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Maynooth Community First Responders

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DARREN LEE

A lasting tribute to the late Darren Lee has been unveiled with the installation of a new solar-powered defibrillator along the Greenway at Pike Bridge.

Darren, who served as chair of the Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) group for the past three years, sadly passed away suddenly in August this year. He had been involved in this solar-powered defib project, which was funded through the Intel Pride of Place awards. Darren attended the ceremony in Intel in May, where the project was announced as the first successful winner.



Karen Hartnett, Fionnuala Murphy, Sandrine Gorsky, Sharon Cosgrave, Brian Cosgrave, Raise (one of the group's cardiac arrest survivors) Cathy Lawlor, Jean Lee, Marella Cahill, Fiona Carroll

The defibrillator cabinet bears a photo of Darren taken at that very ceremony in May, a poignant reminder of his dedication and passion. Colleagues spoke of Darren as reliable, calm and competent. They praised his selflessness and his sense of humour. He lived his life with quiet strength and integrity, always putting family and community first. His generosity, kindness, and dedication set a powerful example for all who knew him.

defibrillators in underserved areas. He also participated in "Hands for Life" training initiatives.



Gillian Barr & Keith Barr (Leixlip CFR), Bernie Downes & Cathal McCauley (Kilcock CFR), Marella Cahill, Fionnuala Murphy, Karen Hartnett, Cathy Lawlor, Brian Cosgrave, Sandrine Gorsky, Fiona Carroll, Sharon Cosgrave (all Maynooth CFR), Réada Cronin (TD), Amanda Ross (National Ambulance Service)

Darren was involved in several successful resuscitations in Maynooth, and one patient who made a full recovery attended the unveiling, adding a deeply emotional dimension to the event and highlighting Darren's profound impact. Beyond responding to emergencies, Darren advocated for the CFR group, engaging local politicians, and working to place



The Lee Family & Lilli

The ceremony was attended by Joe Bolger, an Intel factory manager, alongside several TDs, councillors, Darren's family and friends, community members, the National Ambulance Service, An Garda Síochána and Darren's CFR colleagues, all paying tribute to this heartfelt and fitting memorial. Intel was warmly thanked for sponsoring the solar powered defibrillator, and their financial support of the Maynooth CFR group since its founding in 2018.

With approximately 5,000 deaths from cardiac arrest annually in Ireland, speed is critical for survival. Prompt CPR and early defibrillation can save lives, making accessible defibrillators vital for improving outcomes.

This life saving device now stands as a lasting reminder of Darren's life and legacy. His family, friends, colleagues and community feel blessed to have known him, and his memory will be cherished forever.

It is comforting to know that something he cared deeply about will continue to serve and protect the community he loved. Darren will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

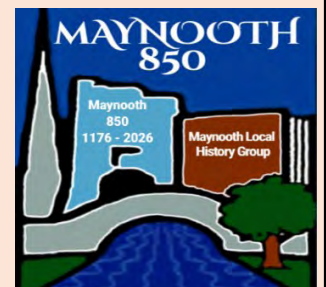


Jean (Darren's wife), Cathy Lawlor (Maynooth CFR), Joe Bolger (Intel factory manager)

Plans to Celebrate Maynooth 850 - Announcement Expected

Maynooth Local History Group will lead the celebrations to mark "Maynooth 850" with a range of events planned for 2026. The celebrations are to mark the settlement of the Fitzgeralds in Maynooth where they built their castle in 1176. Since late 2024 members of the group have been working on the plans to mark this important anniversary in 2026 and the key events planned will be announced this month.

The sixteen members of the organising group includes local historians and people involved in genealogical and historical research. The celebrations will include close collaboration with Maynooth University, Kildare County Council and Heritage Ireland. The group is also keen to involve local community groups, local businesses, schools and individuals and in some cases, contact has already been made. For further information, Maynooth Local History Group can be contacted by e-mail at Maynoothlh@gmail.com



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The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused online publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news. We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events.

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

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

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

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Editorial

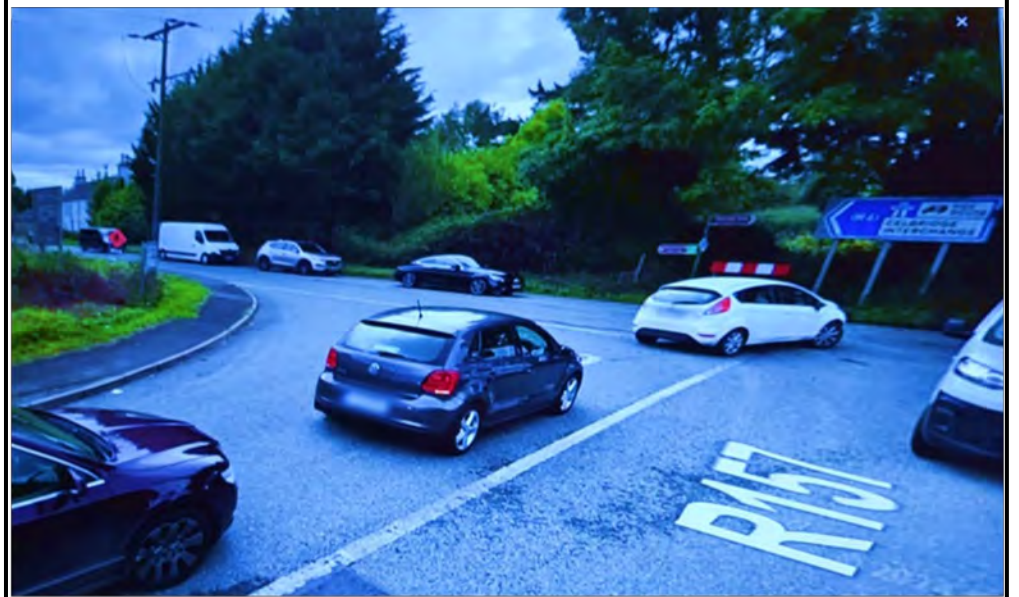
Charity Trustees' Week 2025 marks the ninth year of the event and it takes place from 10th – 14th of November. Madeleine Delaney, the CEO of The Irish Charities Regulator describes this event as the time of the year when the charity sector comes together to acknowledge and celebrate you, the volunteers who oversee Ireland's charities and the important work that you do.

Being a charity trustee is an important role and much has been done in recent years by the Irish Charities Regulator, to support voluntary organisations, to meet the high standards required to secure and maintain charitable designation. The Maynooth Newsletter is published by an organisation that is an approved charity, which also provides supports for other community activities. These directly include activities such as maintenance of the environs of Maynooth Harbour and Greenway and maintenance of Maynooth Town Football Club.

Additionally, events like the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade, the activities of other groups including Maynooth Local History and Maynooth Tidy Towns are supported by the work of the charity. Many Maynooth voluntary groups need more people to get involved as voluntary trustees, to continue doing their very important work in the town.

If you are available and willing to join any of these groups, I am sure that you would be welcome. Most groups will have a process for getting new people involved and not all groups need people at the same time. Some of the groups will have legal protections in place so that trustees are protected from any personal risks in terms of legal and financial exposures. To find out more details on approved charities in Maynooth, **sign on to the Charity Regulator register with these details.**

<https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/information-for-the-public/search-the-register-of-charities?search=maynooth>



It is hard to believe that it is a year ago since we highlighted concerns about traffic safety at the junction of the Leixlip Road and the Blacklion Road. With a number of ongoing works for active travel and waterworks upgrades in Maynooth, the traffic needing to use this junction has increased significantly in 2025. With normal traffic volumes, there is now few times during the day or indeed early evening where traffic in Maynooth is not at a standstill, so using this junction provides an alternative north to south route. Much online discussion continues about the need to prioritise the work to advance proper by-pass routes around Maynooth. As these are years away it must be a priority to make this junction safer for all users.

**Paul Croghan
Editor**

**Submission Date for December Edition is
5pm on 23rd November 2025**



Principals Johnny Nevin of MPP and Siobhan McCauley of MCC receiving the funds raised by the Maynooth 10k from Committee members Una Phillips and Sarah Knaap and from MEC PTA Co Chairperson Debbie Feely.

This was a record breaking year for the 10k with €26k raised.

All funds go towards upkeep of MEC pitches and plans are underway for expansion and upgrading of astropitches

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OCTOBER UPDATE

Labour



Defibrillator on Greenway

I attended the installation of a solar powered defibrillator on the Greenway at Pike's Bridge. It was a very emotional but fitting tribute to the late Darren Lee, a first responder who lived a life helping so many others. Thank you to all our amazing First Responders.



Maynooth Castle

Working through the Council to pursue with the Office of Public Works (OPW) a previous Phase 2 Restoration Plan for Maynooth Castle. This would include the development of an auditorium space and a roof. I welcome the positive response and a meeting will be arranged with the OPW to advance this project.



Members of Maynooth Men's Shed at Council Meeting

I called on the Council to support Maynooth Men's Shed in securing a new location in order to sustain its activities. I was delighted to welcome members of Maynooth Men's Shed into the Council chamber and to hear first hand that the Council is actively working to make sure that they secure a new home. I very much appreciate the response from Maynooth Town Football Club in offering the Mens Shed a new home, to Miriam MTFC Chair, Jennifer and all the executive team for all their huge work in finding a solution.



CoHere Launch

Pictured at the launch of CoHere with co-founder Jill Robinson. CoHere is a new EU-funded pilot project bringing together local communities, employers, and Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection to explore practical approaches to refugee integration. The project will run for one year across Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip, Celbridge, and Straffan, gathering evidence to inform local authority practice and national policy on refugee integration.



