

# MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

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November in the Garden,  
Horoscopes,  
Children's Crafts

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## Editorial

### Maynooth Newsletter Editorial 2007

Next month we, the Community Council, meet at our regular meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel. As is usual, the meeting is confined to the representatives nominated by and chosen from the residents associations, to discuss various issues which impact upon the lives of Maynooth residents.

At the November meeting there is a difference, however, in one very important and significant respect—our Public representatives—both T.D.'s and County Councillors— will attend and engage in discussions with the community representatives to discuss those same issues and perhaps get a good flavour of what we are happy about and unhappy about with regard to how Maynooth is developing.

We will provide a full account of the meeting in the next issue of the Newsletter but, in my view, this is an exciting development for the area—all the parties interested in making Maynooth a better place to live and work in—engaging in valuable dialogue and interaction.

Brid Feely,  
Editor.

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

## Maynooth Development Plan:

The Development Plan was fully discussed at the meeting. It is now time that the people of Maynooth know exactly what they want in place from the Maynooth Development Plan. This Plan is huge for Maynooth and we must be aware of what is involved. John McGinley said that it is time to take a serious look at this, as this will effect and change the whole of the town. John O'Connor suggested that we should get a five year development plan from Kildare County Council on sewage upgrade for Maynooth and see what plans are there.

As this is viewed with great urgency Brid Feely, Chairperson said that the Executive will meet on a twice monthly basis, also a sub- committee was formed and will study the plans for Maynooth and report back to the Executive.

The matter of Maynooth Community Council's view on recent remarks regarding parking in the Harbour Field was raised. Brid Feely said that the policy of the Community Council remains that there would be no parking allowed.

Three Submissions have been received (1) Rockfield Estate Re-traffic, (2) Lyreen Estate Re-Traffic and Development Plans for Harbour Field and Parsons Street.

A meeting is being arranged for Maynooth Community Council to meet with our four TD's and our four local councillors. This will be the November meeting.

A traffic sub-committee was also formed and this shows the urgency with which this is viewed.

## Festival:

Andrew McMullon said the committee were thinking about bringing the Festival forward next year possibly to June. It was suggested that the Main Street could be closed off and the Festival held over two days, but this would come at a cost. Andrew said while some events didn't go well some were very successful and the Castle night was one of them.

The fact remains that the Festival needs more people to come on board if it is to continue. The very successful 7 a-side that takes place during the Festival is also depending on support from several people otherwise this event would not take place either. The business people of the town were thanked and

always prove excellent when approached for funding. A Festival Sub-Committee was set up

## Sub-Committees Reports

### Tidy Towns:

The Tidy Towns will be having their Annual Awards night on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October in the Glenroyal Hotel. Paul Croghan said they hoped for a good turn out, he also promised some surprises on the night.

Matt Callaghan said that the state of the town on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> of October was dreadful; he also said that there are not enough bins on the Main Street.

The town is in a dreadful way with litter said John O'Connor and mostly between Maximus and Supermacs, it was decided that a letter will be sent to the County Manager Re-Maynooth Litter problems.

A lot of the problem stems from the fact that the litter laws are not enforced, there are only two Litter Wardens for North Kildare it was stated.

While it was commented on that most businesses clean up outside their premises some do not, Brid Feely said that most business people do a good job cleaning up the area around their shops.

## Maynooth Community Games:

Matt Callaghan said Maynooth had some success at Community Games this year in both Draughts and Swimming at National level.

## Local Matters:

An invitation was extended to all groups to send a representative to the Community Council, while most Councillors represent residents associations it was felt that it's in every ones interest to be represented on the Council.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November

Pro Marie Gleeson

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes Know your rights

### Question

Can I claim tax relief for third-level tuition fees?

### Answer

Yes, you can claim relief for eligible courses. Tax relief for third-level tuition fees is available for approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) that are:

- In private or publicly funded third-level colleges in Ireland
- In publicly funded or duly accredited third-level colleges in any other EU country
- Operated by colleges that are in any EU member state and providing distance education in Ireland

Tax relief is also available for postgraduate courses in certain publicly funded or duly accredited third-level colleges in non-EU countries.

Most undergraduate students in publicly funded third-level courses in Ireland do not have to pay fees. For students who do pay fees, undergraduate courses must be of at least two years duration to qualify for tax relief. Postgraduate courses must be for at least one academic year, but not more than four years, and must lead to a postgraduate award based on a thesis or an examination.

Tax relief is also available for approved information technology and foreign language courses in the State resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance) and of less than two years duration.

Tax relief is at the standard rate of income tax (20%). The maximum relief allowable for the academic year 2007/2008 is €5,000. For the information technology and foreign language courses, the relief applies to fees that are more than €315, and is granted up to a maximum of €1,270 per course.

The tuition fees must be paid by you on your own behalf or on behalf of your spouse, your child or someone for whom you are legal guardian. Application forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) or telephone Lo-call 1890 306 706.

### Question

In what circumstances can the family of a recently deceased person continue to receive his/her social welfare payment?

### Answer

Payment of a social welfare payment following a death may be made to the spouse/partner or the parent of the deceased under certain conditions.

If your spouse or partner dies while getting a social welfare payment, the same rate of payment continues for six weeks after the death, provided that he or she had been getting a qualified adult increase for you or you are getting a social welfare payment in your own right.

If your spouse or partner dies and you were getting a qualified adult increase for him/her with your payment, you continue to receive the increase for six weeks after the death.

If a child dies the person getting a qualified child increase with his/her payment can continue to receive the increase for six weeks. In case of the One-Parent Family Payment, the full payment can be received for six weeks after the death. Child Benefit payments cease after the month of the death.

Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit continue to be paid for six weeks following the death of the person being cared for.

To apply for the six-week payment, as soon as possible after the death write to the section of the Department of Social and Family Affairs that issues the social welfare payment. You should enclose the death certificate (if available) or a death notice from a newspaper and, if applicable, the payment book.

The payment may be made without formal application where the deceased was getting a State Pension (Transition or Contributory) or was an adult or child dependant of a person getting this pension.

### Question

What are my rights and obligations if I rent out a room in my house?

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## Answer

If you rent a room or rooms in your home to private tenants, you may avail of the Rent a Room Scheme for tax relief. This means that you can earn up to €7,620 in rent without paying income tax on the amount. If you are receiving Mortgage Interest Relief, it will not be affected by this income. Availing of the scheme will not affect any entitlement you may have to exemption from Capital Gains Tax if you sell your home.

