



Maynooth Scouts Newsletter

Winter 2017

NEWS FROM SECTIONS AND PARENTS & FRIENDS

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Parents & Friends News

Welcome

Welcome to the Winter 2017 issue of the Maynooth Scouts Newsletter. You can find out more about your fundraising events for the rest of the year and updates from our group and sections.

We'd like to welcome our new Beavers, who started in late October. We wish you all well in your new scouting journey.

Fundraising Events Calendar

Our Parents and Friends Committee has a busy calendar of events from September to December every year. As

always, we'll be looking for volunteers to help at each event. You can help out in many different ways, whether it's selling tickets, sourcing raffle prizes or baking.

Cake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent cake sale on Sunday 22nd October. Everyone put a huge effort into baking and it really paid off, with €987.27 raised on the day.

We would like to thank all businesses who donated goods and raffle prizes, including **SuperValu, Dunnes, The Elite and the Coffee Mill.**



Fundraising Events



Updates from Sections

Halloween Party

Our Halloween Party on 26th October was a great success, with 65 children attending and €382 raised! Everyone had great fun on the night, as the photos show.



Split the Pot

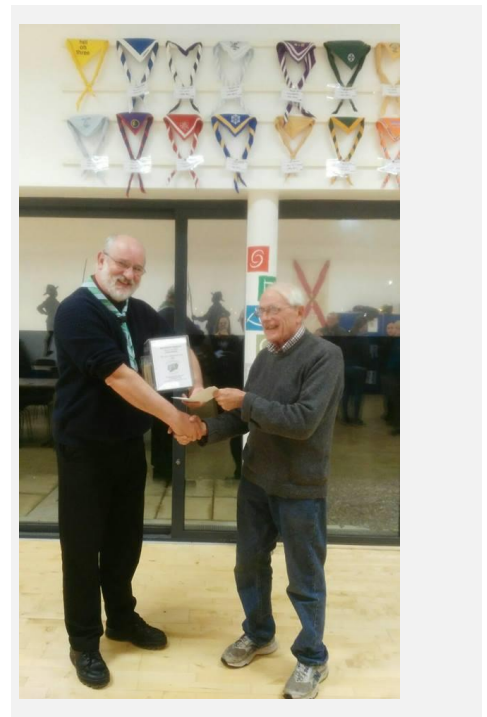
Split the Pot has been up and running since September and is going very well. Entry costs only €2 and the final pot is split between the winner and Maynooth Scouts!

Thank you to all local supporters.

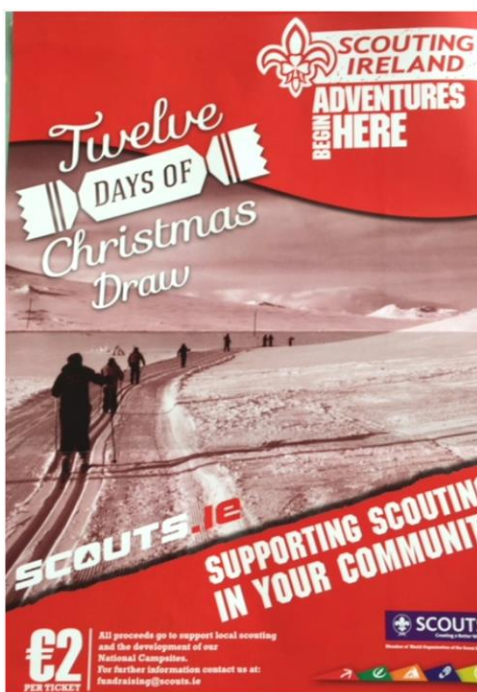
Our first Split the Pot winner, P Boland (pictured right), very generously donated a large portion of his winnings back to the Den fund!

ENTER NOW IN:

- Mulcahy's butchers
- Supervalu
- Maynooth Bookshop
- Mulligans Barbers
- Bradys Clockhouse
- The Roost Off Licence
- Newtown Inn
- Bennys Café, Business Park.



12 Days of Christmas Tickets



* RETURN DATE *

Don't forget to return your 12 Days books between 5th - 7th December.

We hope the scouts are getting on well with their books of tickets! Don't forget that they need to be returned between 5th and 7th December.