Social Inclusion Event

Celebrating Social Inclusion Week at Maynooth Post Primary School with students and staff from The Orchard. Delighted to see the outdoor area looking just beautiful and that the accessible garden table donated by Maynooth Access Group is getting great use.



Entente Florale Gold

Celebrating winning Gold in the Entente Florale competition and President's Award for the Demo House at Maynooth University event. What a great achievement and well done. Thank you for all you do for our town. Pictured with MTT Chair Breedge Conway.



Dave Mulready Memorial Cycle 2025

Always honoured to volunteer at the Dave Mulready Memorial Cycle fundraiser. There was a great turnout for the event with proceeds going to cancer research. Well done everyone. Pictured with other volunteers from Maynooth Access Group and Community Garda.

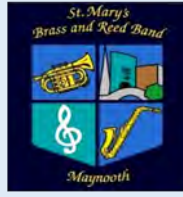


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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



October was very much a quiet month for us recital wise but a lot going on behind the scenes with rehearsals in full swing for upcoming events.

Our next important event is our Annual Remembrance Mass for Deceased Members at 10c on Sunday 9th November and we invite all relatives and friends of those who have passed on to join us in this musical tribute to them. Of course that invitation also extends to those who enjoy hearing the Band in the Church where the acoustics are perfect for our music.

Our year closes with our Annual Christmas Concert which this is being held in St. Mary's Church of Ireland on Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm. It gives us an opportunity to maybe bring out some Santy Hats and entertain the audience with many festive can Band .

Once again we welcome experienced and budding musicians to drop to the Band Hall on Pound Lane on Monday nights between 7.45 and 9.30 or Saturday mornings between 10 and 11.30am where they will be made most welcome.



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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

“END OF AN ERA”

The iconic “Nanny Quinns” lounge-bar and restaurant, located at Thomastown Co. Westmeath, closed its doors, for the final time, on Sunday the seventeenth of August last. For the last thirteen years this cosy traditional Irish pub has been run by Rosie Ennis. She took over from Nanny Quinn who has since become a local legend in the area.

The first time I visited the pub was around 1980. At that stage it was a little country pub ran by its original owner who was in her nineties at that time. It served bottled beverages only; there was no alcohol on tap. There was no cash register either, Nanny stood behind the bar and totted up your bill with the stub of a pencil on scrap paper. Payment went into a drawer located under the counter. The premises boasted a large open fire and so was comfortable. Located on the banks of the Royal Canal adjacent to the country's longest greenway, it was visited by barge crews, boaters, walkers and cyclists. The current owner Rosie Ennis stated the reasons for closure were the general pressures of the hospitality industry and the need to give more time to family.

For a number of years, it was the venue for the Royal Canal Amenity Group's AGM meetings, it being located centrally on the Royal's length. Needless to say, some of these meetings were lively, passionate and always fun, to match the atmosphere of the pub. At these meetings we



discussed the development and refurbishment of the canal, which meant so much to us, just as Nanny Quinn's meant so much to the people of Thomastown / Killucan and all those using the canal.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The RCAG annual “**Christmas Jumper**” walk will take place on Saturday 27th. December starting at 12 15pm (approx.). This year the route will be from Leixlip Lousia Bridge to Maynooth along the newly refurbished Greenway. This should prove a pleasant experience with the paths now in very good condition. The refurbished Greenway will also, we are delighted to say, accommodate wheelchairs and prams / pushchairs. There will be a short break at Pikes Bridge, adjacent to Carton House and then on to Maynooth.

At the time of going to print the Christmas rail and bus time tables were not yet available, however going by previous years it can be assumed that the “Sunday Schedule” will be in operation, even though the walk is on a Saturday, for those who might want to: get a train or bus to Leixlip, enjoy the walk and get train or bus home from Maynooth. We will update you, on this in next month's edition.

Note the date down in your diary(27/12/2025), look out your Christmas jumper and trainers and be ready in advance. It is a great way to get back in to the swing of things after the Christmas festivities.





We had a busy October, on the 24th we were invited to Croke Park for the Tidy Towns results. We won our 9th Gold medal and increased our points by 13 to 394, just 6 behind the national winners Carrick-on-Shannon in Leitrim. Our time will come.

We planted bulbs in various parts of the town but especially on the Meadowbrook link Road. We got loads of help from the U14 GAA boys. The U14 GAA girls helped us plant bulbs close to their club house on the Moyglare Road. The TY students from Maynooth Education Campus helped us with a litter pick one Monday morning.

Lots of litter picking all over the town every Saturday morning. Since our population has doubled in the lady 2 months so has the litter.

Thanks to Eamonn O'Flaherty Chairperson and other members of Maynooth GAA Club for organising a fundraising Table Quiz in the club house. 1,000 euro was raised on the night. All money raised will be used 100% around Maynooth.

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

Mary Molloy PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns Association



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Adjudication Report

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2025

Centre: **Maynooth - Maigh Nuad**
 County: **Kildare**
 Category: **G**

Ref: **377**
 Mark: **394**
 Date(s): **17/06/2025**
23/07/2025

	Maximum Markers	Mark Awarded 2024	Mark Awarded 2025
Community - Your Planning and Involvement.	80	60	62
Streetscape & Public Places.	80	50	52
Green Spaces and Landscaping.	80	56	58
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality.	55	44	46
Sustainability - Doing more with less.	55	29	31
Tidiness and Litter Control.	90	61	62
Residential Streets & Housing Areas.	55	40	41
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes.	55	41	42
Total Marks	550	381	394

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Bhailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2025. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur iarratas a chur isteach. Maith sibh don obair atá déanta agaibh in bhur cheantar go dtí seo - guímid gach rath oraibh i bhur dtionscadail amach anseo. Ádh mór. Maynooth are welcome to the 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your application and supporting documentation. Thank you for reducing your data on the entry form and including more photos of your completed work. As always over the years you have a committed number of volunteers that work diligently with your strong committee, to maintain your beautiful heritage town and keep on developing new projects to enhance the town and surroundings. Volunteers are made up of various age groups and occupations and indeed from different countries, which is applauded. Meetings are held regularly to discuss and plan projects. These meetings are also social outings for many, especially new residents in the area to get to know their neighbours. This year extra meetings are being held to organise and plan for the Entente Florale competition, which you are wished well in. Maynooth Tidy Towns receives ongoing support from Kildare County Council, all other agencies, businesses, community groups and educational centres with funding and advice for their ongoing projects. Communication to the wider community is through social media, newspapers/newsletters and notice boards. It is also applauded to see so many young people from all the educational centres helping out with various projects, ensuring that Tidy Towns in Maynooth is driven by the wider community. The Tidy Town's competition has adopted to help with climate change by encouraging the reduction of waste and improving biodiversity making more communities more sustainable by their actions.

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Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

Maynooth is a heritage town with many historical buildings noted along its streetscapes. It is important to capture and retain information on these sites for future generations to come. This you have accomplished with your superb bi-lingual heritage trail of the town and surroundings. The main street has a mix of heritage and brightly coloured buildings, all bringing their own charm to the streetscape. It is also good to note that more businesses are opening up to ensure more buildings been occupied. The Roost looks particularly attractive with its colourful floral displays. As mentioned in your application there is movement on the vacant sites which is positive. The shop front award project is a good way of encouraging and rewarding businesses for their efforts. The tree line along this street brings ambience to the surroundings. As mentioned in last year's report the grass growing at the base of the trees does take from their overall appearance. The back lanes of the town visited are commended on the presentation of the buildings. The Pound is also an important heritage site providing a place of peace and tranquillity for those wishing to take a break. The square is also an important amenity and looks bright and colourful from the many planters situated throughout. The new beds were also admired. The cobble stone is however being overtaken with green growth. Some groups use a vinegar base for weed control as one method to keep them under control. The canal provides an excellent public space for the people of the area to enjoy their recreation in pleasant surroundings, both for walkers and cyclists.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The natural surroundings of the town have been complemented by the many areas of planting noted along the approach roads, along the streetscape and in public spaces. The type of plants used ensures that the town and surroundings look bright and welcoming all year round. The seating and planters at Carton House were admired. The sun flowers will bring colour and brightness to the natural stone background. The square is also well decorated with colourful planters and ground planting which is very much in keeping with the surroundings. The hanging baskets and window boxes noted on many residences and businesses were also admired. Supervalu has to get a mention on its excellent presentation. The housing estates have also good planting at entrances and throughout. Information boards were also noted with information on various plants and trees. It is good to see one such board erected in a prominent location at the GAA grounds where there is plenty of footfall to observe it. The roundabout at Dublin Road does need attention, maybe the County Council could help you with this as it is in a very busy section of roadway. Health and safety has to be your priority when dealing with busy locations.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

As mentioned in your application Maynooth has seen a vast amount of development to cater for students and commuters. Development does eat into green spaces that are an essential part of the towns biodiversity. Developers have to be encouraged as part of planning to incorporate green space and amenities in their developments. The retention of mature trees where possible and the planting of native trees and hedging is recommended. Mariavilla which was visited has included natural landscaping in this development, which is important for the large number of residents living there. You have a good biodiversity plan in place with new projects added each year. There are however good public amenities such as Carton House and along the canal where the community can enjoy the natural surroundings. Planting shrubs and plants which includes bulbs that complement the existing planting of these areas is recommended.

