

# Our Eyrecourt Future

## Mayour Island Shopping Centre!

Will we have a shopping centre in the future?



- Online shopping
- Who will deliver? Drones?
- Duffy's will have a shopping app?
- Or will we have an Argos style catalogue and receive our goods through a 3D printer?



Meelick Church...will it still be in use in 50 years? We think so



Will our school still be used? Or will there be alternative ways to get educated?

- Individualised programmes accessible at home on the internet?
- Attending school a few days a week to update progress with teachers?
- All other schools closing and Eyrecourt School getting bigger?
- Or Eyrecourt school closing and Eyrecourt children bussed to another school?

## other future ideas....

- ⇒ Farming– technology will take over, cows will milk themselves, the farmer will be able to monitor his/her stock via drones, sensors and infra red will replace physical fences, silage making will be controlled from the farmhouse, no drivers needed
- ⇒ Leisure– increasingly important. The farmers will have increased leisure time and will not be exercising as much through work. The Eyrecourt Examiner strongly believes a leisure centre with swimming pool will need to be built in the future. Possibly beside Eyrecourt pitch .
- ⇒ Garages– will still be needed but will change radically. Tractors will be plugged into a laptop to find out what is wrong. Mechanics will need to be very qualified in computers. Tractors will be connected to google maps and can be pre-set so no need of a driver.
- ⇒ In the home– robots will take over the housework. We already have hoovers that can Hoover by themselves soon we will be able to use robots for ironing, dishes, washing, and tidying. We are hoping this will extend to homework!!
- ⇒ Fridges will be connected to the local shop and if running low will place an order for that grocery.
- ⇒ There will be wifi everywhere
- ⇒ Phones: it will be possible to get 3D objects from your phone. Phones will be tiny and expand to a hologram. Talking to somebody without seeing their face will be ancient history, everyone will see each other when they ring each other, no more plugging in a phone to charge, solar power will take over

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Past

Present

Future



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Welcome to our Future Supplement of the Eyrecourt Examiner.

In this issue we explored our imaginations, looked at current innovations in technology and science and tried to imagine what Eyrecourt will be like in 50 years time.

We will be 61/62 years of age and heading for retirement...or middle age...who knows!

# Eyrecourt in 50 years time.

Here's what our readers think.....

I feel confident for the future of the 'Twinning'. Very many people work like Trojans for it on a voluntary basis. Thanks to support, financial and otherwise from many people of the parish and from people outside the parish it is thriving. To ensure it is still in existence fifty years from now however more parents of young people need to get involved. Everybody is most welcome to participate in whatever way they wish.

More houses will become vacant. The post office will no longer be provided in Eyrecourt

I think Eyrecourt will lose all the young due to no employment in rural areas. They'll either emigrate or

Because of Eyrecourt's location, it offers little or no business opportunities or reason to invest money in the village. It has an ageing population, many derelict buildings and I find it difficult to see any improvement or vision for Eyrecourt

Eyrecourt might be a village for the elderly.

We can revive Eyrecourt if we work together as a community.

At present Eyrcourt has many empty houses and business premises. I cannot see any investment in the village to improve it.

it will just be a place where a smaller population of people lives. It will be a place where people from far away will come to trace their ancestors. Hopefully it will look pretty when/if they come.

No future, Eyrecourt will not exist as a village.

The local health centre will hopefully be a modern, fit for purpose primary care centre where the local community can receive local doctor, public health nurse, physiotherapy services.

A fancy shopping centre would be nice!

I would like to see a full time library, better facilities for young people and

Like all small towns and villages in Ireland, I cannot see Eyrecourt improving in the future.

Big store will take over the small shops, petrol station and possible chipper.

If population increases and young families stay in the area the local GAA club will go from strength to strength.

To revive the village the inhabitants of Eyrecourt must come together. They decide what needs to be done. They network with all community agencies/local politicians. They work together. There is a wonderful old Irish saying: 'Ni neart go cur le cheile!' (There is no strength until people come together, work together, and support each other) Leaders would be required also to keep all helpers motivated. These leaders probably need to be qualified and experienced.

Our school will be bigger (small schools closed down : Raheen & Clonfert)

I hope a new business and employment develops for

The town will build itself back up again and there will be more businesses in the town and different types of businesses that new people can bring into the town.

Because of the recession it is very hard to see how people can start up businesses in a small town like Eyrecourt. I hope the Government step in and help keep businesses open in small towns.

I hope Eyrecourt will have a higher population in future as a lot of young people have emigrated to other countries in search of work

I hope the village develops and more people will come to live in the area.

I think Eyrecourt will look more developed and it will be a central hub for infrastructure and small businesses.

We can revive Eyrecourt by enticing people to build houses, develop employment, provide grants for local government for new business ideas, ensure we do not allow government to reduce teacher numbers in our schools



Main Street Eyrecourt in our Future!

Main Street Eyrecourt now.