The legislation covering tenancy agreements does not include renting out a room in your home. This means that you do not have to register as a landlord with the Private Residential Tenancies Board and the regulations on minimum physical standards don't apply. Tenants living in your home are renting under a licensee agreement rather than a tenancy agreement, and are only entitled to 'reasonable notice' if you choose to end the agreement. They can however refer disputes about notice and deposits to the Small Claims Court.

It is advisable to agree a set of ground rules in advance, and for both parties to keep a signed copy. These could include:

- The period of the tenancy
- The minimum periods of notice if either party chooses to terminate the agreement
- The amount of rent and when it can be reviewed
- How the rent will be paid and how often
- Agreement on visitors and friends staying over

To claim tax relief under the Rent a Room Scheme, complete a tax return form (Form 12) at the end of the tax year indicating that you have received income under the scheme. Tenants living in your home can claim a tax credit on rent paid by completing the form, Rent1. These forms are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) or by calling Lo-call 1890 306 706.

## Question

I have recently changed job and my new employer has asked for my P45. What can I do if I haven't received one from my previous employer?

## Answer

An employer is required by law to give you a P45 at the time the employment ends. A P45 is a statement of your pay and tax deducted.

It is important to give a P45 to your new employer because otherwise you will have to pay tax at a higher rate known as emergency tax. Even if you are not starting a new job it is important document because you will need it to claim tax refund or claim social welfare benefits.

If you have asked your previous employer for a P45 but have not received it, you should contact your local tax office. Revenue will then get in touch with the employer and obtain your P45 for you. Revenue will send you a new tax credit certificate so that you do not have to pay emergency tax.

The employer you are working for at the end of the tax year must give you a P60. This is a statement of your pay and tax and social insurance payments deducted during the year. If you do not receive a P60 or a P45 it is possible that you have not been registered for PRSI (Pay Related Social Insurance) by your employer or that you are registered but your employer has not paid the correct PRSI contributions which are due. If your employer will not give you a P60 at the end of the year you should contact your local tax office.

You can contact Revenue at the following Lo-call numbers:

For the southwest region (Clare, Limerick, Kerry and Cork), call 1890 222 425.

For the border, midlands, and west region, call 1890 777 425.

For Dublin city and county, call 1890 333 425.

For the east and southeast region, call 1890 44 425.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

This column has been compiled by the Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

**Telephone: 01-6285477**

**Lo-call: 1890-777-121**

# Poetry Corner



## ENJOYING LIFE

There are pleasures in this life  
 That are a delight and much worthwhile  
 This world cannot be always of strife  
 As you need to get away from care and toil  
 Maybe a favourite hobby that you enjoy  
 Or a pleasure some moment with memories  
 Life is short until you die  
 So enjoy the life as you please  
 Enjoy simple aspects to appreciate  
 Or a passion that is in your desire  
 Try to stay in a happy state  
 With moments that you never tire  
 This world is of many an emotion  
 In a world of anxiety and fear  
 Try to give happiness your devotion  
 With a loving heart close and near  
 Live life the best you can  
 With concern for others in mind  
 Be a wholesome and sincere man  
 But it is good to leave your troubles behind  
 Life can haunt your dreams so much  
 And at times never goes your way  
 Develop personality and hopes as such  
 As while in distress you can always pray  
 But most of all a heart to give  
 In a changing world of much fear  
 Give happiness to those you love  
 With a warm heart that is sincere

**Patrick Murray**





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# November in the Garden

## Vegetables and Fruits

- Sort apples in storage and remove spoiled fruit. Remove fallen fruit from around trees to reduce insects and disease next year.
- Protect trunks of fruit trees from rabbit damage with tree wraps.
- Take a soil test and make needed adjustments this fall.
- Till garden soil and add organic matter.

## Flowers

- Clean up the rose bed to help reduce disease next season.
- Cut back tall rose canes to 24 inches to prevent winter breakage.
- Remove frost-killed annuals.
- Till annual flower beds and add organic matter to improve soil.
- Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Depending on preference, leave or cut back perennial stalks to 4 to 6 inches.
- Apply a winter mulch to perennials and roses after several hard freezes.



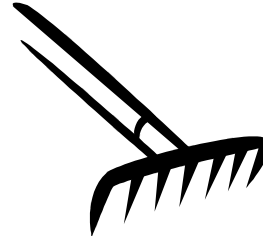
## Lawns

- Rake fallen leaves from the lawn to prevent winter suffocation.
- Fertilize cool season lawns, bluegrass and tall fescue with a quick release high nitrogen fertilizer to promote root development and early spring green up.
- If needed, water turf so its starts winter with ample moisture.
- Continue to mow into the fall at 2 to 3 inches.

## Trees and Shrubs

- Plant new trees and shrubs.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs.

- Rake leaves and place in compost pile.
- Check mulch layers and replenish.
- Prune dead or hazardous limbs.
- Don't prune spring flowering trees and shrubs until after bloom.



## Miscellaneous

- Clean and oil garden tools, sprayers, and other equipment.
- Drain garden hoses and sprinklers and store indoors for increased life.
- If you decide to leave them outside, unscrew them from the faucets.
- If fuel is to remain in power equipment, add fuel stabilizer. Otherwise, drain gas from power equipment for winter storage. Make any needed repairs.
- Protect ornamental and fruit trees and young plants from rabbit damage by wrapping or enclosing in wire screen.
- Start a compost pile with fall leaves.
- Turn compost pile to hasten breakdown.
- Start planning for next year
- Make sure your friends and family know you really would prefer a good gardening book, or a hand tool, to another pair of socks this Christmas!



## Features

### *A Winter's Tale*

It was the middle of the week, and it was dark outside and frost lay on the ground. Mary huddles by the fire. Her mother was busy getting the supper. Mary's brother was at the kitchen table doing his homework. Just then it started to rain outside. Biddy, Mary's mother said "go out and call your daddy in out of this cold night. Supper will be ready in half an hour". Mary put on her coat and went outside. Her father would be in the cow byre finishing the milking of the cows. Mary said to her daddy "supper will be ready in half and hour. Mammy told me to come out and fetch you in out of this cold night".

Joseph loved his two children. They were the light of his life. Christmas would be coming soon and he would get them a present from Santa. He was thinking of getting Mary a little pony for Christmas. He would ask his neighbour about that little pony he had in his pasture for Mary. Darren would like a chess set. So that's what he would buy his little kids for Christmas.