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

In this category Maynooth are forging ahead with improved results by their activities to make the town and surroundings more sustainable. They have attended meetings in the last few years on climate change that will hopefully help to reduce on their carbon footprint. Waste and recycling is improving. The re-turn scheme has seen a reduction in plastic and bottles. Green waste is also being reused as compost and mulch. More rainwater is being used by the wider community for watering plants and other tasks. The reduction in hanging baskets with more ground planting has reduced on watering and also is more sustainable for plants. Maynooth has a good public transport system, both train and bus. Cycling and walking seems very popular in this busy town as noted on day of adjudication. This is needed with so many students attending college and schools in the area. The schools are commended on their achievements in the Green School Initiative learning from an early age the importance of reducing waste and its impact on the environment. KCC Demo House where the public can visit and learn about retrofitting their homes is an important project. This will give the community some knowledge on the benefits of retrofitting and the cost involved. The grant involved could be increased to help particularly elderly people make their homes more efficient.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

There is no doubt that keeping the town litter free is a demanding task on volunteers. The control of litter and possible eradication should be addressed by the wider community and not left to the same number. There is a good plan in place in Maynooth with litter picking teams covering the main roads when it is safe to do so. The residents from the estates also get involved in looking after their areas and this is commended. Litter is segregated after each collection. The re-turn scheme has reduced the amount of cans/bottles which is positive. There are a number of volunteers that take care of Main Street at a time when traffic is minimal. There is ongoing co-operation from KCC and MU on managing events at the college that results in a lot of litter being left around. It is positive to note that the amount of litter collected at clean-ups has reduced and that is positive for such a busy town.

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

Maynooth like most towns is growing at a very fast rate with an increase in population which puts a strain on all other resources. It is a pleasure to leave Main Street and walk down the back lanes and admire the old housing stock that is still special and well presented. Pound Lane is one such area. The new housing build of today are more energy efficient. Mariavilla adjacent to Lyreen river has plenty of green space some wild and more areas mowed and planted with pollinator friendly plants. It is a good example of a well planned development. The older housing estates will need help from the government with better grants to bring them up to standard. It will take time for this to happen. The estates visited have good entrance signs, well-kept green areas and good landscaping. Most homes have well painted facades and look bright and welcoming from colourful floral displays. Play areas visited were all well-presented and are such an important amenity for the community. The residents are commended on the work they do in the presentation of their homes and also helping with the many projects such as litter picking and many more to help make Maynooth the progressing town it is.

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

The approach road from Straffan was busy with traffic. The grass verges on this road are neat while retaining a corridor for wildlife. Landscaping is impressive at Maxol and Supervalu. The Dublin Road has a superb entrance stone. O'Neill Park landscaping was admired. The roundabout in this area needs attention. It is hoped that KCC will help with this. The Kilcock entrance road has neat verges with uncut corridors for wildlife. Trees and shrubs were admired on this road. There are some plants such as hogweed growing along the grass verges that needs to be controlled or it will take over. Rathcoffey entrance road also impressed. Mullen Bridge and Bond two very important features of the town could be highlighted more. Maynooth is certainly worth a visit during the Spring with the amount of bulb planting along approach roads that has taken place as per photos attached.

Concluding Remarks:

Maynooth was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. There are plans for a new ring road that will help to ease traffic in this busy town. Tidy Towns are doing good work helping to retain the heritage of the town and expand to cater for an increased population. Keep up the good work.

Second Round Adjudication:

Thank you so much for all the work that went into your entry this year. Your entry was very clear and detailed and amply illustrated with many photographs of your activities throughout the last year. It is so useful for us to have before and after photographs to allow us to appreciate the scope and scale of your efforts. Thank you for the map and accompanying legend that allowed us to navigate Maynooth and get to see what you have achieved. We would advise that your strategic plan should be more detailed. We didn't get the feel that it identified larger-scale projects that would be of great significance for Maynooth.

The approaches to Maynooth are generally pleasant and well-kept. Two roundabouts in particular stood out for us. Beware of having too many name signs on any given approach road. It is good to see towns that announce their autism-friendly status.

Our visit to Maynooth was blessed with good weather and it was lovely to be able to walk around the town and appreciate the fruits of your labours. Even with the academic year over, the streets were busy throughout the day. Significant work was underway on new footpath and cycle facilities which were good to see. We got a chance to visit Maynooth Castle and it was extremely enjoyable and informative. The interpretation here is very well done. The grounds would be a lovely place to sit for a lunchtime break. Another splendid piece of built heritage is St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Unfortunately this was closed on adjudication day but we were able to appreciate the new beds with lots of pollinator-friendly species. Well done. The parish centre and the lovely garden here were visited. Our compliments to those who keep it so well.

We were somewhat disappointed with the bottle bank area where some litter and graffiti detracted from the appearance. The Pound, on the other hand, was such a lovely experience and we noted the new biodiversity signage here. Lots of lovely (and pollinator-friendly) planting with Rudbeckia, Verbena and Potentilla really enhances this area. We really liked how you have decorated your 'big-belly bins' – very clever. This was also the first place that we had seen the vape-sticker panels on a litterbin. Another good idea. Your gorgeous new flowerbeds at the Square were much admired.

There are some really nice commercial premises in Maynooth. Outdoor seating areas at premises such as Bistro 53 and Picardo's certainly add to the streetscape. Maynooth Bookshop has a lovely shopfront. If AIB were to invest in some floral decorations this would definitely add interest to this premises. As you described in your entry, some takeaway premises are not positive additions to your main street in terms of signage quality. Well done to the owners of the public houses for keeping them looking so good. We noted your use of an old shopfront as your trophy cabinet. Super. Watch out for unsightly advertising which can ruin a gable or detract from a laneway. Your blue street name signs are gorgeous but some of the commercial signage leaves room for improvement.

Maynooth has several lovely walks and we enjoyed our stroll down Carton Avenue, taking in as we passed the lovely landscape planting at the gates. A little wilder was a walk along the canal and we were impressed to see almost no litter.

Overall, this was a really pleasant visit and this adjudicator is very happy to affirm the conclusions and scoring of the first round adjudicator. Keep up the good work and thank you.



OCTOBER UPDATE

Official Opening of the Greenway in Maynooth



I was delighted to attend the official opening of the Maynooth Greenway, a wonderful addition to our town that connects Maynooth to the wider Royal Canal route. This new amenity provides a safe, accessible, and scenic space for walking, cycling and enjoying the outdoors. The Greenway is a fantastic example of how investment in sustainable infrastructure can enhance both community wellbeing and local tourism.



Maynooth wins gold in the Entente Floral

Congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns on their Gold win in the Entente Florale competition a truly outstanding achievement for our community. Maynooth University hosted a wonderful celebration evening to mark the occasion, and it was lovely to soak up the cheer and atmosphere that came with such a well-deserved victory. This award is a testament to the dedication and pride of everyone involved in keeping Maynooth beautiful.



Official Opening of the new solar powered De-fib machine at Pike's Bridge in honour of the late Darren Lee

It was a bittersweet but proud day at the official opening of the solar powered defibrillator at Pike's Bridge on the Royal Canal, dedicated to the late Darren Lee a true community stalwart whose legacy continues to save lives. This innovative unit, powered entirely by solar energy, is a fitting tribute to Darren's spirit and commitment to others. I'm also delighted to be working with the Maynooth Community First Responders on an exciting new project the first of its kind in Ireland that will be life-changing for so many people. Watch this space!

Health Centre Update

At the recent HSE Regional Health Forum meeting, the HSE confirmed that while the new centre in Leixlip will proceed, there are no immediate plans for Maynooth. I have invited the HSE to attend a Council meeting to review the plans in detail and highlight that the current Maynooth Health Centre is not fit for purpose for the town's growing population. and needs significant investment.

Cllr. Donna Phelan
 MAYNOOTH LEA - KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Mens Sheds get a new perminant home



I'm delighted to share that the Maynooth Men's Shed have found their new permanent home, thanks to the incredible support of Maynooth Town Football Club. Together with Deputy Naoise Ó Cearuil, I've been working closely to secure a suitable premises and funding for a new workshop to be located onsite. This partnership highlights the strong community spirit that Maynooth is built on and ensures the Men's Shed can continue their great work supporting wellbeing, friendship and skill sharing among local men.



Caring for Caregivers

I recently attended a half day Holistic Caring for Carers retreat and it was such a valuable opportunity to pause and take stock. Life can be so hectic, and taking even a couple of hours to breathe, reflect and meditate was truly restorative. Events like this remind us how important self-care is especially for those who spend so much of their time caring for others.



Uisce Éireann Update

I recently attended a meeting with Uisce Éireann to discuss ongoing and upcoming water infrastructure projects for Maynooth. The pipeline improvements are progressing well, and even better news funding has been allocated for a full upgrade of the water pipes along the Celbridge Road. This project is now at the design stage, being developed in conjunction with Kildare County Council and is expected to begin by the end of next year. This vital investment was made possible through the increased funding allocated to Uisce Éireann in this year's national budget.



She Succeeds Event in Newbridge

I was delighted to attend the "She Succeeds" event in Newbridge an inspiring celebration of women in business and leadership. Events like this are so important in highlighting the talent, resilience and innovation of women across Kildare. Supporting women in the workplace isn't just about equality it's about empowering voices, driving creativity and building stronger, more inclusive communities

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

NEWSLETTER NOTES for November 2025



AGM

Maynooth Cycling Campaign will be holding its AGM at 8:00pm on Tuesday 11th November in the ICA Hall, Leinster Street. Everyone is welcome!

Funding for Local Climate Action

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment has given Kildare County Council an allocation of €897,000 for climate related projects by communities to improve their local area. The project themes include community energy and travel. Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes suggestions for projects from members and non-members. The scheme is open until 22nd December.

Mill Street

There have been a lot of complaints on social media in recent weeks of congestion in Maynooth, especially at peak times. Most put the blame on Kildare County Council's redesign of Mill Street and/or its construction. Everyone is entitled to their opinion but many of the comments are ill-informed.

