

# MAYNOOTH

## NEWSLETTER

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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April 29th - Sports in School  
Ground and Cake Sale in School

May 4th - Special A.G.M. - Rail  
Park Residents in Geraldine  
Hall at 8.30 p.m.

May 2nd - Community Games  
Meeting in Geraldine Hall at 8.30  
p.m.

May 8th - Community Council  
Meeting in Geraldine Hall at 8.30  
p.m.

May 10th - Last day for team entries  
for Community Games

May 12th - First Holy Communion

May 13th - Last Day for items for  
June NEWSLETTER

May 13th - Last day for entries for  
Newsletter colouring competition

May 13th - Old People's Party.

May 19th - N.A.C.A. Sports Day  
in G.A.A. field.  
*Myler Sports Hillside*  
May 26th - Maynooth Cycling Club -  
300 Club Draw.

May 27th - First heat of Talent  
Contest - Parish Hall at 8 p.m.

June 3rd - Greenfield Estate Raffle

June 3rd. - 2nd heat of Talent  
Contest, Parish Hall at 8 p.m.

June 9th - Community Games  
Maynooth.

June 10th - Maynooth Community  
Games.

June 10th - Final of Talent Contest  
Parish Hall at 8 p.m.

June 23rd - Old People's Outing.

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We are now coming to the end of  
our year. The American Tea  
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socially and financially. From  
all accounts this will be a 'must'  
each year from now on. Congrat-  
ulations are due to each and  
every 'hostess' who helped to  
make the evening a Success. The  
music supplied by the Gaytimes  
was much appreciated.

Congratulations are due also to  
the Dance Committee who organis-  
ed the 'DEB' Ball. The Committee  
consisted of Parents - Teachers -  
Past Pupils & present Pupils.  
This occasion was a wonderful  
success, highly organised. The  
Debs looked absolutely beautiful  
and were a credit to their parents.

We have only one sad note re  
the Family Subscription of £2  
to the parents-Teachers Assoc.  
The number who contributed is  
very small. If you have not  
sent in your Subscription of £2 -  
please do so immediately.

School Sports takes place on  
Friday 27th April. The medals  
were presented by the Parent-  
Teachers Association.

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# Editorial

"Aimless living spills over into violence" - A heading in the Irish Independent on Easter Monday and there is a lot more in this heading than appears at first glance. Indeed, when fully considered, it could be said to sum up a large portion of the ills of the present day with special emphasis on youth. Aimlessness leads to boredom and selfishness and so to violence in its many forms.

Violence need not necessarily be physical and probably its commonest form, and, to some extent its worst, is calousness or lack of consideration for ones neighbours. It is very apparent in young people today but not necessarily confined to the young as it is quite apparent and all the more reprehensible, in many of the not so young. Selfishness is quite apparent in all walks of life and can only be remedied by a little self-giving by all. By self giving we do not mean the odd shilling or two given in charity to offset the prick of conscience when we are spending the pound or two in the bar at night. No, what is needed is actual physical self-giving which leads to interest in ones neighbour, ones community and, ultimately, ones country.

Everybody's self-giving need not necessarily take the same form, indeed it would not be for the best if it was. Some can fulfill themselves in helping the elderly, in visiting the housebound, in helping the needy, whilst others might prefer something physical such as community work through the Community Council, through some of the local clubs, associations, or organisations. The important thing is that they would give their assistance and skills to the betterment of the community as a whole regularly (and regularly is the important word).

The important thing is that everybody should devote some time (not just money) although this too can sometimes be important, to serving the community they live in. This is just as important to the spirit of the community as exercise is to the physical health of the individual. Just as good health cannot be maintained without exercise, a spiritually strong community cannot be had without involvement - regular involvement by all members of the community. Make it a point therefore of involving yourself fully in your community whether it be in a football club, the Band, Community Council or anything else as long as it keeps you regularly involved.

## "...NOT A DAY OVER 29"

A friend recently asked me only half joking 'well what are you going to do with the rest of your life?' Without even considering the more serious side of the question, I was almost stunned to realize I was nearing that nebulous almost mystical stage of my life -- middle age. Having you noticed how there is often an almost imperceptable pause and furtive glance to one side when those, dare I suggest, condemning words are nearly whispered "she's ...well ... middle aged."

When I was 17 I honestly didn't consider there was life after thirty but here I am teetering on the brink of what appeared from a distance a virtual abyss of staid conservatism. Things must have changed drastically in 13 years. Radicals grow older too I suppose! I'm thirty, good grief, that's the first time I've admitted it in writing. In defence of thirty I must say it does give one a degree of respectability, nobody takes you really seriously until you've reached this age.

Thirty is, they say, prime time. "They" are obviously over forty and looking back over their shoulders to when they could run upstairs without puffing and still get into size 12 without taking a deep breath, and that's all a myth, you puff at thirty too.

Now I'm here it isn't too bad, after all I didn't break any records getting thus far, I just waited around and here I am, simple enough. Well maybe not so simple with today's traffic you have to work hard to reach thirty.

Thirty is of course a very psychological age. Twentynine is still the media man's image but CLANG, overnight, finished. For example how many of the heroines in popular pulp fiction (you know the books you enjoy but are afraid to admit) are over twenty let alone thirty?

Over thirties are reserved for the more serious side of the literary scene but there they are either the seductive villainess or a hardened career woman who wouldn't thank you even if she did get the hero in the end, not that she ever does.

I think I've gotten used to being thirty, well you have to don't you. All I ask is that you be gentle with women who look you in the eye and say "I'm thirty today" think of what it all means and say "you don't look a day over twenty nine". My resident cynic reminded me that although I was thirty I was in my thirty first year .....