Right now he had something to show Mary. "Come with me for a minute. Your mother won't miss us for a few more minutes". Joseph brought Mary to his little shed at the back of his yard. There was a cow with a newly born calf in the shed. "Look at what god sent us today little Missy". "It's beautiful dad". "She came today". Mary went over to the new calf and began to stroke her. It was a white calf, a little Heifer. "Isn't she a beauty missy". She had a lovely white coat all over. "She came to me today when the two of you were at school. Does Mammy know. Let's go and tell them now". So they closed the shed door and went into the house for their supper.

"Mammy Daddy has a surprise for you". "What sort of surprise"? Darren began to clear his books so that Biddy could set the table. Darren was too grown up for surprises from his father. "Well let's all sit down and have this food that god gave us and that he will be good to us during the Winter. Then after supper we will all go out and look at the surprise". They ate their meal then they put on their coats and scarves and went outside.

The night was very dark and cold. The ground was freezing over so they had to be careful walking to the shed. It was a night not to be out. Joseph opened the shed door and lit the lantern and hung it on a hook in the shed. Biddy, Mary and Darren followed their dad into the shed. They looked at the new born calf and they were excited. "She's lovely" said Biddy. "What should we do with a lovely calf as this one"? "Well, said Joseph I am going to keep her". They stroked the calf and because it was very cold they left the cow and calf and closed the shed and turned off the lantern and went back inside to the house. Biddy made hot chocolate for everybody and they all sat by the fireside to drink it. Mary was beginning to get tired and began to yawn and Biddy thought that it was time for bed for the two kids.

Darren had school in the morning. He would be up early because he had to walk to school but he was a sturdy lad and Biddy and Joseph trusted him. Mary and Darren went to bed. Then Biddy came downstairs to the fire after wishing her kids goodnight. Joseph began to tell Biddy "I think we are going to have a bad Winter this year. There is frost on the ground and it is only November. I will have to bring the livestock indoors". "Why don't you ask young Bill Brown down the road to help you with the Winter chores. I'm sure he will be glad of the money for Christmas". Do you know something Biddy you are a very clever girl I will ask young Bill Brown to help me. They finished their hot chocolate and then they went to bed. Biddy had the electric blanket already plugged in and it was lovely and warm when they were getting into bed. That night everybody slept in their beds and the frost lay on the ground. Everybody would have to do something to keep warm.

#### **Enda Clavin**





# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Golf Society

### The John Tiernan Memorial Cup At Carrick-on-Shannon

On Saturday 15th September under mixed weather conditions (sunny, warm, chilly, windy and calm) 28 players and visitors showed to play for the John Tiernan Memorial Cup.

The Carrick-on Shannon course was hilly with lots of water, but in great condition with the greens superb. The presentation took place in Caulfields on Sunday with Mrs. Rita Tiernan, her daughter Danielle and son Mitchel.

The overall winner Martin Shields, came in with 39 points on a very good, but tough golf course.

Thanks to all who attended.

Our next outing is a trip to Portugal.

#### RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Martin Shields	39 pts
2nd Prize	Barry Desmond	35 pts
3rd Prize	Martin Deveney	34 B9
4th Prize	Niall Byrne	34 pts
5th Prize	Kevin Loftus	33 pts
6th Prize	Brendan Bean	32 pts
7th Prize	John Byrne	31 pts
Front 9	Tim Mullane	19 pts
Back 9	Martin Maguire	14 pts B6
Nearest The Pin	Tim O' Hare	
Two's Club	John Byrne & Kevin Loftus	



**L to R Pa Conway (Captain), Martin Shields (Winner),  
Mrs. Rita Tiernan & Kevin Loftus (Secretary)**

# Maynooth Golf Society

## The Shay Moore Cup Athlone Golf Club Sponsored by The Moore Family

On a sunny afternoon on 25th August "The Moore Family" showed up in strength for "The Shay Moore Cup".

Terry and Sean Moore played with The Maynooth Golf Society for Shay Moore Cup. Robert, Joe and Maura Moore played as visitors and Margaret and Brian cheered on father, son, husband, dad, uncle and aunt.

Overall 18 played on the day, on a sunny Athlone course under ideal conditions.

The presentation took place at Athlone Golf Course and most players and visitors enjoyed an excellent meal.

Both the Shay Moore Cup winners Dermot Myles and winning visitor Dominick Nyland gave a brief speech.

Thanks to all who attended.

### RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Dermot Myles	31 pts
2nd Prize	Tim Mullane	29 pts B9
3rd Prize	Terry Moore	29 pts
4th Prize	Joey Edwards	27 pts B9
5th Prize	Niall Byrne	27 pts
6th Prize	Martin Deveney	25 pts B9
7th Prize	Sean Farrelly	25 pts
Front 9	Norman Kavanagh	13 pts
Back 9	Tom Flatley	14 pts
Visitors	Domnick Nyland	(17) 37 pts
	Robert Moore	(20) 32 pts
	Joe Moore	(15) 30 pts B9
	Maura Moore	(22) 30 pts
Nearest The Pin	John Saults	
2's	Tom Flatley	



**L to R  
Terry  
Moore  
and  
Dermot  
Myles**

**L to R  
Domnick  
Nyland  
and  
Pa Conway  
(Captain)**



**L to R Sean Moore,  
Maura Moore  
and Terry Moore**

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth U3A

University of the Third Age is an International Organisation whose members may have retired from their chosen "Life's Work" but have not retired from working on Life.

Maynooth Branch of U3A was initiated in April 2006 by Maeve Maloney. Lively discussion of future and past events make for very enjoyable meetings. Most often our meetings are followed by further airing of news and views over refreshments at neighbouring venues.

At present we are accommodated for our meetings on alternate Fridays at 11.00 a.m. by the Maynooth Community Library, however we look forward to the building of the New Community Centre.

Our activities so far have ranged from Theatre going to Art Gallery visits: from walking leader training to pitch and putt training: from book club to bowling. We enjoyed responding to invitations to Tea-Dances and At-Homes from neighbouring U3As, Senior Citizens, and Age Action Ireland. Irish Heart Foundation Walk-day was marked with a 3km walk in Carton Estate.

Great satisfaction and enjoyment was expressed at taking part in training for Senior Citizens helpline and teaching English.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 9th November at 11.00 a.m. or any alternative Friday.