Last month, Maynooth Cycling Campaign website published "*Mill Street An Alternative View*" which gives a different opinion to drivers. One of the key questions is whether or not the Mill Street/Main Street junction was modelled for buses and if it was constructed in accordance with the design.

Default speed limit

A coalition of road safety campaigners including the Irish Cycling Campaign is calling on the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien to **issue a commencement order without delay for the default urban speed limit of 30km/h as defined in the Road Traffic Act 2024.**

By issuing a commencement order the Minister would require local authorities to apply a default 30km/h to the 85 currently defined built-up areas (defined in the Local Government Act 2001).

This is a straightforward process for local authorities and would mean that 85 cities and towns would get the immediate benefits of safer 30km/h speed limits. Maynooth Cycling Campaign supports this call. While regrettably this would not include Maynooth itself, our neighbours in Leixlip, Newbridge and Naas would benefit from its implementation. The full Press Release is available [here](#).

Parking and its Cost

A secure car parking space in Manor Mills has recently been advertised for sale at a cost of €25,000. In the past when local authorities specified minimum car parking standards rather than maximum car parking standards as they do now, the cost to developers of not providing a car parking space was €10,000. While housing costs have increased significantly, it seems that the cost of car parking has kept pace.

In contrast, Kildare County Council charges an annual fee of €5 for a Resident's Parking Permit. Admittedly, this does not guarantee a parking place, but it is in effect another subsidy for car owners. It compares to a charge of €100 per year by Dublin City for a place in a bike hanger.

Bollards at Moyglare Road

And still on the theme of parking - Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the erection of bollards adjacent to St. Mary's Boys School in order to deter parking on the shared path for pedestrians and cyclists.

However some drivers, who are slow to take the hint, have simply parked further away. It is time for the Garda Siochana to do their job properly and enforce the law in relation to parking.

In Japan, if there is no sign to indicate that you are allowed to park, you have to assume that it is prohibited. Perhaps it is time to introduce this rule to Ireland.

Most Dangerous Junction in Maynooth

Is the Glenroyal junction on the Straffan Road the most dangerous junction in Maynooth for vulnerable road users? On two occasions recently, our attention has been drawn to incidents where drivers leaving the Glenroyal broke red lights at speed and proceeded through a second set of lights narrowly missing pedestrians who had begun to cross the Straffan Road after receiving a green light.

Councillors Question to KCC

At the October full meeting of the County Council, a Naas councillor, Bill Clear posed a question to Kildare County Council senior management. He asked that with only five years remaining to 2030 what progress had the Council made toward achieving its stated cycling targets.

The reply from the Director of Services listed the projects underway to achieve a change in modal split which was not asked. There was mention of targets for car use which were not asked. In a verbal response to a follow up question, the Director mentioned that we will not see the outcome of the projects until an entire cycling network is constructed.

This is nonsense. The European Cycling Federation has stated that measuring and reporting progress is an essential requirement in achieving change in modes of transport and the Dutch have implemented measuring and reporting as part of their cycling strategy for some 50 years. After 20 years of investing in cycling infrastructure, Ireland has a 2-3% level of cycling nationally compared to 27% in the Netherlands. Does Kildare County Council seriously think that it knows more about change in modes of transport than the ECF and the Dutch?

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, we welcome new members. Why not join us - you can find details [here](#).

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- Module 2: Tue 11 Nov, 14:30–16:00
- Module 3: Tue 18 Nov, 14:30–16:00
- Module 4: Tue 25 Nov, 14:00–16:00



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Maynooth Men's Shed

HISTORY

We recently spoke with The Maynooth Men's Shed to find out what was happening with the group currently. The group informed us that members meet twice per week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm. At present, The Shed is based at Meadow Lodge Fisheries, Dunboyne Road, but will be relocating in the near future. The Shed's PRO, Brendan Kennedy, informed us that due to space constraints at the current location, membership numbers are currently close to full capacity. However, he anticipates that the Shed will be open to new members when it relocates to the proposed new facilities in the grounds of Maynooth Town FC. We got a flavour of what takes place at meetings with Brendan telling us that, anything and everything is discussed at meetings and that the group tries to set the world to rights over a cup of tea/coffee.

Apart from the craic-filled banter, the group also discusses any work that may present itself from other community organisations, and debates ideas for prospective monthly outings, the next of which, is a trip to The Shackleton Experience in Athy in November. Some projects that the Shed, which was formed in 2012, was involved in include:

- A tourist Guide to Maynooth, a pamphlet designed and produced in conjunction with Maynooth CEP. The pamphlet contains 12 points of interest around the town, and also includes a map of the town and the location of the points of interest.
- The construction of a Composter to enable students in a local school create compost from organic waste.
- Artwork Display Units for Castle Keep Art Group.
- The refurbishment of a public bench beside Maynooth Harbour on the Royal Canal.
- A Portable Access Ramp for the local branch of the ICA. The ramp facilitates ICA members who use zimmer frames.



DCU AWARD

Earlier this year The Shed was invited to take part in a collaboration with the transition year students of Maynooth Community College. The collaboration was entitled: Intergenerational Solidarity and Cooperation Between Generations, and involved Shed members having weekly meetings and discussions with students where cross-generational life stories and experiences were shared and recorded.

The students formed those discussions into a podcast. The podcast was subsequently entered into a countrywide competition sponsored by Dublin City University and Maynooth Community College won first prize for its entry in that competition, and as a result, received the Platinum Award.



Maynooth Men's Shed

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

This year, the Shed will once again be helping the Lions Club with their annual Christmas food collection outside supermarkets in the town. For 2 days, trolleys will be positioned at the entrance to the supermarkets and members of the public will be invited to donate non-perishable goods as they exit the stores. Men's Shed members will organise a rota system to ensure that trolleys will be supervised and that donated items will be stored safely as trolleys are filled. The items donated will later be collected by members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, to be used in hampers that they distribute at Christmas.



SANTA'S POSTBOX



Maynooth Men's Shed designed and built a postbox for local children so they could post their letters to Santa at Christmas.



The box was constructed from wood and stands circa 1.5m high by 600mm wide. The postbox made its first magical appearance in 2023 and each year it is placed in The Courthouse Square two weeks before Christmas. It has proved very popular with the children. The letters are collected by An Post Elves for delivery to Santa in the North Pole.



It was the Elves of Maynooth Tidy Towns, a group The Shed has always worked closely with, who initially asked The Shed to make the postbox. The magical postbox was constructed over a period of 4 weeks at the twice weekly Shed meetings.



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



As you can see from our poster, we are looking forward to what is now an annual fundraising pub quiz for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee. We hope to see a good turn out for this event. There will be plenty of spot prizes.

A further note on fundraising – Committee members will be selling raffle tickets in Manor Mills and Supervalu on the weekends of 14th and 21st November and the winners will be announced on Sunday 7th December at our Christmas Lunch which is our next big event after the quiz. Our committee members will be in contact with Senior Citizens on our list.

Maynooth Senior members meet at our Tuesday and Thursday morning club where we have a range of activities including gentle movement exercises thanks to KWETB Community Education section, Pottery thanks to Tara Lane and, we also have art classes and bingo and there is time for a cuppa and a chat. Through further collaboration with KWETB and Kildare PPN and other organisations we hope to be able to include more activities in 2026.

Check out our Facebook page for up to date information.

Susan Durack, Chairperson,
Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.



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Nochtann OMN dealbh den Athair Peadar Ó Laoghaire (MU unveils sculpture of Father Peadar Ó Laoghaire)

Tá Ollscoil Mhá Nuad (OMN) tar éis dealbh den Athair Peadar Ó Laoghaire a nochtadh. Bronnadh an dealbh ar an Ollscoil ag muintir Chaisleáin Uí Liatháin, Co. Chorcaí, áit inár chaith an t-

athbheochanóir Gaeilge agus ceannródaí liteartha ceiliúrtha beagnach 40 bliain mar shagart paróiste. Is ceann de phéire a cruthaíodh ag an dealbhóir mór le rá Seamus Connolly an busta cré-umha seo den Athair Peadar (1839-1920), a oirníodh mar shagart sa bhliain 1867 i gColáiste Phádraig, Má Nuad agus a bhí ina mhórphearsa de chuid Athbheochan na Gaeilge níos déanaí ina shaol ag deireadh an naoú haois agus tús an fichiú haois. Bronnadh an busta ar OMN mar aitheantas ar chomóradh na hOllscoile ar shaol, ar shaothar agus ar oidhreacht an tsagairt, scoláire agus údair iomráitigh.

Sa bhliain 2020, céad bliain i ndiaidh a bháis, chuir Ollscoil Mhá Nuad taispeántas le chéile bunaithe ar chartlanna Uí Laoghaire, atá ina gcónaí sna Bailiúcháin Speisialta agus Cartlanna i Leabharlann OMN.

Léirigh Oifig Gaeilge na hOllscoile gearrscannán chomh maith a athchóiríodh ón úrscéal Séadna, a scríobh Peadar Ó Laoghaire agus a sheasann mar an gcéad úrscéal riamh a scríobhadh sa Nua-Ghaeilge. Rinneadh taifeadadh ar an ngearrscannán ar champas agus feictear baill foirne agus mic léinn ó phobal Gaeilge na hOllscoile mar scéalaithe ann. Nochtaigh Clárathóir OMN, an tOll Ronan Farrell agus Uachtarán Ollscoil Phontaifiúil Phádraig, an Dr Michael Shortall an dealbh i Leabharlann na hOllscoile Dé Céadaoin, 15 Deireadh Fómhair. Maynooth University (MU) has unveiled a sculpture of an tAthair Peadar Ó Laoghaire, a gift from the people of Castlelyons, Co Cork where the celebrated Irish-language revivalist and literary pioneer served as parish priest for nearly 40 years.

