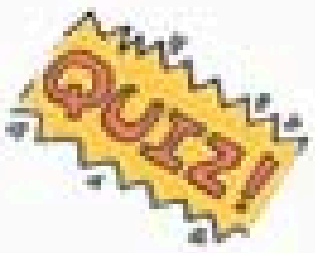
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WINTER FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Fundraising is an essential ongoing activity for our society and we are very thankful to the community for continuously showing up to support us. We are currently preparing for essential roof repairs at our shelter in Athgarvan to ensure that we can keep our rescue dogs warm and dry during the winter months.

The recent spell of cold weather has meant that overnight heat lamps are now needed, which significantly drives up our electricity bills each winter. We would be grateful for any donation, however small to help with these challenging winter costs. The easiest way to donate is online via the following link to our webpage, and please write the word 'WINTER' in the comments: https://kwwspca.ie/donate/

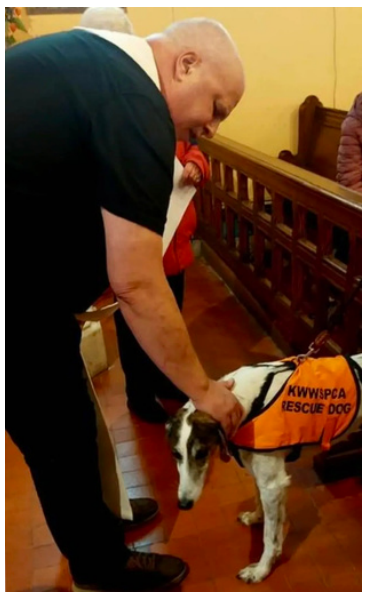
JASPER EMBRACES THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

Jasper is a strikingly handsome Lurcher who came into our care last November. He is an expressive and affectionate boy with the most beautiful red fawn colouring. At five years of age, he is curious and playful, yet he enjoys nothing more than sitting in the company of a volunteer that he has all to himself for a little while. He has developed a lovely bond with several volunteers at the shelter, which is testament to his willingness to love and trust. He recently benefitted from a wonderful foster placement, and we are now anxious for him to find his forever family. His fondness for company can be rather selective when it comes to his fellow canines, so a successful meet and greet would be required if he were to live with another resident dog. We feel he would be best suited to a quiet home environment without cats.

We are in no doubt that he will make a loving and loyal companion in the right home. If you are interested in welcoming Jasper into your home, please visit our website, where you can read his full profile and complete an 'Expression of Interest' form.



A CONGREGATION OF WAGGING TAILS AT THE ANNUAL PET BLESSING SERVICE



A wonderful afternoon was had by all at the Annual Ecumenical Pet Blessing Service, which took place in Christ Church in Celbridge on Saturday 10th October. Currently in its eleventh year, the service was well attended by a colourful and diverse congregation that included dogs of all shapes and sizes alongside their families and even a couple of Guinea Pigs. Some of our current and past shelter dogs enjoyed the outing and were on their best behaviour in church.

The KWWSPCA would like to thank the Reverend Stephen Neill of Christ Church for organising and giving this very special service, Fr Peter of St. Patrick's church for assisting in the service and also the team at the church who looked after the logistics, refreshments and music on this very enjoyable day. Attendees gave very generously to the collection on the day, which was donated to the KWWSPCA, for which we are hugely grateful.

A GREAT NIGHT OF MAYNOOTH HISTORY!

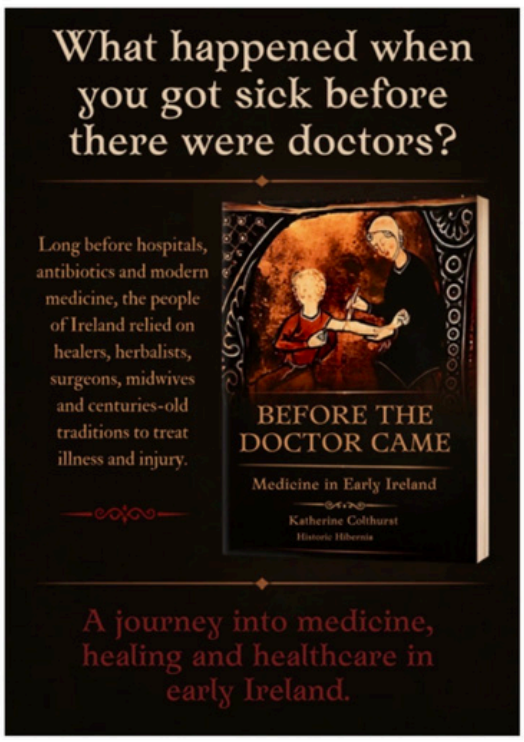
It was a pleasure to be invited and make up some of the expert panel alongside other historians to discuss the fascinating history of Maynooth, Maynooth Castle, the Fitzgeralds, the Earls of Kildare and the Dukes of Leinster as part of the Maynooth 850 celebrations!

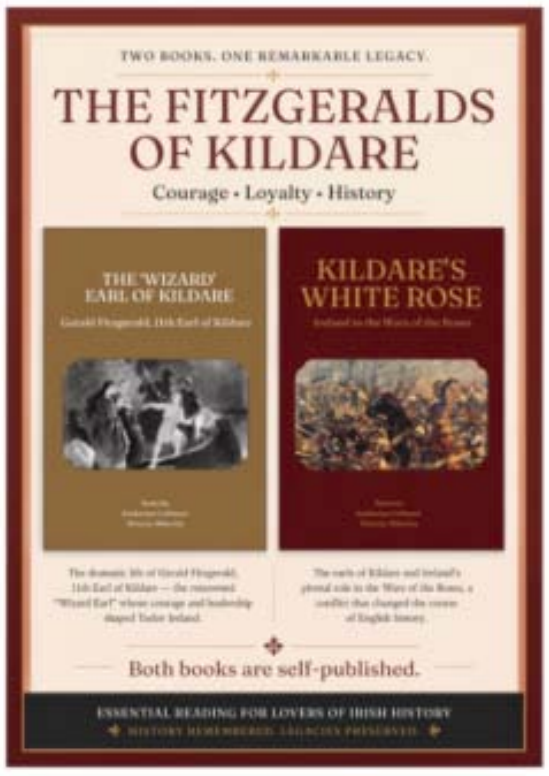
A huge thank you for the invitation to speak alongside fellow historians, to everyone who attended, and to all those involved in organising the fantastic Maynooth 850 history talks, events and celebrations. Love Irish history? You can purchase our book Ireland's Uncrowned Kings, exploring the fascinating history of the Fitzgeralds, along with our other self-published books all available at Maynooth Bookshop. A selection of our publications is also available at Buythebook.ie