For further information telephone:  
01 6286616 or 01 6285128.



**L to R Maeve Moloney, Ann Mc Garry,  
Rosaleen Higgins, Elah Kellaheer  
and Nola Campbell**

# November Recipes

## xford Lunch

### Ingredients

- 350g/12oz Cream Flour
- 225g/8oz Margarine
- 25g/1oz Ground Almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 675g/11/2lb Sultanas
- 225g/8oz Caster Sugar
- 5 Eggs (beaten)
- Juice and Rind of 1 Orange
- 125g/4oz Halved Cherries
- 125g/4oz Mixed Peel

### Method

1. Cream margarine and sugar together. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition.
2. Fold in the ground almonds, orange rind and juice.
3. Sieve in the flour and baking powder. Fold into the mixture.
4. Stir in the prepared fruit. Place the mixture in a lined 9" round cake tin.
5. Bake in a preheated oven at 300°F, 150°C, Gas 2 for 3 hours approx. Check at intervals after 2 hours.
6. Cool in tin.

## cones

### Ingredients

- 225g/8oz Self Raising Flour
- Pinch of Salt
- 25g/1oz Caster Sugar (optional)
- 25g/1oz Margarine
- 150ml/1/4 pint Milk

### Method

1. Sieve flour, salt and sugar, if used, into a bowl.
2. Rub in the margarine, using the tips of the fingers.
3. Add the milk and mix to make a soft dough.
4. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead, if necessary, to remove any cracks.

5. Roll out lightly to 2 1/2 cm/1" in thickness and cut into scones with a 5cm/2" cutter dipped in flour.
6. Place the scones on a floured pre-heated baking sheet.
7. Bake in the pre-heated oven at 220°C/425°F/Gas 7 for 10 – 12 minutes until well risen and nicely browned.
8. Cool on a wire tray.

You can use this recipe to make the following :

#### • **Fruit Scones**

Mix in 50g/2oz sultanas or raisins to the dry ingredients before adding the milk.

#### • **Savoury Scones**

Mix in 50g/2oz grated cheddar cheese to the dry ingredients before adding the milk.

#### • **High Fibre Scones**

Omit the sugar and replace 25g/1oz of Self Raising Flour with 25g/1oz Wheat Bran. Mix the bran to the dry ingredients before adding the milk; you may also have to add a little extra milk to get a nice soft dough.

### **Tip for November.**

Cook up, casseroles, stews, beef steak & kidney pies etc. and freeze. They will come in very handy when you come home from your Christmas Shopping and you will have a prepared meal, just to heat up and serve.

## uick Pavlova

### Ingredients

- 3 large Egg Whites
- 1 tablespoon Cornflour
- 1 teaspoon White Vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- 4 tablespoons Boiling Water
- 350g/12oz Sugar

### To decorate

300ml/1/2 pint Cream

### Method

Put all the ingredients into a bowl and beat until thick. Shape meringue into a ring on baking parchment. Bake in preheated oven at 120°C/250°F/Gas Mark 1/2 for 1 hour. Reduce heat to 110°C/225°F/Gas Mark 1/4 for a further 30 minutes.

Allow to cool. Place on serving dish and fill with whipped cream and fruit of your choice.

## Children's Colouring Competition

Winner Of the September Edition



**Alannah Quinn**  
Drumlaragh, Kilcock.

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# Post Primary Welcoming Ceremony 2007

The families of the new first year Post Primary Pupils gathered in the schools hall for a welcoming ceremony and service on Thursday 27th September as principal Senan Griffin outlined his hopes for the pupils during and beyond their time at the school. He emphasised the need for respecting your parents and fellow pupils and to make sure that all students can look back in many years and say to themselves that they gave it their best shot.



**Principal Senan Griffin  
addresses pupils and parents**



**Parish Priest Fr. Liam Rigney  
welcomes the new students**

The service began with the choir singing "Let it be" followed by two students from each class sharing an insight into the varied subjects available to them. Fr. Liam Rigney and Rev. Janice Aiton also offered prayers. Father Liam who is our new parish priest following Fr. Stenson's departure took to the stage and began to talk about what it was like for him to come into his new parish, meeting people for the first time and getting used to new surroundings. Of course his journey is very similar to what the new pupils will be going through and his message on the night was that any nerves about starting in the new school will ease and they will be able to enjoy their school years. "There are no strangers in Maynooth, they are only friends who have not yet met" was something which was said to Fr. Liam when he first met his new parishioners and he hopes this will be the case with the students. This was the priest's first ever welcoming ceremony that he was invited to and he was thoroughly impressed with the lengths the school was going to to make everyone feel welcome. The choir then finished the ceremony with a great rendition of "You've got a friend in me". Also on the night there were awards for the best Leaving and Junior Cert Results of 2007. Best Leaving Certs were Siobhan Albrecht, Patrick Longworth and Aoife Kelly. Best Junior Certs were Chloe McLoughlin and Jennifer Moore.



**L to R Chloe McLoughlin, Jennifer Moore  
And Johnny Nevin (Deputy Principal)**



**L to R Siobhan Albrecht, Aoife Kelly,  
Mr. Michael O'Donnell (Teacher)  
And Patrick Longworth**

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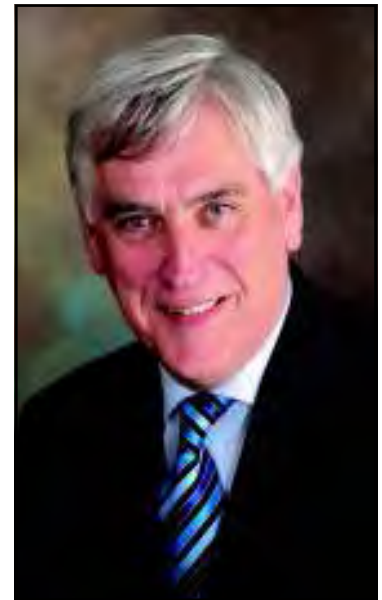
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# Children's Crafts

## Sock Puppets.



Looking for something to do with those mysterious

### Craft Materials :

Adult-size socks	Felt
Styrofoam balls	Yarn
3/8-inch dowels	Pipe Cleaners
Paper or plastic cups	Craft Glue
Googly eyes	Cotton balls or batting

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

single socks? Turn them into animal puppets (they're easier to make than they look).