The bronze bust of an tAthair Peadar (1839-1920), who graduated from St Patrick's College, Maynooth in 1867 and later became one of the leading figures of the Irish Language Revival of the late 19th and early 20th century, is one of two created by the renowned sculptor Seamus Connolly.

It was given to MU in recognition of the University's commemoration of the life, work and legacy of the acclaimed priest, scholar and author. In 2020, the centenary of his death, MU produced an exhibition drawing from the Ó Laoghaire archives, housed in the



L-R: President of St Patrick's Pontifical University Rev Dr Michael Shortall and MU Registrar Prof Ronan Farrell unveil the sculpture



Sculpture of Peadar Ó Laoghaire on display

Special Collections and Archives of MU Library. The University's Irish Language Office also produced a short film adaptation of Séadna, a novel written by Peadar Ó Laoghaire and the first-ever novel written in modern Irish. It was filmed on campus and featured staff and students from the University's Irish language community.

Maynooth University Registrar, Prof Ronan Farrell and President of St Patrick's Pontifical University, Rev Dr Michael Shortall unveiled the sculpture in the University Library on Wednesday, 15 October.

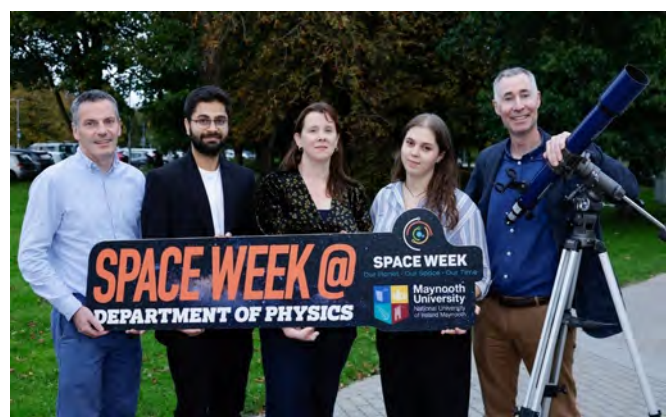
MU celebrates Space Week 2025

Maynooth University celebrated Space Week 2025 with an exciting evening of talks that explored the wonders of the universe and the latest developments in space science.

The free public event, *The Sky, the Stars and the Universe Beyond*, brought together researchers from the Department of Physics to share insights into astronomy and astrophysics.

The event attracted a wide audience, including younger space enthusiasts, who had the chance to learn directly from Maynooth's researchers and ask questions about the mysteries of the universe. It highlighted the university's ongoing commitment to science outreach and inspiring the next generation of scientists and explorers.

The evening opened with Dr Neil Trappe, who guided the audience through the basics of observing the night sky and showed how anyone can begin exploring astronomy from home. Emilija Bumblyte followed with *Stellar Explosions Over the Centuries*, examining how astronomers, past and present, study supernovae to better understand stellar life cycles.



L-R: MU Dept of Physics team of Dr Neil Trappe, PhD researcher Daxal Mehta, Dr Emma Whelan, postgraduate researcher Emilija Bumblyte and Dr John Regan

Daxal Mehta continued the programme with *What Happens if You Get Swallowed by a Black Hole?*, explaining how black holes form and how scientists detect these extreme cosmic objects. The event concluded with Dr Emma Whelan, who introduced the upcoming MAUVE space telescope and discussed how it will advance research into stars and exoplanets.

Minister Lawless turns the sod on MU's new Sport Science Centre

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD has turned the sod on Maynooth University's €19 million Sport Science Centre.

The state-of-the-art facility, designed to promote health and wellbeing on campus as well as teaching and research, is scheduled to open in January 2027, with construction now underway on a three-storey

extension to the Phoenix Sports and Restaurant Building.

Planning permission was received from Kildare County Council in late 2024 for the new centre which will include a state-of-the-art student gym, a teaching sports / multi-purpose hall and sports science research and teaching laboratories.

In the plans, drawn up by a team led by Reddy Architecture and Urbanism, the gym is prominently located on the ground floor of the new building, making sports activities visible and promoting student health and wellbeing.

The new building will also house office space for the Department of Sport Science and Nutrition, which was established in 2023.

In addition, the new building is designed with sustainability at its core. Heated by energy-efficient heat pumps and incorporating mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, the building is expected to achieve a BER rating of A2.

Welcoming the planned new centre Minister James Lawless TD said: "I am delighted to turn the sod on this new facility that will support the health and wellbeing of students. The design brings together advanced sports facilities with dedicated spaces for teaching and research in sports science, food science, and nutrition. This centre will be a vibrant part of campus life at Maynooth University, offering a place to stay active, connect with others, and grow both personally and academically. I look forward to seeing it open its doors."

President of Maynooth University, Professor Eeva Leinonen, said: "The development of the Sport Science Centre marks a significant milestone in Maynooth University's strategic ambition to deepen our contribution to sport science and health education.

"It reflects our vision of a university that responds to societal needs and is committed to advancing health and well-being through education, research, and innovation. By investing in state-of-the-art facilities, we enable our students and staff to lead healthier lives and build knowledge and skills that have a positive impact far beyond our campus."

MU students also welcomed the project, noting the benefits it will deliver for sports, study, and campus life.

Eoghan Frayne, captain of the Meath GAA Senior Football team and a student at Maynooth University, said: "I think the new Sports Science Building is a great addition to the University. It makes a big difference for all of us to have access to state-of-the-art facilities, and for those competing at a high level. It's important to have a space where we can study, train, and recover all in the one place."

Becky Watkins, another MU student who plays soccer for Peamount United's senior women's team, added: "The new Sports Science building is a huge step forward, not just for athletes like me, but for every student. With outstanding gym and performance facilities, it supports smarter training, enhances recovery and personal growth. It's a place to reach our peak - as elite athletes but together as a university. It's more than a building; it's a commitment to excellence!"



L-R: MU student and Meath GAA footballer Eoghan Frayne, MU President Prof Eeva Leinonen, Minister James Lawless TD and MU student and Peamount WFC's Becky Watkins at the sod turning event

Volunteers needed!



Have you ever wanted to be involved in a theatrical production but didn't actually want to go on stage? Ever wondered how Community Drama Groups manage to have such successfully run productions both on and off stage? Well the answer is volunteers!



We are currently seeking people with an interest in assisting with stage crew (scene changes etc.) and front of house (ticket scanning, raffle ticket selling, ushering etc.) for our upcoming pantomime, the Sword in the Stone. Previous experience can be helpful but is not essential. If you have any interest, please do get in touch. Email Amy at annuadhplayers@gmail.com for more information before the 5th November.

Play and Panto Submissions

We are delighted to announce that we are now accepting submissions for our Summer Production 2026 & Christmas Pantomime 2026!



If you have written a full length or one act play, a pantomime, or have a play/pantomime script that you would like to put forward for consideration for 2026, we want to hear from you!

Please see all important information and complete the relevant forms on our website at annuadhplayers.ie.

The Sword in the Stone

An Nuadha Players are proud to present 'The Sword in the Stone': a brand new pantomime written by long term member, Rían Glynn. This show will see the beloved tale of well-known characters Arthur and Merlin get a blast of Panto magic as the Evil Blackthorn stands in the way of Arthur's adventure.

This not to missed Christmas Pantomime runs from the 4th-7th of December in the Aula Maxima. Tickets are now on sale and are available online at annuadhplayers.ie and in Maynooth Bookshop. This promises to be an excellent trip out for the whole family, so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment- tickets selling fast!



Some rehearsal shots of the action coming together so far!

Photo credit: Cathal Hayes

Karaoke Night!



We had a very successful and highly enjoyable fundraiser on the 26th September upstairs in Brady's. Our 'Life is a Cabaret' karaoke night brought in the singers and the spectators and a wonderful night was had by all while raising some much needed funds to support our Christmas panto. We would particularly like to thank Karaoke House for their much appreciated sponsorship, Brady's for the use of the venue, our wonderful MC's on the night Dara, Alisha and Caolainn (pictured underneath the Karaoke House logo) and of course everyone who came along!





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He thought this would humble me!
 And he should have known!
 Been in the job for a dozen years.
 Master of Novices, with his apprentices;
 Forming us beginners in Spirituality;
 And not any spirituality, oh no!
 But the spirituality of this congregation, this order.
 And order it was, for everything was ordered,
 Chronologically, spatially, psychologically.
 Master of Novices, planing pieces of timber;
 Removing the bumps and the hollows
 Until they would become indistinguishable units
 Of male religious humanity. That was his job?

A little slow in rising from my bed, to call the other novices;
 He noticed and I had to confess my fault
 Against "obedience" on my knees in the refectory,
 Before the whole community assembled for dinner.
 Had to be done! Or had it? Supposing! Just supposing!
 I had decided to ask the Master, not on my knees,
 But standing tall, man to man,
 Why he had never asked me the simple question:
 "Ut quid venisti?" What brought you here?
 Or maybe urged me to square up to fear?
 But no! I knelt and confessed my fault.
 And that has made all the difference?
 GM



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Of Cars and Teachers

Attending Woodbrook School during the war years will in my mind always be associated with the various modes of travel involved. For children such as my brother and I it meant walking two miles by road and across fields, barefooted by choice in summer and wearing sturdy boots in winter. The teachers were in a somewhat comparable situation, Mrs Kelleher who taught the junior classes cycling out three miles from Carrick and 'Master Callaghan' cycling down nine miles from Elphin. Eventually both teachers acquired cars, which brings me to the subject of my story.