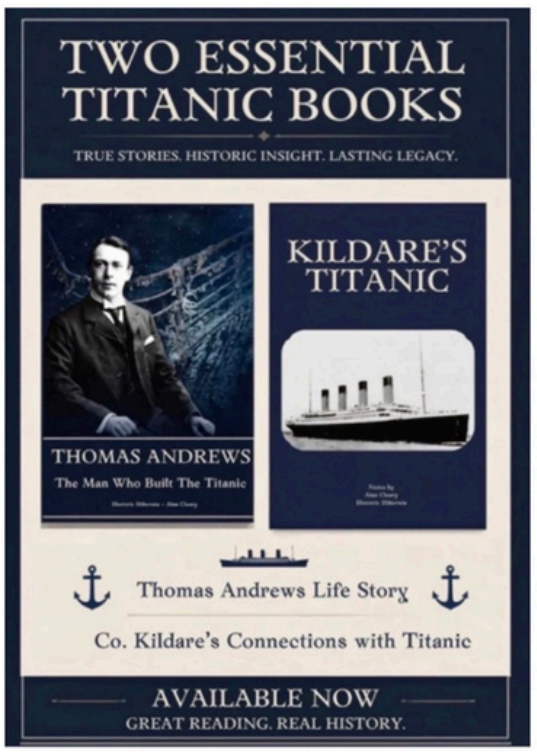
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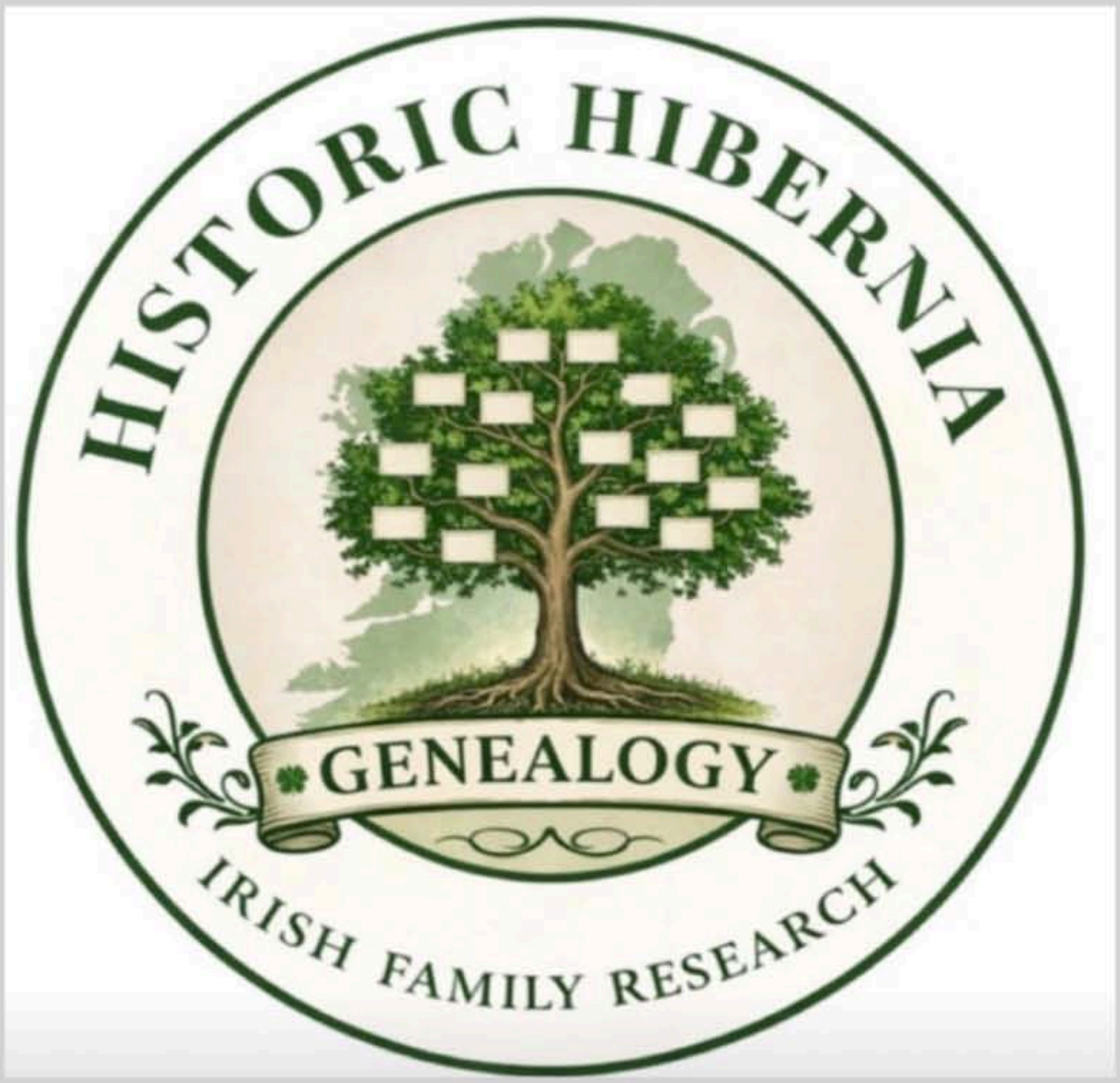
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Ireland at Sea: Four Ships, Four Tragedies – A Successful Evening of Irish Maritime History

Historic Hibernia would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended our recent historical talk, Ireland at Sea: Four Ships, Four Tragedies, hosted by Maynooth Bookshop as part of Independent Book Week.