**RABBIT:** Push the dowel into the ball at a slight angle. Next, cut two ears out of white felt and two inner ears out of pink felt. Bend a pipe cleaner in half, sandwich it between the felt pieces, and glue them together with the pipe cleaner ends protruding an inch. Then pull a white sock over the ball and glue on googly eyes and a pink pom-pom nose with cotton balls on each side. Cut slits in the sock on the "head" and push the ears into the ball. Finally, stuff the "neck" with batting, poke a hole in the cup and slide it, upside down, onto the dowel.

**DRAGON:** Start by pulling a green sock over the ball and stick, leaving 4 inches at the toe. Then cut flames out of felt, sandwich a popsicle stick between them and glue them together with the stick jutting out an inch. Next, poke a hole in the sock tip and push the stick into the ball. Cut two jagged spines out of green felt, glue the straight edges down the puppet's back, then glue the spines together. Glue on eyes, a cone-shaped felt horn and two felt nostrils. Finally, stuff the neck with batting and slip the cup on the stick.

## Pipe Cleaner Dolls.



### CRAFT MATERIALS:

3/4-inch round wooden beads (with a 5mm centre hole)	Pipe Cleaners
Smaller wooden beads	Embroidry Thread
Felt scraps	Markers

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

**HAIRSTYLING:** Cut the embroidery floss into 20 pieces that measure twice the desired length. Fold a 6-inch pipe cleaner in half over the midpoint of the collective strands. Feed both ends of the pipe cleaner through the centre of the large bead. Slide the bead up the pipe cleaner until the fold is hidden in the bead centre. Then separate each strand of embroidery floss to fashion a thick shock of hair. For curls, dampen the strands with a few drops of water, wind them around a pencil and let them dry.

**BODY BUILDING:** For arms, place a 5-inch length of pipe cleaner crosswise just below the bead head. Twist each end once around the doll's trunk (the portion of the first pipe cleaner protruding from the bead). Next, bend up the trunk about 3/4 inch from the bottom to form a hook. To form legs, fold a 5-inch pipe cleaner in half and hang it on the hook. Secure the legs by twisting the 3/4-inch trunk ends around them.

**PANTS:** Begin by folding a 6- by 1 1/2-inch piece of felt in half, so that the shorter edges meet. Starting from the fold, make a 2-inch cut up the middle, stopping 1 inch from the open end. Make a 1/4-inch waist hole 1/2 inch from one top edge. For foot openings, make a small slit through the felt fold at the bottom of each pant leg. Slip both legs through the waist opening from the front. Then, push the pipe cleaner tips through the foot openings and match up the short felt edges behind the doll.

**SKIRT AND SHIRT:** Cut a 4-inch hourglass shape out of felt. Make a waist hole in the centre to slide the doll's feet through. For a shirt, use a 2-inch felt square. Cut two small armholes 1/2 inch apart and 1/4 inch from the upper edge. Wrap the shirt around the doll's chest and over the top of its pants or skirt. Wind a 3-inch pipe cleaner belt around the doll's waist to secure the clothes. To keep the pants side seams closed, twist a 2-inch piece of pipe cleaner around each one.

For hands and feet, slip a smaller bead onto the end of each limb. Bend the pipe cleaner tips to keep the beads in place.



# Horoscopes



## **ARIES—March 21—April 20**

Those close to you finally let you be yourself, and you no longer feel at a loss in relationships. Now is the right time to look towards work. Sunday is your lucky day number 9, colour yellow



## **TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

This is the week to show off your sensitive side when it comes to relationships. Be patient and let someone see the real you. Thursday is your lucky day number 3, colour orange



## **GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

Taking time to yourself this week is what you most enjoy, so enjoy what time you have. Things move at a faster pace, your time in the sun is now. Wednesday is your lucky day number 7, colour navy blue



## **CANCER—June 23—July 23**

Mars rules high this week and your feelings are like a stormy sea. Family and friends are there when you need them most. Friday is your lucky day number 1, colour purple.



## **LEO—July 24—August 23**

An outing is on the cards this week. As your week takes you to new and unexpected places, wait and see and enjoy. Sunday is your lucky day number 4, colour green.



## **VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23**

What you feel and what you need come to ahead this week, make up your mind and make plans the out-look is good. Friday is your lucky day number 5, colour blue.



## **LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

Your luck is in this week as a string of events will have you jumping for joy, making plans now is your number one thought. Keep your eye on small details. Monday is your lucky day number 4, colour brown



## **SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

Saturn in Virgo will make changes for you this week, everything will happen at once you may even come first with a lotto or bingo, good luck. Monday is your lucky day number 5, colour red



## **SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

You make things loud and clear and when things go over your head you see red. Cool down and see things in a new light. Tuesday is your lucky day number 8, colour grey



## **CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

Take time to make a house a home, as a move is on the cards in the next few weeks, take a deep breath relax and enjoy the move. Saturday is your lucky day number 2, colour white



## **AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

Stop holding on to places that are holding you back, move on and start anew. The world is waiting for you, a new job is on the cards. Wednesday is your lucky day number 1, colour black



## **PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

Take time to look after your own health and needs as you are always looking after the needs of others. Monday is your lucky day number 6, colour pink

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns Presentation

## Maynooth Tidy Towns Best Estates and Shop Fronts Competitions 2007. Summary of the Judges Recommendations

We have a new judge for 2007 and we appreciate the excellent work that she has done in terms of the judging of the Best Estates and Shop Fronts competitions. Whilst not from Maynooth the judge works in the town and indeed, is a former resident, which meant that she had a good knowledge of the areas.

### Best Estates

The judge was asked to visit each area twice, once in July and the second in early August. However, because of the bad weather experienced this summer the judge actually surveyed each area on three occasions, an additional one being done in late August when the weather improved, as she felt that people may not have had a chance to get to do any work in July because of the weather conditions that prevailed.

The maximum marks available were 510 and the highest score secured was 459 by the large best estate. As many of the residential areas were close in score, the judge awarded a higher score where good quality work was evident. One such case was the runner up best large estate, where the quality of finish on edging was evident.