In those far off days punishments for misbehaviour in school mirrored what went on in homes, the mother dealing with minor infractions, the father with more serious ones. As best I can recollect, Mrs Kelleher was fairly easygoing but Master Callaghan used the cane to enforce discipline and learning. Not that I blame him. He had to bring his pupils, many of them no ardent scholars, up to a level where they would pass the Primary Certificate, as well as satisfy the school inspector on his unannounced visits. We got a good grounding in the required subjects, including Maths, Religion, English and Irish, and if that involved an occasional slap across the palms it probably did no great harm – Not that some tearaways thought so at the time.

In due course our two teachers graduated from the bicycle to the automobile, probably because the wartime restrictions on driving, including petrol rationing, had come to an end. What a change it must have been for them to reach their classrooms most mornings in comfort rather than, as was frequently the case, wet and saddle sore.

I can't recall what make of car either teacher had but Master Callaghan's must have been a bit past its sell-by date because it frequently refused to start in the evening. That presented no problem, as there were always volunteers ready and willing to give him a push. It was now that those who were smarting under some recollected punishment saw their chance to get even. One or two of them would pull handfuls of grass, which the ringleader would then press against the exhaust pipe. The result gave rise to much suppressed merriment, the engine coughing and spluttering while a crowd of boys in short trousers propelled the car downhill, ostensibly trying to help. Of course discretion always took over and before the master got out to investigate, the culprit would throw away the grass. By this time the car would be chugging past McGreevys' house on the first leg of its journey home.

Mrs Kelleher's car usually started quite easily. Trouble in her case arose from shortcomings in the art of reversing. She always left her car parked just outside the school wall, then each evening would slowly steer it backwards into the road leading to Dorrery before turning left to face the road that ran past Leneghans' to the Croghan-Carrick road. As she carried out this fraught manoeuvre, she would call out, "Am I going right, boys?" to which the answer was invariably "Yes". Then one day our chief ringleader decided to play a trick on her. He had noticed that on getting into the car she always assumed her front wheels were pointing straight ahead just as she had left them in the morning, then by turning the steering wheel gradually to the right she would reverse the car safely back into the Dorrery road. What did this young horror do only turn the front wheels of the parked car fully to the left.

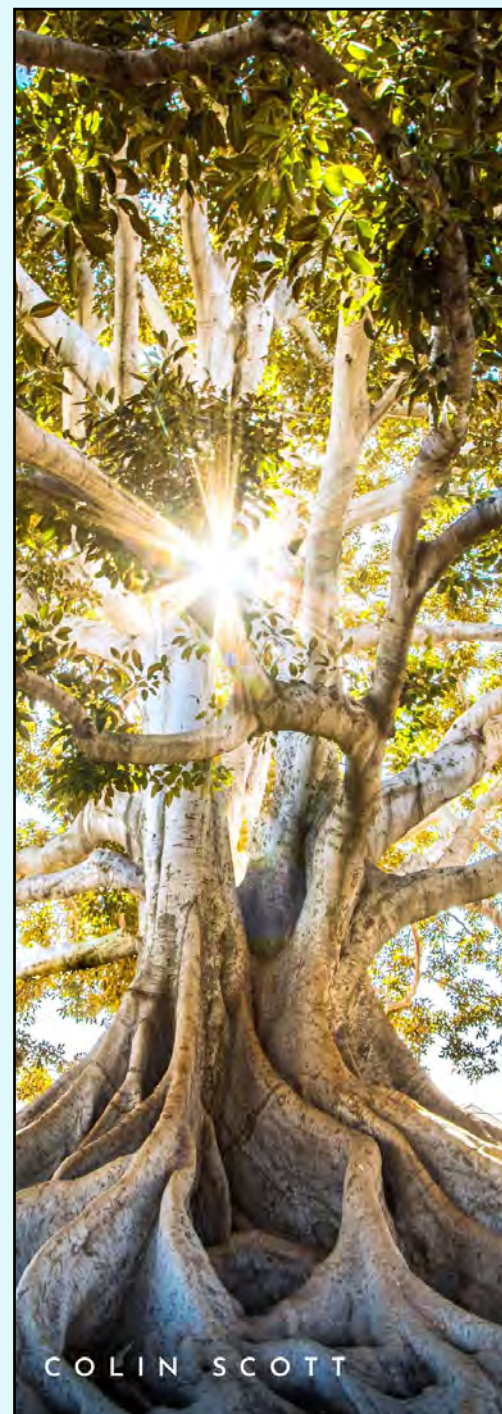
Now to understand what happened next it is necessary to point out that a fairly deep drain started just a little back from the school wall. Mrs Kelleher as usual began turning the steering wheel to the right but this only straightened out the front wheels, so that instead of reversing into the Dorrery road

the car was now moving directly towards the drain. "Am I going right, boys?" she asked, to which a chorus of voices answered, "Yes!" Smiling happily, she continued on her way. Next moment the rear end of the car dropped into the drain, leaving the front end sticking up at a 45-degree angle. What I can still recall is Mrs Kelleher asking rather calmly as she sat in her seat gazing up at us, "Is she badly stuck, boys?" Suppressing an almost uncontrollable urge to split our sides laughing, we assured her that it wasn't. Oh, the unconscious cruelty of young people! Whether we were able to raise the car for her or had to get help from some grownup neighbour is something that now escapes my memory. To the best of my knowledge, however, I do not think that Mrs Kelleher ever realised what a dastardly trick had been played on her.

There's a sequel to this story. A few years ago I was in Sligo for our fiftieth Summerhill College class reunion and decided to visit the Nazareth Home, where Michael O'Callaghan was then staying – some time previously my wife and I had called to his Glasnevin apartment but by then he had left Dublin. On this occasion I found him reading a detective novel, his mind as alert as when he had been teaching in Woodbrook. I intended to thank him for the good primary education, the interest in Gaelic and the love of poetry that he had given to farmers' children such as me but he was more eager to talk about my mother, whom, since she was born in Culleen, near Elphin, he had known when growing up in that town.

Recently, I was saddened to learn of Michael's death. He and Mrs Kelleher were two pillars of primary education at a time when that was all the schooling most country children could expect. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n'anamacha, May their souls be on God's right hand.

P.G.Nerney



Ash Tree

Sometimes in a pinewood
Whose canopy obscures the sun
A lone ash sapling will refuse to die
You'll see its pale emaciated trunk
Between the sturdy upright pines
Stretching and twisting to its utmost
length
Then slowly tilting towards the light
As if it barely had the strength to
rise

But rise it somehow does
Though no more like a normal ash
Than a crooked stick is like a spar
Yet when its tips break into leaf
Delicate and luminous in a patch of
sun
How airily its veil of green
Floats on the dark denuded trunks

The Wizard Earl

It is hardly surprising that a man who lived as extraordinary a life as Gerald FitzGerald, 11th Earl of Kildare, would come to be surrounded by equally extraordinary legends. Known as the Wizard Earl, Gerald was said to possess magical abilities- tales that likely stemmed from his deep interest in astrology and alchemy.

The most famous legend surrounding him tells of his ability to shape-shift. According to the tale, his wife, Mabel, implores him to demonstrate his powers before her own eyes. Gerald agreed but with a dire warning, if she showed any sign of fear, he would be forced to leave her forever.

Satisfied with her courage, Gerald instructed Mabel to close her eyes and not open them until he tapped his foot three times. When she finally looked, she saw a small black bird perched upon her shoulder. But before she could react, a cat sprang forward and pounced upon it. In that instant, fear overtook her and she fainted. With that single moment of terror, Gerald vanished, never to be seen again... However, the people of Kildare say he never truly left.

Of course historical records leave no doubt as to the true faith of the 11th Earl, none of which involve magic or vanishing acts. Yet, despite the certainty of his earthly death, the legend of the Wizard Earl endures.

His half brother, Thomas Fitzgerald, 10th Earl of Kildare (Silken Thomas) led a heroic rebellion against Henry VIII, but failed and was executed. Gerald's reappearance in legend, coupled with Ireland's long history of waiting for a hero to return and lead the people to freedom, has kept the tale alive for centuries.

According to legend, in the month of October or November, every seven years, under the cover of mist and moonless skies, a lone rider on a white horse returns to the gates of Maynooth Castle. Silent, watchful, and unchanged by time, he is believed to be the Wizard Earl himself... returning to check if Ireland is ready or in need of his protection once more...

Alan Cleary, tour guide, historian & author.

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We organise engaging talks and tours for schools, historical societies, various local groups, local heritage organisations, and local community groups based in Maynooth, Leixlip and the locality.