We would also like to thank the team at Maynooth Bookshop for their continued support and for providing such a welcoming venue for the event. The support of independent bookshops is invaluable in promoting local history, Irish literature and the work of independent authors, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to work with them.

The event marked our second historical talk in just two weeks, reflecting our continued commitment to making Ireland's past accessible, engaging and enjoyable through talks, publications and historical research.

Four Ships, Four Tragedies:

Our latest presentation explored the stories of four vessels whose names remain deeply connected with Irish maritime history: the RMS Titanic, the RMS Lusitania, the RMS Empress of Ireland and the RMS Leinster.
Although each ship had its own history and circumstances, their stories share a common connection to Ireland, whether through shipbuilding, passengers and crew, emigration, wartime events or the lasting impact of maritime disasters.

The talk examined the history of each vessel, from its construction and service to the people who travelled aboard it. We explored the experiences of passengers and crew, the Irish connections associated with each ship, and the events that ultimately led to their tragic endings.

The RMS Titanic, built in Belfast by Harland and Wolff, remains one of the most recognisable ships in history. Its sinking in April 1912 claimed more than 1,500 lives and continues to generate enormous interest around the world. Ireland's connections to Titanic extend far beyond its construction, encompassing passengers, crew members and the communities affected by the disaster.

The RMS Lusitania, torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of County Cork in May 1915, brought the realities of the First World War to Ireland's shores. The loss of almost 1,200 people made it one of the most significant maritime disasters of the conflict and had a profound impact on the communities connected to those aboard.

The RMS Empress of Ireland, a Canadian Pacific ocean liner, sank in the St Lawrence River in May 1914 following a collision with the Norwegian collier Storstad. More than 1,000 people lost their lives, making it one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in Canadian history. Its story also has important Irish connections through its passengers, crew and the wider history of transatlantic travel.

Finally, we explored the RMS Leinster, a mailboat operated by the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company. Torpedoed by a German submarine in the Irish Sea in October 1918, the vessel sank with the loss of more than 500 lives. Its sinking remains the deadliest single loss of life in the Irish Sea and a particularly significant event in Ireland's maritime history.

Together, these four stories provided an opportunity to explore not only the ships themselves, but also the lives of the people aboard them and the wider historical events that shaped their journeys.
While each disaster was different, the talk highlighted the importance of preserving the memory of the passengers and crew, understanding the historical circumstances surrounding these events, and recognising the many ways in which Ireland's past is connected to the sea.

Making Irish History Accessible

At Historic Hibernia, we believe history is about more than dates and events. It is about people, communities and the stories that connect us to the past.
Through our illustrated presentations, we aim to bring these stories to life, combining historical research with engaging accounts of the people and places that shaped Ireland's history.

Our talks cover a wide variety of subjects, including medieval Ireland, the Fitzgeralds of Kildare, Maynooth Castle and local history, Irish maritime history, Titanic, genealogy and family research, alongside many other aspects of Irish history.

We welcome enquiries from historical societies, community groups, libraries, schools and other organisations interested in arranging a talk tailored to their audience.

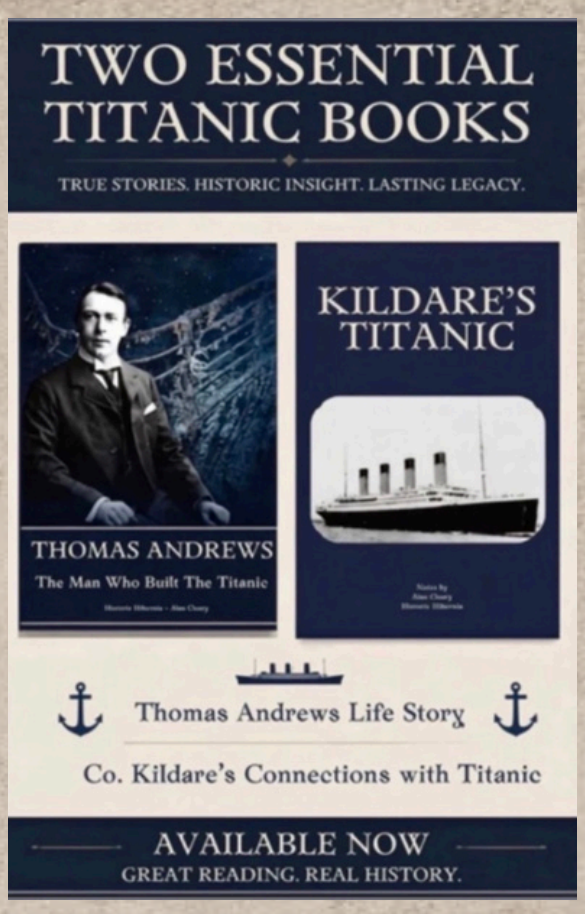
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Alongside our talks, Historic Hibernia produces and publishes books exploring Irish history, local heritage and maritime stories. Our publications reflect our commitment to researching and sharing subjects that deserve to be better known and appreciated.