**L to R Yvonne O'Connor & The Large Estate Winner Noeleen Gillick**



**L to R Yvonne O'Connor & The Small Estate Winner Gareth O'Reilly**

The judge recommends that estates be encouraged to devise unique features for their areas that can be easily maintained. A good example is the features at the entrance to Moyglare Village and Cluain Aoibhinn. Another recommendation is that some estates that are so closely linked geographically should work together to maximise the entire areas. Two cases mentioned are Cluain Aoibhinn / College Green and Beaufield / Meadowbrook. In both cases the judge found herself moving between the areas and having to check where she was at any time. In the case of one large estate, the judge recommends that the Tidy Towns encourage the residents and perhaps, the local authority, to work together to devise a major new plan to enhance the area which has very attractive rolling landscape levels but unfortunately, is clearly neglected and hence, has become an unattractive area with badly maintained features and much litter.



**Peter Keegan at work on Main St.**



**Gael Scoil Uí Fhiach pupils L to R Deirdre Ní Chearúil, Jennifer Ní Chearúil, Érin Ní Chearúil with Mayor Glennon & Robert**

# Maynooth Tidy Towns Presentation

## Best Shop Fronts

The judge found that it was not difficult to select a winner here as with few exceptions there was little evidence that the traders were making a unique effort for the Tidy Towns. The judge recommends that this competition be reviewed and that it could take the following format in future.

- All Premises in the Main Street area should be encouraged to support the Tidy Towns campaign. This should include a window display supporting the campaign for the eight weeks of the judging period. Perhaps Tidy Towns could do an annual sticker that could be displayed in the window of premises stating that this business is a Tidy Towns supporter. The judge appreciates that some businesses are more capable of providing financial support than others but the connection between the business sector and Tidy Towns needs to be more obvious.
- There are now a number of shopping centres such as Tesco, Manor Mills, Newtown, Greenfields as well as Aldi and Lidl. While some are well presented it might be a good idea to have a competition between Shopping Complexes in order to raise all standards and have a bigger participation than simply limiting it to the Main street/Side streets.

Paul Croghan  
Competitions Co-ordinator  
6th October 2007

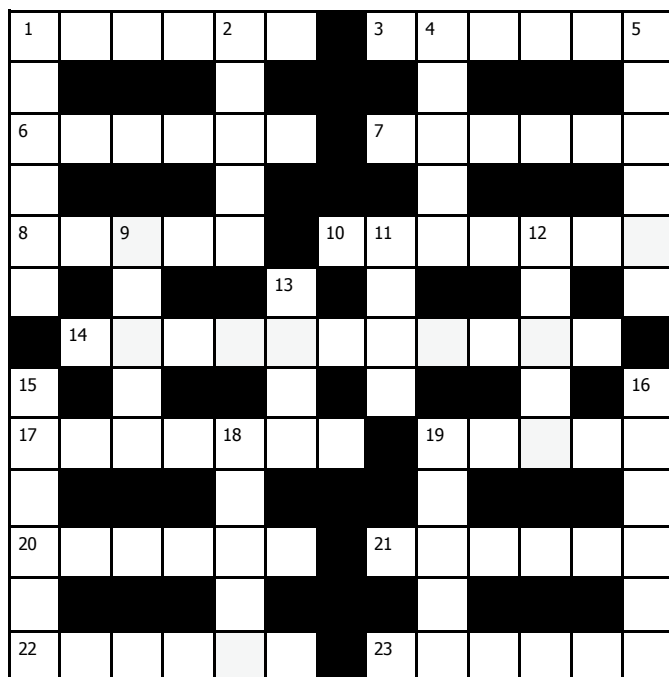


**L to R Best Premises Joint winners  
Eugene Spellman of The Roost  
& Declan Kennedy of Brady's  
with Mayor Mary Glennon**

**L to R Simonas Bastys, Joseph Millet, Gerard Hegarthy, Conor Dooley (Students of BNS) with Lord Mayor of Kildare Mary Glennon & Peter Coakley Principal of Boys National School**



# Crossword No: 61



Entries before Monday 5th November 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Across:

1. Awning (6)
3. Clever (6)
6. Hatred (6)
7. Convex road surface (6)
8. Eskimo dog (5)
10. Five-piece group (7)
14. Star of TV's *I Claudius* (5,6)
17. Indebted (7)
19. Debonair (5)
20. Supple (6)
21. Club (6)
22. Depressing (6)
23. Pandemonium (6)

### Down:

1. Nursery (6)
2. Trifling (5)
4. Hindu mystic (5)
5. Printing mistakes (6)
9. Cartridge (5)
11. US Mormon state (4)
12. Leg bone (5)
13. Hebridean island (4)
15. Severed (6)
16. Underground store (6)
18. Italian seaport (5)
19. Sudden collapse (5)

### Solutions to crossword no: 60

#### Across:

1. Cumbersome, 8. Chapter, 9. Peter, 10. Ogle, 11. Seth, 12. Elm, 14. Minuet, 15. Prison, 18. Duo, 20. Dais, 21. West 23. Tease, 24. Sirocco, 25. Dictionary.

#### Down:

1. Chaplin, 2. Mite, 3. Earned, 4. Sapphire, 5. Mitre, 6. Accommodate, 7. Premonition, 13. Dead-heat, 16. Sketchy, 17. Fiasco, 19. Okapi, 22. Aria.

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## Party Political



*Emmet Stagg T.D.*



*Cllr. John McGinley*

### Maynooth Labour News

#### **Proposals for Parson Street/The Harbour Area, would be an unmitigated disaster for Maynooth**

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged an objection to the proposal to build 5 storey blocks with flat roofs behind 11 to 15 Parson Street, Maynooth.

The site stated Cllr. McGinley is at the heart of Old Maynooth Village in an area which abounds with protected structures e.g. The Geraldine Castle, St. Mary's Church, Maynooth College, The Rectory. The proposal does not have any regard to the sensitivities of the Historic Core of the Town.

Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg make the following points:

- ◇ The Council has already agreed to Cllr. McGinley's proposal to have the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. This is essential to ensure that this sensitive area is developed to 5 star standards. The application should therefore be deemed to be premature.
- ◇ The Modern Blocks proposed would be fine up in the NUIM lands where that is the trend but great care must be taken by the Council not **to repeat** the disaster that is the Apartment Complex at the Manor Mills Development. This proposal has the capacity to do so.
- ◇ This proposal at 5 storeys will obliterate the fantastic views towards Maynooth College from the Straffan Road Bridge.
- ◇ This proposal which includes 26 one bedroom units, 65 two bedrooomed units and 7 three bedrooomed units is a recipe for disaster in relation to the creation of a Community in this area and we are effectively looking at student/rental accommodation. This is not the vibrant new area which we want to create.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated that the proposal is premature and in serious conflict with both the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 and the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan. It seeks excessive development to the exclusion of a co-ordinated development of the whole Action Area Plan. It takes no account of the fact that the site borders the Architectural Conservation Area of the Town or that it is in close proximity to Protected Structures of Great Historical Significance. We have one opportunity to develop this site to the standards acceptable in a Historic University Town and if we get it wrong, as An Bord Pleanala did with the Manor Mills Development, we will regret it, as will future residents of Maynooth for many years to come.