We are excited to share that we have recently self-published several new local history books and booklets, which are available in-store and online at:

- Maynooth Bookshop, Maynooth
- Kildare Heritage Centre, Kildare Town
- Seanchai Bookshop, Kildare Town

Current titles include:

- Ireland's Uncrowned Kings – A detailed look at the Fitzgeralds of Kildare and the history of Maynooth Castle.
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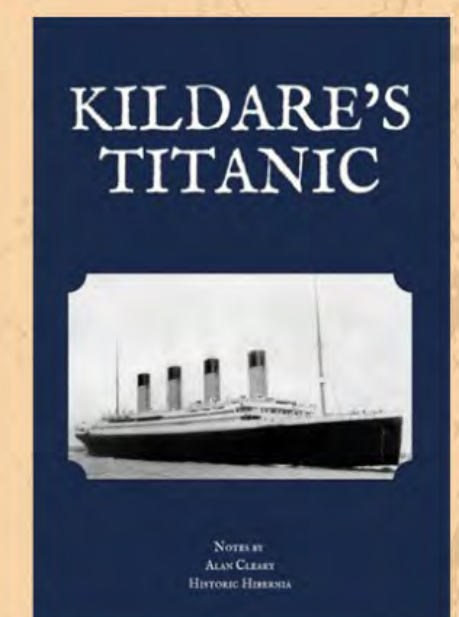
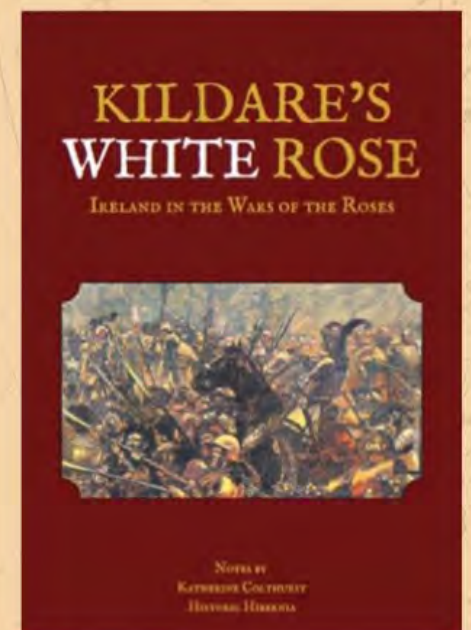
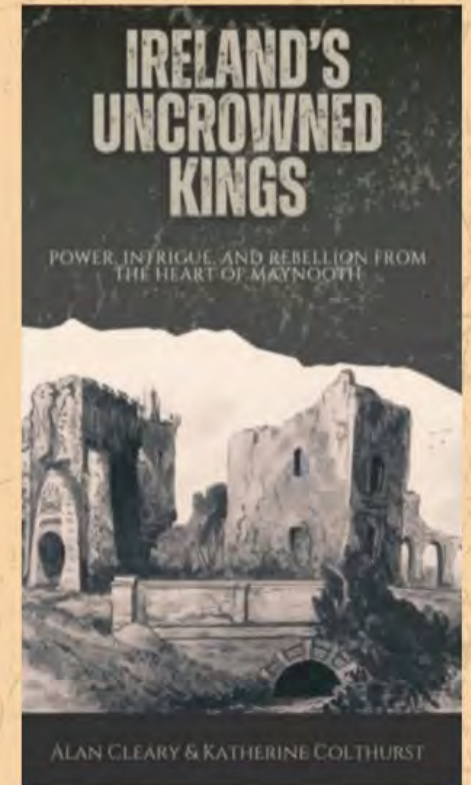
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We are very familiar with local history, Irish history curriculum and ensure that our sessions are informative, engaging, and age-appropriate, enhanced with PowerPoint presentations, props, information boards, and exhibition panels.

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When you sign up to an electricity supplier, you should get regular and accurate bills. Suppliers must give you a range of options for paying your bills.

Increases in energy costs have had a big impact on the cost of living for households. If you are worried about paying your electricity bills, help is available. You can contact your energy supplier to explore payment options or contact MABS for help and advice.

Help with Rising Electricity Bills

It was announced in Budget 2025 that all domestic electricity customers would get €250 off their electricity bills.

The Electricity Account Credit was paid in 2 instalments of €125. The first payment was made before the end of 2024, the second was made in early 2025.

Changes to VAT Rate

In May 2022, the rate of VAT on gas and electricity bills was temporarily reduced from 13.5% to 9%. It has been announced that the reduced rate is extended until 31 October 2025.

If You are Struggling to Pay Your Bills

Help is available if you are worried about paying your electricity bills.

You can:

Make an appointment for free confidential advice with the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS)

Contact your supplier to discuss payment options

Contact your local Citizens Information Service

Your electricity supply could be cut off if you do not pay your bills.

MABS has more advice if you have problems paying your bills.

Ban on Disconnections During Winter

Customers having problems paying their bills cannot be disconnected during the winter months.

For this winter, this is from:

1 November 2025 to 31 March 2026, for vulnerable customers

8 December 2025 to 16 January 2026, for all other domestic customers

Vulnerable Customers

Vulnerable customers who are registered as priority services customers cannot be disconnected at any time.

You are a priority service customer if you register with the CRU as being critically dependent on electrically powered assistive devices.

Alternative Payments Plans

The supplier can agree to put an alternative payment plan in place for you. Suppliers must help you if you are in genuine financial difficulty.

They must make at least 4 attempts to contact you before they disconnect your electricity.

Claiming Social Welfare

Household Benefits package

If you are over 70, you can get the electricity allowance as part of the Household Benefits package. Some people under 70 may also qualify if they meet certain criteria. The allowance is paid either as a monthly credit on a customer's bill or directly to the customer.

Fuel Allowance

You can get Fuel Allowance if you are getting certain social welfare payments and satisfy the other conditions of the scheme. If you are 70 or over, you don't need a qualifying payment to qualify for Fuel Allowance.

This year, extra once off payments of Fuel Allowance were paid on top of the normal seasonal allowance that is paid during the winter months.

Additional Needs Payment

The Additional Needs Payment can help you with an expense that you cannot pay from your weekly income. The amount that you can get depends on your circumstances and the type of help you need.

Getting a Meter Reading

Your electricity meter measures the amount of electricity you use. The readings are used by your supplier to calculate your bill.

An ESNB reader will call to your property to record the amount of electricity used since the meter was last read. This is done 4 times a year. An estimated reading will be used for the other billing periods.

If the meter reader cannot get access to the meter, they will leave a card in the mailbox letting you know they were there and asking you to send in your own reading. You can also send your meter reading directly to your supplier. If you do not submit a reading, an estimated reading will be used to calculate your next bill.

Meters are the property of ESNB and you must not interfere with it in any way. Only authorised people are allowed to fix, connect, remove or carry out work on any meter, main fuse box, seal, electric line or other apparatus belonging to ESNB. It is against the law to tamper with your meter. Find out more about meter tampering.

The CRU has more information about electricity meter reading.

Smart Meters

Since 2019, ESB Networks has been fitting homes and businesses with smart meters. Smart meters are the next generation of electricity meters and it is planned that all homes in Ireland will be fitted with smart meters by the end of 2024.

Smart meters will automatically communicate your electricity usage to your supplier, so there will be no more estimated bills. You will also have more information on your electricity usage than is available from current meters.

It is planned to replace the oldest meters with the new smart meters. You can contact your electricity supplier or ESNB to apply for a prioritised installation. There is no upfront charge to have a smart meter installed.

Read more about the National Smart Metering Programme (NSMP).

Understanding your Bill

It can sometimes be difficult to understand the bill, particularly how the amount you owe is calculated.

Your supplier must include information about how it has calculated your bill. This includes the meter reading the bill is based on, the tariff category that applies and any levies that are being applied to the bill.

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- A – an actual meter read by ESNB
- C – a read submitted by you the customer
- E – an estimated meter reading

Check your bill to make sure you are not getting too many estimated bills in a row as this could result in a large bill when an actual reading is taken. You can check your meter and submit your own reading at any time to make sure you are getting accurate bills.

ESNB has information about how to submit an electricity meter reading. Suppliers must give you a range of options for paying your bills (for example, by direct debit, paying online with your card or pay at shops displaying the Payzone logo). Contact your supplier to find out what option suits you.

CRU has more information about understanding electricity bills.

How to use less Electricity

You can save on your electricity bills by being more energy efficient. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) helps consumers to improve their energy efficiency. Get tips and advice on how to save energy on everything from heating, lighting, hot water, cooking, appliances and draughts. You can get an energy monitor to tell you how much electricity you are using in real time. Making small changes to be more energy efficient can help reduce your bills.

Energy Efficiency Grants

You may be entitled to a grant to upgrade your home energy system and improve the BER rating of your home. This will lower the amount of electricity that you use. There are also grants available for solar panels.

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Events at Maynooth Community Library



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November Events

Events for Adults

Luain Press Poetry Café

Tuesday 4th November , 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
 Come on by Maynooth Community Library on November 4th from 6-7 p.m. for poetry readings, chats, and creative writing activities.
 *Drop in , no booking required *

Housing and Homelessness Supports ,

Monday 10th November , 2.00 pm – 4.00pm
 Looking for advice on homelessness and housing supports? Visit this Kildare County Council drop-in clinic in Maynooth Community Library to learn about the supports available. *Drop in, no booking required *

Toys , Technology and Training Programme

Empowering Kids: Strategies for Supporting Children with Daily Living Skills, with Kevin Prior, Everyday OT
 Tuesday 4th November , 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
 This workshop will equip caregivers with practical strategies to nurture independence in their children.
 Booking link :

<https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=21251222>

Who Do We Tell? How Do We Tell? How Do We Manage the Process? When Your Child has a Neurodiverse Diagnosis

Thursday 27th November , 6.30pm - 7.30pm
 Suitable for Adults
 The period following your child getting a diagnosis can be very emotional for parents and family members. There is a lot of decisions to be made and appointments to be scheduled as well as trying to emotionally process the diagnosis. The subject of “telling” often comes up, who should we tell and how do we break the news but keep the information private at the same time? This workshop looks at simple ways to approach these topics and provides practical advice and tips for parents, carers and family members.
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Events for Families

Cluichí Cláir trí Ghaeilge

Satharn 8 Samhna , 10:30 go 12.30 i.n.,
 Cluichí Cláir spráúil as Gaeilge. Do gach aoisghrúpa, ach caithfear tuismitheoir / caomhnóir a bheith in éineacht le páistí. Eagraithe ag Gaeilge Nuada. *Fáilte roimh chách*

Board Games through Irish

Saturday 8th November , 10:30 to 12.30am,
 Practice your cúpla focal playing board games as Gaeilge. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Organized by Gaeilge Nuada. *Drop in*

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Age Friendly Programme

Age Friendly Coffee Morning
 Wednesday , 12th November , 10.00 am – 11.20 am
 As part of our Age Friendly Programme, drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat with library staff and find out more about the libraries online and other services.
 Drop In. No booking required

Let's talk about parenting programme

First Aid for Parents & Caregivers, presented by First Aid for Everyone
 Thursday 20th November , 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
 A popular and regular event on the programme, this informative and interactive course uses lots of visual aids in the presentation and there is plenty of opportunity for the participants to ask questions. Topics covered will include:

Calling the emergency services
 The First Aid Kit: Choking, Meningitis, Burns, Temperatures / Seizures
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Online talks

Also check out these Online talks (click links for more info) -
 'Talking to the wall – feeling heard and effectively communicating' with Deirdre Holland Hannon – Tues 11th Nov 8pm

<https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20905676>

'Supporting Healthy relationships for Teens' – Michael Ryan – Tues 18th Nov 7pm

<https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=20911814>

Events for children

Storytime & Craft with author Tarsila Krüse

Saturday 1st November , 1pm – 2pm

Join Tarsila Kruse for a lively storytelling and craft session inspired by her latest book, A Little Birdie Told Me. (The O'Brien Press).