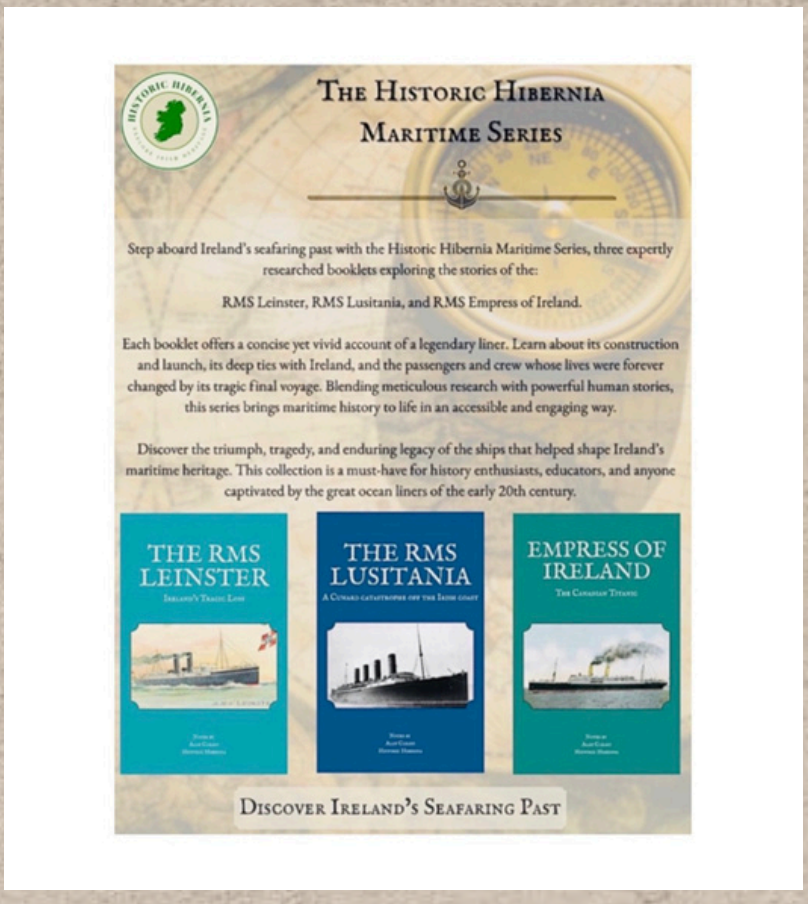
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We would once again like to thank everyone who attended Ireland at Sea: Four Ships, Four Tragedies, as well as Maynooth Bookshop for their hospitality and ongoing support. Your interest and encouragement help us continue our work in bringing Ireland's fascinating history to wider audiences.

Interested in booking a historical talk or finding out more about our publications?
Contact Historic Hibernia by direct message on social media or email historichibernia@gmail.com.
We look forward to sharing more stories from Ireland's past with you in the future.







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Events for Children

Scéalaíocht agus Rannaíocht as Gaeilge agus Béarla d'aoiseanna 3 - 7 le Sarah Sparkles

Story telling and Rhymes for ages 3 - 7 with Sarah Sparkles
Satharn 7 Mí na Samhna / Saturday 7 November
12 i.n. - 1 i.n. - 12pm - 1pm

Introduce the magic of Irish to your little ones in this event with Sarah Sparkles!
Visit the library for this special bi-lingual Storytelling event with Sarah and her puppet friends. Have fun through Irish and English hearing a story, singing, dancing and popping bubbles!

Cuir draíocht ar fáil do do leanaí óga san seó seo le Sarah Sparkles. Déann cuairt ar an leabharlann le haghaidh an seó dhá-theangach Scéalaíochta le Sarah agus a cairde puipéad.
Bí ag spraoi trí nGaeilge agus Béarla, éist le scéal, bí ag canadh, déan damhsa is pléisc na bolgáin freisin!

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All children attending this event must be accompanied by a parent / guardian
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Inclusive POP! Songs and Stories through Irish Sign Language and English
Wednesday 11 November, 3:00pm to 3:30pm

Listen to interactive songs and stories for children aged 1-6 years. All songs and stories will be interpreted into Irish Sign Language. Learn some simple Irish Sign Language signs. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking link:
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Events for Adults

Let's talk about Parenting Programme

CBT techniques for parents to use and teach their children
Thursday 5 November, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

This talk, presented by Helen Vaughan, will include amongst other topics:

· A snapshot of our youth mental health – the key issues
· How the CBT model works: the relationship between thoughts, feelings, behaviour & the body
· Helping children to identify their feelings. Learning to emotionally regulate and co-regulate

Booking link Book your free place here – CBT techniques for parents to use and teach their children – Maynooth Library

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Age Friendly Talk - Creating a Will
Wednesday 11 November, 10 am - 11 am

Join solicitor Fidelma Hegarty, of Hegarty Solicitors, Maynooth as she guides you on the processes involved in making a will. Fiona will be available for questions after the talk. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

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Origami Club for Adults

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To find out more about EVE Larine call 01 6289465 or visit eve.ie

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Exhibition Bookings

If you are a local artist or art group and would like to book our exhibition space, please contact us.
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To be placed on a waiting list to use the exhibition space in 2026, or for booking enquiries,
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The Great Debate: The Impact of the Fitzgeralds on Maynooth and Ireland



left to right: Dr. Seamus Cullen, Colette Jordan, Chairman Jerome Reilly, Alan Cleary, Katherine Colthurst

Musical Director and Conductor of The County Kildare Orchestra Lorcan Daly



The orchestra performed at The Glenroyal Hotel

Push for Porter performing at St. Mary's Church



Maynooth Celebrating 850 Years

'No Pastry for the King' written by Declan O' Connor, produced by John Bean and performed by An Nuadha Players & St Mary's Brass and Reed Band



photographed above left to right, playing multiple roles

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Vincent Muiready
John McOrmack
Finbarr Coghlan
Aidan O' Neill
John O Toole
Michelle Walsh
Ann Kelly
Grace Desmond
María Moore
Aoife Dutton
Roberta Hines
Leanne Greene

Musicians (not in photograph)

Francesca Sheridan - Conductor
Eithne Bean - Trad Musician
Ray Ball Trad Musician
Aoife Phelan - Flute/Piccolo
Emma Garvin - Clarinet
Aaron McKeeone - Alto Saxophone
Shane O'Hora - Alto Saxophone
Dermott Phelan - Trumpet
Catherine Helsen - Trumpet
Kevin Boyd - Trumpet
Simon Farrell - Trombone
Colin Nicolson - Euphonium
Joe Garvin - Tuba

NATIONAL FAMINE REMEMBRANCE WALK

This walk, which until this year, occurred every two years, replicates a walk underseen back in the time of the famine by some fifteen hundred men, women and children. It is now an annual walk. At the time the landlord realised that it was cheaper for him to pay to a way for his starving tenants to emigrate to a land than pay for them in the Work House. It was a very long walk particularly for young children, who were more than likely poorly clothed and possibly barefoot. Unfortunately, not all of them survived theordael.