#### **Flat roofed 2 & 3 storey apartment block would be an eyesore.**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an objection with Kildare Co. Council to the proposal to build a flat roofed 2 & 3 Storey Apartment Block on the corner site of the junction of Old Greenfield`s Lane and the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

The site stated Deputy Stagg is at a very prominent location on the Straffan Road and it is incredible that the ap-

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plicants would propose such an ugly building which will be visually obtrusive. The Straffan Road Entrance to Maynooth is at present a pleasant entrance to the Town with Housing Estates set back from the Road and good boundary treatment.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have other concerns in relation to this proposal as follows:

- The proposal which works out at 33 units to the acre is excessive for what is an Infill Development in this old part of Maynooth where houses were first built over 100 years ago.
- The proposal is out of character with the established built environment of the area which comprises cottages and dormer bungalows, many on their own individual sites.
- The Building heights proposed will cause overlooking, loss of light and a consequent loss of privacy to residents bordering the site.
- The proposal does not integrate with existing development in the area.

The excessive proposal will cause a serious traffic hazard given the nearness of the entrance to the site to the junction of Old Greenfield Lane and the Straffan Road.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was important that the Council made a statement in relation to this proposal by rejecting it comprehensively and thereby maintaining the present soft appearance of the entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road.

## **Proposed Introduction of Pay Parking in Maynooth**

As previously advised the Council will be presenting a Draft Report on the introduction of Pay (Regulated) Parking in Maynooth to the Leixlip Area Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

The present Council Policy on parking in Maynooth was adopted at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The Minutes are as follows:

### **"LX12/1105**

#### ***Car Parking at Maynooth.***

*The committee considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley:*

#### ***That the following parking management policy be adopted for Maynooth:***

- A) *pay and display with permit parking be introduced*

- B) *the profits accruing be ringfenced for use in Maynooth*
- C) *enforcement of the parking by-laws be vigorously policed by council traffic wardens*
- D) *increased public parking capacity be provided as a matter of urgency*
- E) *the Minister for Transport and Iarnród Éireann be asked to provide proper park and ride facilities for those commuters who use Maynooth train station.*

The administrator reported that car parking should be advanced and that several benefits would accrue from its introduction. He added that it was intended to commence a review of parking in Maynooth, early in the coming year.

***Resolved***, that the report be noted: *"Members supported the concept of underground parking near the railway station and felt that this should be provided by the Department of Transport. Write to the Minister and Iarnród Éireann".*

Subsequently, the Council adopted the statutory Maynooth Harbour Action Area in February 2006 which includes an underground car park at The Harbour Field.

Disappointingly, the Government has failed, to date, to provide funding to C.I.E. for the underground car park at The Harbour Field. Such Park and Ride facilities at commuter train stations are in everyone's interest as they remove cars from the roads into Dublin and make life that much easier for commuters. It is very difficult therefore to understand why the Government refuses to fund them.

Until this essential park & ride facility is provided the residents of Silken Vale and the Back Lanes off Main Street will continue to suffer with commuters blocking driveways/gates and parking dangerously on an ongoing basis. Maynooth is different to Celbridge and Leixlip in that it is the only town with a central train station, which means that town centre parking is being taken up by commuters instead of shoppers. Regulated parking will ease the problem for town centre shoppers but it will create serious problems for commuters unless the Government provide the funding to C.I.E. immediately for the park & ride underneath the Harbour Field.

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Maynooth, with a population of 11,476, has 315 public parking spaces in the town centre, whereas Celbridge, with a population of 19,476, has only 128 public parking spaces. Unlike Celbridge, Maynooth also has town centre parking for shoppers at The Mill Centre, TESCO, Supervalu/Glenroyal Centre and The Town Central Mall.

As can be seen from the motion above Cllr. McGinley has also sought a trebling in size of the public car park at the back of Caulfields. Unless this is done to a high quality design it would not be acceptable to Cllr. McGinley and the general public. John believes that the best way to achieve this objective would be through a partnership approach between the Council and the owner of the adjoining land at The Paddock. Such a project has already turned out to be very successful in Naas, on the Sallins Road/Dublin Road.

## **Provision of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's)**

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Meeting of the Council:

*"That Kildare County Council follow Donegal County Council's example by carrying out an audit to establish the number of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) that are available to the public in the county.*

*Furthermore, and in the light of the findings of the survey, that the Council becomes proactive in implementing a pilot AED programme for Maynooth to encourage the provision of AED's at the following:*

- *Ambulance Service*
- *Fire Service*
- *Manor Mills Shopping Centre*
- *TESCO's Shopping Centre*
- *Glenroyal Centre*
- *Maynooth Train Station*
- *NUI Maynooth*
- *St. Mary's Church*
- *Soccer Pitches, Rathcoffey Road*
- *GAA Pitches, Moyglare Road*
- *The 3 Primary Schools & 1 Secondary School*

*Bearing in mind that sudden cardiac arrest is survivable, with recent studies showing that when AED's are used within the first 3 minutes that there is a 74% survival rate, that the Council would give serious consideration to extending the AED programme to other*

*towns in the County."*

Cllr. McGinley submitted a similar motion to the Leixlip Area Committee last February where Council Officials suggested that it be referred to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Cllr. McGinley has been in ongoing correspondence with the HSE since then. They are carrying out an analysis nationally on the provision of AED's. Their last reply on 13 August stated:

*" The Spatial Analysis is on-going. It is a study that will require detailed analysis on a region by region basis. For this reason the study will be on-going over the coming year. The role of the HSE will be directed by the Sudden Cardiac Death Implementation Group and ultimately the Spatial Analysis Study will form priority areas."*

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that we cannot await the outcome of a National Spatial Analysis. Action is needed now and John has submitted the above motion to try and get the appropriate action.