“There’s going to be a party, and all the birds are invited – from the little Robin to the graceful Swan.”

After the reading, children will get creative by making their own unique birdie masks.

All children attending this event must be accompanied by a parent /guardian.

Booking link <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=22077266>

Favolando - Italian Storytime

15 Nov 2025 - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join us once a month for some stories, songs and fun activities in Italian. Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds. The event will take place in Italian so the children are required to have some knowledge of the language. Ci vediamo una volta al mese per alcune storie, canzoni e attività divertenti in Italiano. Per bambini dai 2 ai 5 anni. I bambini devono avere una conoscenza minima della lingua.

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Climate Action Events

Zero Waste Maynooth Saturday 8th November , 2pm – 4pm
 Join a free community event with Zero Waste Maynooth as it hosts its ladies clothes swap shop. Bring up to three pieces of clean clothes in good repair and swap for something new to you! All sizes and brands welcome. Enjoy swapping clothes as a way to tackle textile waste and save some money! Chat to volunteers from Cloth Nappy Library Ireland. A massive way to save waste and save money. So simple to use, drop by and chat to a volunteer for a quick demonstration on how cloth nappies work.

With thanks to Kildare County Council we are delighted to welcome back, Vanessa from The Craft Corner. Vanessa will have her Sewing Machine and hand sewing equipment to show you how to repair your clothes. This drop in service will allow you to learn skills to keep your clothes longer. Keeping our clothes in good repair saves on buying new, which is great for the environment and your pocket.

Kids toy swap - bring one, take one! Let's get the kids used to the idea of swapping before buying ! Small toys only and no baby equipment.

Kildare libraries service supports the following sustainable development goals : 11 (sustainable cities and communities) ; 12 (Responsible consumption and production) ;13 (Climate Action)



Events at Maynooth Community Library



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Exhibitions

5th November To: 3rd December
Talk, Tarot and Tea

Exhibition in acrylic Paint & Pen on Canvas Board in Frames by Laura Seed. The Talk, Tarot & Tea Collection is a group of mixed media works originally created for a 45 card oracle deck containing journal prompts, teas, crystals & angels along with a 100 page guidebook in a hand-painted box. Created by Laura from Inner Wild Fire - a local Maynooth artist, the paintings encompass a range of themes such as shadow work, gratitude and chakra healing.

Exhibition Opening of Talk , Tarot and Tea
Thursday 6th November, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm.

Booking link : <https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSEENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=22239627>

Exhibition Bookings

If you are a local artist or art group and would like to book our exhibition space, please contact us. Maynooth Community Library's Exhibition Space is available to host exhibitions from October 2026. To be placed on a waiting list to use the exhibition space in 2025, or for booking enquiries, please email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie.

Groups and Clubs

Maynooth Community Library Craft Club

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

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

Baby and Toddler Group

Every Thursday ,0 am – 11 am If you have a young baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents or minders in the area, come to our stay and play group every Thursday morning at 10am. ***No need to book, just drop in!***

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 24/09/2025 to 26/10/2025 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
2561219	Kildare County Council	Kevin and Janet O'Sullivan	DÚN ARD, Newtown Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare	26/10/2025
2561211	Kildare County Council	Guilherme and Michele Tabelini	17 The Close, Mullen Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/10/2025
2561197	Kildare County Council	Lisa And Peter Hennessey	59 The Green, Moyglare Hall, Moyglare , Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/10/2025
2561188	Kildare County Council	David Greally	202 Old Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	21/10/2025
2561164	Kildare County Council	Ray and Suzanne Eustace,	61 Silken Vale, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/10/2025
2561153	Kildare County Council	DHD Coachman Limited	The Duke Student Accommodation, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/10/2025
2561146	Kildare County Council	David Greally	202 Old Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/10/2025
2561134	Kildare County Council	DHD Coachman Limited	The Duke Student Accommodation, Main Street, Maynooth,, Co. Kildare	06/10/2025
2561135	Kildare County Council	David Casey & Débora Lima	344 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Kildare	06/10/2025
2561119	Kildare County Council	Cozone Ventures Limited	Lands at Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Maynooth, ACP Ref: 312671-22 (Phase 1) and Reg. Ref.: 21156 / ACP Ref: 312685-22 (Phase 2), which is currently under construction. north of Maynooth Educate Together National School on the Celbridge Road (R405) and bordered by agricultural lands to the N, E, S	02/10/2025
2561104	Kildare County Council	Carolyn and Patrick Egan	Obelisk Cottage, Obelisk Lane, Maynooth	30/09/2025
2561108	Kildare County Council	Carolyn and Patrick Egan	Obelisk Cottage, Obelisk Lane, Maynooth, W23 Y6D5	30/09/2025
2561101	Kildare County Council	Cozone Ventures Limited	Lands at Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Maynooth, ACP Ref: 312671-22 (Phase 1) and Reg. Ref.: 21156 / ACP Ref: 312685-22 (Phase 2), which is currently under construction. north of Maynooth Educate Together National School on the Celbridge Road (R405) and bordered by agricultural lands to the N, E, S	29/09/2025



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**MAYNOOTH BRANCH LIBRARY
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

The library is celebrating National Children's Book Week with a number of competitions and events. Children under 13 are invited to enter for the "Write-your-own-Book" Competition and the "Make-something-from-a-Book" Competition, before 4th November. Below are some of the events taking place during the week. For a fuller programme please contact the library.

Monday 11th November
2pm - 3pm: Painting Competition (Under 7 year olds)
4pm - 5pm: Painting Competition (7 to 12 year olds)

Tuesday 12th November
4pm - 5pm: Board Games Tournament (7 to 12 year olds)

Wednesday 13th November
11am - 12.30pm: Storytime, followed by clown face make-up sessions (for pre-school children)
4pm - 5pm: Word and Book Games (7 to 12 year olds)

Thursday 14th November
4pm - 5pm: Fancy Dress Competition (for under 13 year olds)
7.30pm - 8.30pm: Prize giving for all competitions.

Friday 15th November
11am - 12.30pm: Storytime, followed by Teddy Bears' Picnic (for pre-school children and teddy bears)

INDOOR FETE

The Parish Committee would like to express a sincere Thank You to all those people who helped at the recent Indoor Fete held in the Parish Hall in aid of the Parish Hall Decoration Fund. A special word of thanks to all those who helped run the stalls; the two ladies who took charge of Guess the Name of the Doll and How many Sweets in the Jar; the ladies who sold the tickets; those ladies who served the teas; those in charge of the Wheel of Fortune; the judges of the Cat and Dog Show, the Baby Show and the Radio Dublin DJ who judged the glamorous Granny competition; the gentlemen who ran the Lucky Dip; the people who donated

towards it and a very special word of thanks to all the people who supported us. Many thanks to you all and we hope to see you soon again P.G. Yours sincerely,
Ann Higgins (Secretary).

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Greetings and best wishes to all of the following who celebrate birthdays during November:

- 1st: Catherine Fay, Leinster Cottages.
- 4th: Ann Fortune, Greenfield Drive.
- 9th: Paddy Carr, Main Street.
- 9th: Carol Barton, San Feliu, Maynooth.
- 11th: Anthony Edwards, Kilcock.
- 13th: Shelley Breslin, Leinster Park.
- 15th: Patrick Moynan, Convent Road.
- 17th: Jim Kenny, Straffan Road.
- 19th: Mrs. Flynn, Old Carton.
- 18th: Mrs. McAssey, The Harbour.
- 25th: Madge Dowling, Leinster Cottages
- 26th: Jacinta Nolan, Leinster Cottages.

The Stork

Congratulations to Bernadette and Tony Price, Prosperous, on the birth of a baby boy. Bernadette is formerly from Greenfield.

Congratulations to Noelle and Raymond McTernan, Greenfield, on the birth of a baby girl, a sister for Aoife

Congratulations to Mossy & Freda Kelleher, Rail Park, on the birth of a baby boy, October 23rd.

Golden Wedding

Heartiest congratulations to Michael and Margaret Cloone, Laragh, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The anniversary was attended by the Cloone family and a large circle of friends.

BIRTHDAYS - November

- Aneata Barlow, Greenfield (16) 2nd
- Gerard Tracey, Greenfield 4th
- Mrs. Colette Burke, Newtown and twin sister Mrs. Patricia Troy, Avondale, Leixlip 6th
- Jack Connolly, North Strand, Dublin, formerly Greenfield 12th
- Richard McGovern, Greenfield 14th

Birthday greetings to all.

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