It is a poignant story dating back nearly two centuries. It follows in the footsteps of 1,430 famine stricken tenant farmers and their families who were forced to march to Dublin by their Stokestown Landlord in 1847 and compelled to emigrate to America and Canada via Liverpool. It starts at the National Famine Museum in Stokestown Park in Co. Roscommon travelling to Clondra, Co Longford where it joins the Royal Canal. The walkers then walk the full length of the Canal and the walk ends appropriately, at the Famine Statues in Dublin's Docklands near the Jeanie Johnson Famine Ship and 'EPIC' the Irish Emigration Museum. A walk of this nature and duration takes an enormous amount of organising and arranging and this year it was co-ordinated by Edel Mc Weeney-Moran of the 'Irish Heritage Trust.

The walk, which takes about a week to complete, was welcomed to Maynooth on Saturday 23rd May by members of the RCAG. These RCAG members accompanied the walkers on the final stage of the walk from Maynooth to Dublin the following day – Sunday. On this part of the walk, we followed the nearby completed 'Greenway'. It was an enjoyable walk for all in attendance.



Edel Mc Weeney-Moran of the 'Irish Heritage Trust

RCAG ANNUAL MID-SUMMER WALK

On Sunday, 21st June, in glorious sunshine, the RCAG held its Mid- Summer Walk along the Royal Canal from the 10th Lock at Ashtown to the Ian Bath Memorial near the 12th Lock Castleknock. Normally the walk would finish at the 12th Lock but this year it was decided to shorten it slightly and finish it at the recently installed and un-veiled Memorial to our founder and former president the late Dr. Ian Bath. Ian was a former lecturer at Trinity College as well as being a long serving member of the I.W.A.I.

This particular walk has, for many years, been organised, in the main, by our president Mr. Noel Spaine ably assisted by members of his extended family. The group are very grateful to the president for his efforts in this regard.

There was a great turnout of walkers, despite the very warm weather, including families with buggies and wheelchair users, demonstrating how accessible the canal paths now are, for the most part.



Prior to the commencement of the walk at Ashtown Peter Clarke, the groups historian and a long serving member himself, gave a short talk on the restoration work carried out by the RCAG over the years.

On completion of the walk, the walkers were entertained with music from 'Fionn Uisce' a traditional Irish music group and were offered light refreshments at tea, coffee & sandwiches. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all.

Email: chairman@royalcanal.ie



A Crying Shame

When I ran into Duignan at the mart he was in his usual form, warm but guarded. He was the type of man who wouldn't be above giving a nod to other farmers not to bid against him if he were purchasing your cattle. To my query about how much he'd got for his bullocks he grinned and said, "Enough!" I didn't press him and the conversation turned to shooting.

"Has that bitch of yours pupped yet?" he enquired.
Now I had a beautiful Irish setter, Ruby, and she had recently dropped six healthy pups, one of which I had named Freddy after a former school pal.
"She has," I said. "If you call to the house some evening I'll let you have one."

"Ah, now, I wasn't trying to cadge a pup." He managed to hide his satisfaction. "I'll pay you the going rate."
"You won't," I told him. "Haven't we had many a good day's shooting together? I know that if I give you a pup you'll treat it well. Just let me know when to expect you."

On hearing that, nothing would satisfy him except that he'd treat me to dinner in the Bridge Hotel. Although anxious to get home to feed Ruby, I consented and two hours later drove off in the Land Rover with a full stomach and – though I'm loath to confess it – a little too much Jameson. My wife, Nora, was in Waterford at the time looking after her mother, who was recovering from an operation, so I was glad I didn't have to help prepare an evening meal.

When I opened the stable door where Ruby was kennelled she greeted me ecstatically, while Freddy waddled over to stumble across my boots. "If you've a nose half as good as your mother's," I said, petting him, "you and me will have great sport when you're grown up."

In the following weeks I was kept busy milking, tending the cattle and coping with housework. One evening after returning from posting her favourite slippers to Nora, I went to check on Ruby. To my consternation there were only five pups in the stable and the missing one was Freddy. I searched the place thoroughly, then the other outhouses, and even checked the back garden. Not a trace of the pup! Did somebody steal him? With his pedigree, that pup was worth at the very least three hundred euro.

After a while I recalled my offer to Duignan. Had he dropped by while I was out? If he had, why hadn't the so-and-so left a note?

When we next met at the mart, Duignan made no mention of a pup so I knew he'd helped himself in my absence.
"All right, you cute hoor," I told myself, "just you wait."
My chance to get even came when I learned from a neighbour that Duignan had acquired the season's shooting rights to Johnson's demesne, about fifty miles away, in the midlands. If I knew Duignan it had been purchased at a knockdown price. About a week before the pheasant season opened I told my two regular shooting companions, Noel and Michael, that we'd be heading for Johnson's the coming Wednesday. They were to bring their spaniels and I'd bring Ruby.

On a clear, brisk October 1st the three of us arrived at Johnson's not long after sunrise. I had just halted the Land Rover inside the imposing entrance when a fellow, whom I took to be the steward, emerged from the gatehouse and asked didn't I know this was a private demesne?
"We're here to here to do a spot of shooting," I explained. "I'm Sean Duignan."

"Oh, Mister Duignan! Of course – I should have known." The fellow almost tugged his forelock. "Mr Johnson said you've permission to shoot as many pheasants as you please."

Well, we had an outstanding morning's sport. Ruby and the spaniels worked beautifully together, the spaniels able to penetrate briar clumps, while Ruby excelled on more open ground. In no time I had downed four cocks and Noel and Michael between them another five.

"It's time to be heading home," I told them when we heard the angelus bell ringing.
"Why now?" Noel protested. "We're just getting into our stride."

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WRITERS' CORNER

Short Stories/ Articles from our Readers

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A Crying Shame

"We want to leave a few for the next fellows," I explained, not mentioning that I was anxious to skedaddle before Duignan arrived. When we reached the gatehouse, the steward obligingly opened the gates for me. Acting the squire, I handed him a twenty-euro tip. "You're always welcome, Mr. Duignan!" he called out as I drove off.
That was the best day's shooting I had in ages, but when Nora returned from Waterford she was appalled.
'You can't do something so dishonest,' she protested. 'If I know Duignan he'd – ' I began, then realised Nora was right. I had acted illegally.