## **Reduce Threat of Global Warming and Save Money at the Same Time**

Global warming due to the increased emission of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) has been a concern of most of us for some time. A simple way to begin to reduce carbon emissions is to have Solar Panels installed on the south facing roofs of all new houses at construction stage. This would be fairly inexpensive and the pay back time for the householder would be only a few years, whereas the pay back for humanity would be everlasting. Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council :

*"That this Council takes whatever steps that are necessary to ensure that all new houses constructed in the county includes solar panels in their design in order to reduce carbon emissions and to reduce energy costs for the homeowner."*

## **New Minister Further Delays Implementation of Town Council Status for Maynooth**

Cllr. John McGinley has expressed his anger at the further delay imposed by the Minister for Environment in allowing for the establishment of New Town Councils in towns with a population in excess of 7,500 people as allowed for under the Local Government Act 2001, with the Minister now embarking on a Consultative Process on Local Government Reform.

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In response to a Parliamentary Question from John's colleague, Deputy Emmet Stagg, the Minister stated that a Green Paper on Local Government Reform would be published before the end of 2007 and a White Paper would follow in 2008. The Minister concluded by stating that those parts of the Local Government Act 2001 which have not yet commenced will be considered as part of the reform process.

Cllr. McGinley stated that there was no reason in the world why the Minister could not proceed under the existing Act and allow New Town Council's to be set up and described the Ministers Consultative process as a smokescreen to prevent the setting up of new Town Council's.

Cllr. John McGinley has made a submission in support of Town Council status for Maynooth.

In his submission Cllr. McGinley pointed out that Maynooth had a population of 11,746 according to the 2006 census.

The people of Maynooth have been looking for Town Council status for the town for the last 18 years.

Maynooth is unique in Ireland in that it is the only town in Ireland with a University. Indeed it has two, NUIM and St. Patrick's College.

Maynooth is also unique in that boundaries for the Town Council were agreed with the County Manager and were sent to the then Minister Mr. P Flynn and published in *Iris Oifigiuil* on May 1st. 1990. Negotiations on the boundaries were carried out by Maynooth Community Council with the County Manager over a prolonged period and Cllr. McGinley had the honour of being Secretary of the Community Council during that period.

For historical reasons much smaller towns than Maynooth have their own Town Councils. These include Kells in Co. Meath, Population 2,139, Bantry in Co. Cork 3,300, Kilkee in Co. Clare 1,328 and Mhuinebeag in Co. Carlow 2,545

## **Traffic Signals at The Straffan Road/Main Street Junction, Maynooth**

At the Leixlip area Committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the Green Time for traffic turning right from the Straffan Road onto Main Street be increased to take account of Doctors Lane being made One Way."

*"The timings of both the traffic signals at Straffan Road junction and the Garda station/Leinster Street are co-ordinated and an increase in the maximum*

*green time on one approach will result in problems occurring at the adjacent junction.*

*Currently, the signals are vehicle actuated which means that if the volume of traffic approaching the junction warrants the maximum green time, then it will extend to its maximum timing.*

*The Senior Executive Engineer (Traffic Section) is currently working to progress the introduction of a fully adaptive signalling network in Maynooth. This extension to the scoot system will result in closer co-ordination and will negate the need to tinker with timings as these would be set automatically by time of day and volume of traffic at all junctions in the town centre.*

*The junction will be monitored in the meantime to ensure that the changes to Doctor's Lane do not result in a significant adverse impact on the safety of road users."*

In relation to the third paragraph of the reply Cllr. John McGinley made the point that because the traffic turning right at the Square junction at peak times is backed up to the Glenroyal junction it is not possible for any traffic to be at the lights turning left at The Square i.e. they are stuck at the Glenroyal junction. This means that the signals cannot be actuated by the vehicles.

John also asked that the new left turning lane from Main Street to The Straffan Road (at Brady's Pub) as called for in the grant of Planning Permission for the new TESCO, without any trees being removed, be constructed before TESCO begin work on the new stores.

## **Footpath Between TESCO and Blacklion Road**

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that this work will be carried out before the end of October.

## **Walls at Pound Park/The Green and The Small Pound**

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that costings for this work are being sought and will be presented to the November meeting of the Leixlip area Committee.

## **"Tone Zone" Fitness Opportunities for Citizens of All Ages**

During a State visit to China, President Mary McCleese noticed grown-ups of all ages, exercising in parks,

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using what looked like playground equipment. She was fascinated by the positive impact this outdoor exercising had on people's daily life.

When she returned home, President McAleese discussed what she had seen with Mary Nall, Third Age Centre, Summerhill, Co. Meath. As a result, with support from the Mid-East regional Authority, Irelands first "Tone Zone" in Dunshaughlin Park was Officially opened by President McAleese on 28<sup>th</sup> September and Cllr. John McGinley was present as a member of the Mid-East Regional Authority. The next "Tone Zones" will be developed in Counties Kildare and Wicklow and as a result Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

*"That the surplus specialist outdoor gym equipment from the Tone Zone, Dunshaughlin Park, be installed at the Harbour Field, Maynooth, adjacent to the Children's Playground."*

The "Tone Fitness Corner" concept is aimed at providing opportunities for citizens of all ages, to exercise and improve their overall fitness. Robust, attractively painted exercise machines are designed to be used outdoors in all weathers. Simple to maintain, the equipment can be located in playgrounds, public parks, outside residential developments, in nursing homes - even on street corners. The idea is that people passing can spend a few minutes limbering up as they go about their business. More organised groups, including older peoples groups, can use the machines to carry out more intensive exercise programmes.

Cllr. McGinley believes that The Harbour Field, next to the Children's Playground would be an ideal location for County Kildare's First Tone Zone. In addition the ICA Hall, where the Senior Citizens sometimes meet, is very close by.

## The Tattoo Premises on Main Street

Cllr. John McGinley sent the following letter to the Council on 27<sup>th</sup> September:

"This premises has solid shutters on the exterior of the Shop front. This is contrary to The Maynooth Development Plan 2002. Section 4.3.5. states:

***"The use of external roller shutters and the permanent removal of shop fronts leaving the shop open to the pavement, are unacceptable. Security shutters should be mounted behind the window glazing, be of the open grille type and colour to blend with the overall shop front."***

The National Tidy Towns Inspector stated in this years report:

***"The Tattoo premises uses solid shutters which are unattractive and have a detrimental effect on the streetscape."***

Accordingly, I would appreciate if you asked the shop owner to comply with the Maynooth Development Plan."

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