We recently sold tickets in SuperValu from 3rd - 5th November and raised €876.35. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We have two more weekends coming up.

How can you help?

Church gate, 25th - 26th November: We are looking for at least two volunteers for each slot to be there 15 minutes before masses begin and to remain until the end.

You can volunteer via this poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/z7pf5scz8w69xq6b>

Or text Fionnuala Murphy on 087 4116925 to volunteer for one of the slots below.

	Sat 25 th	Sun 26 th
Maynooth	7pm	
Maynooth		8.45am
Maynooth		10am
Ladychapel		10am
Maynooth		11.30am
Maynooth		1pm
Maynooth		6pm

SuperValu, 1st - 3rd

December: Only one volunteer needed for each 2-hour slot. You can sign up via this Doodle poll:

<https://doodle.com/poll/ucy6bbxz9ybxewnt>

Or text Fionnuala Murphy on 087 4116925 to sign up for one of the following slots.

Fri 3 rd	Sat 4 th	Sun 5 th
3 - 5pm	10 - 12pm	11 - 1pm
5 - 7pm	12 - 2pm	1 - 3pm
7 - 9pm	2 - 4pm	
	4 - 6pm	

Christmas Cards

A pack of 10 quality cards costs €10 and includes two designs – one beautiful drawing by Cubs Emily and Áine and one photo of Maynooth in the snow.

Cards will be for sale in the Den and at SuperValu from 1st - 3rd December.





FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!



Join us for family bingo in the Den on **Tuesday 12th December from 7-9pm**. This will be a nice, fun occasion for all the family and will take place when Cubs usually meet.

Please put the date in your diary now as we'd love to see as many of you there as possible. We are still finalising the details and a flyer will be given closer to the time.

How can you help?

- Attend on the night!
- Tell your friends!
- Source/donate spot prizes

Contact Us

The **Parents and Friends Committee** meets once a month on a Monday evening at 8.30pm. The next meeting takes place on Monday 4th December. All are welcome.

For more information on any of our events or to volunteer email:

PandF@maynoothscouts.ie

Group News

The group are now the proud owners of a defibrillator, which will be kept in the Den. Many thanks go to **Naas Credit Union** for their very generous sponsorship for the defibrillator and training for members of the group.

All sections are settling in well and new members have joined and are working hard on getting ready for investiture. **Cubs** are working away on a scouting skills programme, and have just completed their second hike of the year in Greystones.

Scouts are planning their first weekend away and are heading to Glenmalure the weekend of the 24th-26th November where they will be hiking up Lugnaquilla, they might even meet the **ventures** on the way!

Storm Ophelia had an impact on sections and programme, and although only lasting a day or two the knock-on impact meant cancelled meetings and new members starting a bit later than planned. Due to this we have decided to move the group investiture to the 29th November, details will come out through the sections.

Neckerchiefs

We now have our own branded neckerchiefs available to buy through the Den. You can order these through the sections at €8 each or €10 each for the adult (longer) version. Please note that the scout shop does not stock these and they can only be purchased through the group.

Other news

Please be aware of the roadworks that have just commenced around Leinster Street. There will be a much-needed access road constructed across the harbour field for emergency services use - bicycles and pedestrians will have the use of it also, but no other vehicles will be able to use this as access will be controlled by the emergency services.

There will also be upgrade works happening on Leinster Street including footpaths and lighting - we're delighted with the safety this affords our members and users of the hall, but please be advised there may be traffic restrictions during works.

Ventures News

The Venture section will collect the Peace Light of Bethlehem on 14th Dec from Fairview and bring it back to Maynooth, where it will be presented to various groups, including St Mary's Church on Christmas Eve.

The peace light flame is an international symbol of peace which is lit in the church of the nativity and brought by an Israeli and a Palestinian Scout to Tel Aviv airport, flown to Vienna and then transported from there by road, sea and rail around Europe by various scouts and guides who light a candle from the peace light flame.

Maynooth Ventures do this every year in the hope of inspiring and spreading the message of peace and love to all.

Ventures will hike Lugnaquilla, the highest peak in Leinster, in the next couple of weeks. Best of luck!



Contact Us

You can contact any of the sections by emailing:

SECTION@maynoothscouts.ie (i.e. Beavers, cubs, etc)

General enquiries: secretary@maynoothscouts.ie.