When I next met Duignan at the mart I could see he was itching to say something but before he could get a word out, I held both hands up.

'All right,' I said,'whatever extra you had to pay I'll reimburse you.'
'Pay for what?' he looked puzzled.
For the opening day of the pheasant shoot,' I explained.
He stared at me. 'I paid for the entire season, which won't open till November 1st – it's October 1st up North.'
So that steward must have been new,' I blurted out, ' and, anyway, I thought you'd taken Freddy.'

It was now Duignan's turn to look guilty. 'I've a confession to make,' he cleared his throat. 'You see, when I called round to your place to collect a pup you were out, so after a peep in the stable door I was reversing to drive away and – well, Freddy must somehow have got out and the back wheel went over him.' We stared at one another then I held out my hand. 'Let's wipe the slate clean,' I said and Duignan shook it.

Patrick Devaney







Maynooth Cycling Campaign

Notes for November 2026

Reframing Road Safety

Maynooth Cycling Campaign was represented at the public talk in September on road safety in Trinity College. The Canadian Tom Flood who is an advocate of active travel in his native Toronto gave a talk on his experiences in Canada and his use of advertising to highlight the position of vulnerable road users. One of his memorable comments was his description by an opponent as a ‘Radical’ for wanting to safely cycle his children to school.

The following day, Maynooth Cycling Campaign was also represented at an associated seminar on road safety entitled “Change the Frame: How Conversation and Narrative facilitates implementation of Cycling Policy. The seminar was supported by the Irish Cycling Campaign, the Jesuit Centre for Justice, IBikeDublin , Doctors for the Irish Environment and the Dublin Commuter Coalition. The seminar concluded with a special edition of Bike Bop organised by IBikeDublin with a cycle through the centre of the city.

Inflation in Size of Cars

A recent article by the Irish Times journalist Neil Briscoe, suggests that an additional 400 vulnerable road users – mainly pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists – will be killed (each year) on European roads by 2040 because of the increased average car size. A secondary result of larger vehicles is that 14 per cent of on-street parking spaces will be not available because cars are becoming too big to fit between existing lines and still having sufficient space for drivers and passengers to exit.

Car manufacturers have pursued a strategy of larger, more profitable vehicles over smaller less profitable models. The think tank Transport & Environment has called for EU legislation to limit the size of cars and for national tax policies to be reformed to “actively discourage the purchase of oversized vehicles”.

A survey by Swansea University showed though, that even when car buyers were shown cigarette-style warnings on SUV advertising, noting how much more likely someone struck by such a car was to be killed, 95 per cent said they still wanted to buy one.

Road Safety

This year, 2026, is likely see more fatalities nationally on the roads than 2025, which in turn saw more deaths than the previous year. RTE News reports that 150 fatalities have been recorded in 2026 which is some 12 deaths more than last year. Cyclist fatalities are also up.

Climate Change

The Irish Times reports that approximately 1500 people died prematurely as a result of air pollution despite Ireland meeting Irish and Europeans safety standards although not the higher WHO standards. While the EPA has found that Ireland's air quality has improved significantly over recent decades, it has found that pollution from road traffic and the burning of fossil fuels poses significant threats to health.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is an independent local lobby group for better cycling facilities in Maynooth and Kildare generally. If you would like to support our efforts, why not join us - you can find details here : https://maynoothcyclingcampaign.com/join-us-2/



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If Your Landlord Wants You To Leave

Rules for Ending a Tenancy

Landlords must follow certain rules if they want you to leave your rented accommodation.
The rules apply to:

- Private landlords
- Approved housing bodies
- People who let student-specific accommodation

If your landlord wants to end your tenancy, they must:

- Serve you with a notice of termination
- Give you the correct amount of notice
- Send a copy of the notice of termination to the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB)

If your tenancy has lasted less than 6 months, your landlord can ask you to leave without giving you a reason.
If your tenancy has lasted more than 6 months, your landlord must give you a valid reason why they are terminating your tenancy.

The valid reasons are different depending on if your tenancy began:

- On or after 1 March 2026
- Before 1 March 2026

Note: If you have a fixed-term tenancy, your landlord cannot end the tenancy before the end of the fixed term unless you breach your obligations.

Valid Reasons for Ending a Tenancy Created from 1 March 2026

If your tenancy was created on or after 1 March 2026, you have a tenancy of minimum duration when you have rented for 6 months without getting a notice of termination.

A tenancy of minimum duration runs for 6-year cycles, which means you have security of tenure for 6 years at a time. Your landlord can only end a tenancy of minimum duration for certain reasons. These reasons depend on how many tenancies your landlord has.

- Larger landlords are registered companies, or landlords with 4 or more tenancies.
- Smaller landlords are landlords that have 3 or fewer tenancies.

Registered companies are classified as larger landlords, even if they have 3 or less tenancies.

Reasons for Larger Landlords to End a Tenancy of Minimum Duration

Larger landlords can only end a tenancy of minimum duration if:

- The tenants are not meeting their obligations, such as paying rent
- The property is no longer suitable, for example, the property is now too small for a family or is not accessible

Larger landlords must follow the correct process when ending a tenancy for these reasons. This includes issuing a valid notice of termination and meeting any other requirements.

Reasons for Smaller Landlords to End a Tenancy of Minimum Duration

Smaller landlords can only end a tenancy during the 6-year period of a TMD if:

- The tenant is not meeting their obligations, such as paying the rent
- The property is no longer suitable for the tenant, for example, the property is now too small for a family or is not accessible
- The landlord is experiencing hardship, for example, because of a separation, homelessness, bankruptcy or after returning to Ireland from abroad

The landlord needs the property for themselves or an immediate family member to live in. In this situation immediate family members can be, the landlord's spouse, civil partner, child, stepchild, foster child, adopted child, parent, step-parent or parent in-law.

After the 6-year period, smaller landlords can also end a tenancy of minimum duration for these other reasons:

- They intend to sell the property
- They are substantially refurbishing or renovating the property
- They need the property for themselves or a family member to use. In this situation, a family member can be the landlord's spouse, civil partner, child, stepchild, foster child, adopted child, parent, step-parent or parent in-law, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, nephew or niece.
- They are changing the use of the property

Small landlords must follow the correct process when ending a tenancy for these reasons. This includes issuing a valid notice of termination and meeting any other requirements.

Valid Reasons for Ending a Tenancy Created Before 1 March 2026

If your tenancy was created before 1 March 2026, your landlord can only end a tenancy after the first 6 months if:

- You do not comply with the obligations of the tenancy, for example, by not paying your rent on time
- The property is no longer suited to your needs, for example, if it is too small
- The landlord intends to sell the property within 9 months. However, this may not apply if the landlord plans to sell 10 or more dwellings in a development within a 6-month period – see 'Restriction on terminating when selling multiple properties' below
- The landlord needs the property for their own use or for an immediate family member (this only applies to private landlords)
- The landlord plans to change the use of the property (for example, convert it from residential use to office use)
- The landlord intends to refurbish the property substantially

Restriction on Terminating Tenancies When Selling Multiple Properties

A landlord cannot terminate a tenancy of more than 6 months if they intend to sell 10 or more homes in a development within a 6-month period, unless:

- They can show that the market value with a sitting tenant is over 20% below the market value with vacant possession, and
- Preventing them from terminating the tenancy would be unduly onerous on them or would cause them undue hardship

This provision is often called the 'Tyrrelstown amendment'.

Notice of Termination

If your landlord wants you to leave, they must serve you with a valid written notice of termination.
The law sets out the requirements for a valid notice of termination. It must:

- Be in writing
- Be signed by the landlord, or their authorised agent
- Specify the date when the tenancy will end
- State that you have the whole 24 hours of the termination date to vacate the property
- Specify the date of the notice itself. This is the date the notice is hand delivered, emailed, or left at the tenant's address.
- Give the reason for ending the tenancy, if a tenancy has lasted more than 6 months or is a fixed-term tenancy
- State that any issue about the validity of the notice or the right of the landlord to serve it must be referred to the RTB within 90 days from getting the notice. (This 90-day timeframe applies unless the tenant is not keeping their obligations.)

Be sent to the tenant and the RTB. The landlord must send a copy of the notice to the RTB within 7 days of when they serve the notice to their tenant.

Since 14 September 2026, a landlord has 7 days from the date the tenant was served the notice of termination to send a copy to the RTB. Previously, they had to send the copy to the RTB at the same time.

How a notice of termination should be sent

A notice of termination can be:

- Sent to you by email
- Given to you in person
- Left at your home

Sending a Notice of Termination to the RTB

Since 14 September 2026, your landlord has 7 days from when you get the notice of termination to send a copy to the RTB.
Landlords should no longer post notices of termination to tenants. They should email, hand-deliver, or leave the notice at their tenant's address. This ensures that the tenant gets the notice of termination on the date listed on the notice.

A notice of termination can be sent to the RTB by:

- Uploading it to the RTB Service Centre
- Emailing to NoticeofTermination@rtb.ie
- Posting it to the RTB

Other Requirements for Landlords Ending a Tenancy

Your landlord must send you a valid notice of termination when ending your tenancy.

If they are ending the tenancy for certain reasons, they may also need to give you:

- The right to return to the property, if the property comes up for rent again in a certain timeframe
- Additional documents, such as statutory declarations, statements or warning notices

Requirement to offer the property back to the tenant
Your landlord must give you the right to move back into the property, if your tenancy was ended for certain reasons and the property becomes available to rent again after a set amount of time.

Additional rules if your tenancy is ending because a breach of tenant obligations
If your landlord is terminating your tenancy because you have broken your tenant obligations, you must get a written warning notice at least 28 days before the notice of termination is issued.

However, if your behaviour is seriously anti-social your landlord does not have to give you a warning notice. The Notice periods section below has more information on this process.

Making a Complaint About a Notice of Termination

You can complain to the Residential Tenancies Board if you think:

- Your notice of termination is invalid

The reason your landlord gives for ending the tenancy is not allowed.

More Information

The Residential Tenancies Board has more information about ending a tenancy. Threshold can also advise you, if you need help checking if you notice of termination is valid.

Useful Contacts

Threshold
25-28 Strand Street Great, Dublin 1, D01 XP04
Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30am - 5:30pm
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Homepage: http://www.threshold.ie
Email: advice@threshold.ie

Threshold
Dublin Outreach Clinic, Co. Council Office, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin
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2661205	Grainne Beirne	35 Parklands Square, Maynooth	02/11/2026
2661200	Brijesh Tiwari	Straffan Road, Maynooth	30/10/2026
2661151	Brijesh Tiwari	Straffan Road, Maynooth	19/10/2026
2661145	Uisce Éireann	Lands to the north of Celbridge Road, in the townland of Railpark, Maynooth	15/10/2026
2661090	Fergal and Deborah Eiffe	483 The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth	01/10/2026
2661083	Fergal and Deborah Eiffe	483 The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth	29/09/2026
2661068	Jack O'Hagan	Barrogstown, Maynooth	28/09/2026
26114	Marius Victor Moran and Bojana Duric	10 The Dale, Moyglare Hall, Maynooth	25/09/2026

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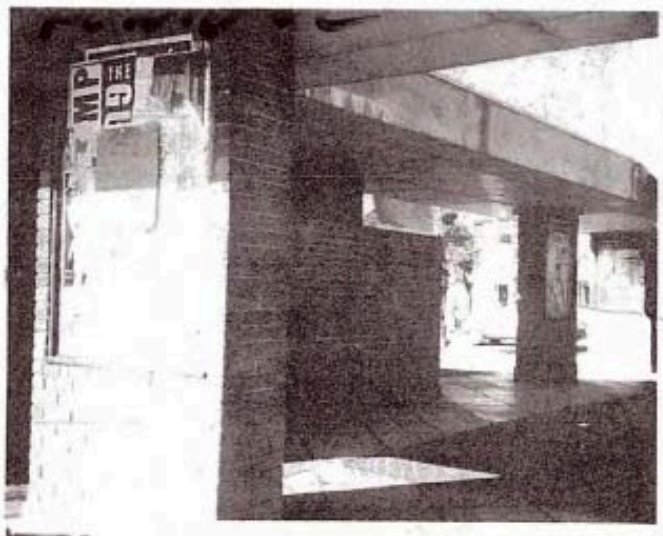
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DIRTY OLD TOWN







LADIES SOCCER

Anybody interested in playing soccer, there is a ladies soccer club that trains on a Wednesday night in the Post Primary School Gym at 7.30 p.m. and will also be training in the Harbour Field during the week. For more details contact Patricia Nyland 285257 (daytime) or Shelly Breslin 285922 (daytime) or 286254 (home). All are welcome to join us.

AWAKEN AND WELCOME

by Deirdre Guinan

The girl walks showly down the old, cracked overgrown footpath. Her step is sure and she wears her rags with the unconcious pride of humility. Her face is not pretty, but there is something there that makes one look twice. Her hair is a vertain shade of blonde, hard to express in words ... it is the colour of a field of honey gold corn at the peak of ripeness, bathed in the firey light of the summer sunset. It is pulled back in two braids that swing merrily around her shoulders.

The soft, whispering wind had pried loose some strands and these frame her face. Her expression is one of supreme contentment, which is a rarity in this particular section of the city.

All around her is the dank smell of poverty and it's companions ... unemployment, hunger and unhappiness. Delapidated houses close in on the footpath. Her presence is like a bright light in the dark realm of time. She is as familiar yet elusive as time itself. Only them of strong heart and faith see her.

She is the symbol of hope and happiness. She walks the footpaths and dirt tracks of the world. She is everywhere willing people to see and recognise and welcome her.

Welcome her!

WISH UPON A STAR

by Padraig Hogan

It was 1986. A young boy was watching an awe-inspiring sight, a shooting star! He made a wish that one day he would be a traveller in space.

In the year 2006 Troy Parker's wish came true. He was now skipper of a space shuttle delivering supplies to one of the Irish space platforms in the earth's orbit. But Parker was also a greedy man. Once aboard the platform he began counting his stolen diamonds which he intended to sell on the black market.

Just then Captain Walker discovered him and caught him red-handed. Walker was disgusted. He reached for the phone to go inform the Commander. Parker was desperate, if he was reported his career was finished.

"No", he screamed and bashed his helmet on Walker's head killing him instantly. He succeeded in smuggling the dead body back to his shuttle. His plan was to release the body into the earth's atmosphere where it would burn up.

"No one will know what happened", he mused.

But in his haste he forgot to strap Walker's body down and immediately after take-off the lifeless corpse shot into the air and hit the booster charge. Parker knew he hadn't a hope. He was seconds from the earth's atmosphere and he was certain to burn up. The heat shield went, it got hotter, hotter, hotter...

Below a young boy watched an awe-inspiring sight — A Shooting Star! He made a wish that one day he also would be a traveller in space!

Writers Competition Results

1st Prize — Adult Section
Rita Murray, River Forest, Leixlip. *"Weekend in Galway".*

1st Prize 12 — 18 years
Deirdre Guinan, Greenfield Drive. *"Awaken and Welcome".*

1st Prize Under 12 years
Padraig Hogan, Maynooth Park. *"Wishing on a Star".*

2nd Prize Under 12 years
Stephen Noonan, Clonagh. *"The Poor Widow".*

3rd Prize Under 12 years
Michael Meally, Rail Park. *"Only the Fittest Survive.*

Special Prize
Ciara Power, Greenfield Drive. *"One Wish".*



COLLEGE PLAYWRIGHT IS FESTIVAL HIT

One of the most successful plays of the Dublin Theatre Festival in October was written by Frank McGuinness, who teaches English in the college. The play "innocence" which was booked out for most of its run, was based on the life of Caravaggio an Italian painter.

The play was difficult in many respects, and many found the coarseness of the language and the of the theme hard to take. David Nowlan, Drama Critic in the Irish Times hailed the play as "greatly daring, greatly demanding, and greatly rewarding. With it another Irish playwright has fully forged his reputation. Like it or not (and not all will) this is great theatre".

If the Maynooth College Drama Society ever gets around to staging the play they will have no difficulty in locating a costume for one of the characters, although whether Cardinal O Fiach would be willing to lend his garb to an actor whose role is that of a seventeenth century cardinal who likes boys is open to question!

EXTRA STAGG FOR TEA-TIME SHOW

Keep an eye out for local Labour Party County Councillor Emmet Stagg's debut as a television performer. RTE's new "Evening Extra" programme is to screen a profile of the Dail aspirant.

FARMERS WANT TO PAY TAX!

At least twenty farmers in Kildare want to pay land tax. These farmers held a protest in Naas against the IFA as they feel that the tax is not unfair, and the farming community should be seen to pay its fair share of tax.

YOUNG HISTORIANS

Congratulations to Maynooth Post Primary School pupils, Catherine Ashe, Deirdre Creighton and Aideen Flood who took second place in the young historians competition organised by the Irish Times. Their project was on a history trail of Maynooth. The adjudicator Commended the project and noted that Maynooth offers a wealth of material and that there is plenty of scope for further historical investigation.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER BONANZA

The Flower Bonanza held recently in St. Mary's Church of Ireland and in St. Mary's Hall, Maynooth, was a wonderful success and made a profit of £1,650 which was divided between both Church's Parish Funds.

As organisers we take this opportunity to thank all who supported us. The Hon. Desmond Guinness who opened the festival, Rev. J. Hammond and Fr. B. Supple, Sponsors and those who gave donations without whom it would have been very difficult to stage this event, those who made the welcome 'cuppa' and Mrs. Breda Connolly and Mairead Scanlon who arranged the Preview Supper also Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Kearney and Mrs. McMyler, Stewards, Ticket Sellers, Hall Committee of course the Flower Arrangers who gave of their talent and expertise so freely, and the general public who through their presence made it all worthwhile.

We would like to thank most sincerely all of our sponsors, and those who supported the successful fund-raising events prior to the festival.

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