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## A LESSON LEARNED

As I drove home along the lonely country road I began to wonder if this long cold Winter would ever end. I was seven miles from home and I was really feeling the effect of the icy wind which was blowing with great gusto and was determined to punish anyone who was foolish enough to oppose its evil Arctic intentions. I was also beginning to regret my decision to postpone having my car heater repaired the day previously, preferring instead to watch racing on television.

It was almost midnight now and I hoped the stories about Dracula and the vampires were untrue as I noticed an unusual colour light up the distant sky. At first I thought it was just my imagination playing tricks on me, but as I passed the local wood and rounded a bend I was taken back by the most horrifying sight I had ever seen. A two-storey house was engulfed in a mass of psychedelic coloured flames. I stopped at the gate leading to the house and was met by a distraught woman who pleaded with me to do something. She said her husband and three young children were trapped in a bedroom upstairs. She asked me to drive to the nearest telephone and call the Fire Brigade. I agreed but knew that my trip would be in vain. I reached the telephone and dialled the number but was informed that the Brigade had already left on another call some miles away. The receiver of the call said that a call would be put through to the nearest available Brigade and that the local Brigade would also be sent on return from its previous call. I returned to the scene of the fire to find that the house was now in a very serious state and was difficult to approach with the extreme heat. The woman was now in a hysterical

state and shouting about how she now regretted going to the Ladies Club Meeting. She then rushed through the front door in a last vain effort to save her family. Seconds later I heard the siren of the local Fire Brigade coming up the road. Despite the best efforts of the brigade personnel the roof collapsed within seconds of their arrival. All lives were lost in the holocaust which I shall always remember. I overheard the firemen talking among themselves later about how they would have been in time to save the family if they had not been called out on the previous call which turned out to be a "BOGUS CALL". I departed the scene then because I knew I was about to be sick. You see, I had put through that "Bogus Call" twenty minutes earlier.

**THE END**

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs. K. Dunne, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, who celebrated her 80 Birthday on Tuesday 17th. April.

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To John & Phylis Fogarty, 68 Maynooth Park - A daughter Marie Bridget, Baptised during the Easter Vigil, a sister for Seamuis & Brian.

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To Tom & Sheila Shannon, 17 Laurence Ave. - A Son, brother for Paul.

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To Pat & Mary Noone, Rockfield, Maynooth - A Daughter

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To Christie & Mary Flynn, Moyglare, Maynooth - A Daughter.

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To Tom & Marie O'Sullivan, 6 Laurence Ave. - A Baby Girl on 21st.

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To Pat & Teresa Mooney, 9 Straffan Way - A son Brendan

## RECENT WEDDINGS

To Joseph Blount, Greenfield, Maynooth and Hilary Cleary, Greenfield,

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To Margaret Collins of Maynooth & John Gannon, Kilcock recently married.

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## NOTES FROM CLLR.

### BERNARD DURKAN

1) Motion tabled by Cllr. Bernard Durkan at a recent meeting of Kildare County Council. :-

that 'this Council would consider the recreational amenity's available within the County having regard to the population increase envisaged in the Co. Development plan' - Proposing the motion Cllr. Durkan stated that he was responding to repeated representations from voluntary groups in the North Kildare area and in particular the newly developed areas, requesting additional active recreational facilities and he pressed the need for urgent action in the matter.

In response to the motion the County Architect submitted a Preliminary Report on recreational needs of each town and village. - In the case of Maynooth the report states that 21.5 acres would be required to meet the minimum active recreational needs by 1982. Cllr. Durkan congratulated the Co. Architect and his staff for the production of such a comprehensive report, but stated that "While the needs were identified not enough was being done to

remedy the situation and he suggested that perhaps an increase in the levy paid by developers could be channelled in this direction"

In any event unless something definite is done in this regard in the near future increasing land prices will make it impossible to provide these facilities in later years when the population and the requirements will be much greater.

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Motion tabled by Cllr. Bernard Durkan at Kildare Co. Council.

2) That this Council would consider the potential of the Royal Canal as an amenity and tourist attraction.

Cllr. Durkan stated that while tremendous work was being done by voluntary groups including the Royal Canal Amenity group to re-open the Royal Canal as an amenity he felt that such groups were not getting sufficient official support and he suggested that the County Council - C.I.E. - and the Department of Environment get together in order to discuss what arrangement might be made to develop the "ROYAL" to the same extent as the Grand Canal.

This was unanimously adopted by the Council.

3) Speaking on his Motion "that this Council would again approach C.I.E. with a view to providing a suburban, Rail passenger service to Maynooth and other major towns in North Kildare.

Cllr. Bernard Durkan stated that he had raised this matter on numerous occasions and that it was ridiculous that while almost 20,000 vehicles per day passed by road through towns like Maynooth a possible alternative transport system was not being utilised. He suggested that at comparatively little cost on a temporary basis two trains (one at peak time in the morning and one in the evening, could stop at Maynooth, Kilcock & Leixlip to facilitate commuters and if the response from

the public was sufficient a permanent service should be established"

It was agreed that the Area Rail Passenger Manager, of C.I.E. would be invited to the next meeting of the Co. Council to discuss the matter further.



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## PLAYGROUP

With Community Week in the offing and 1977 being 'The Year of the Child' it might be a good time to draw attention to the existence of the Maynooth Community Playgroup. I am Carmel Hogan and I am one of the playleaders.

The need for a Community Playgroup was evident to many mothers and a group of about fourteen came together to form a founding committee. The Playgroup opened in September 1977 and with the help of Bazaar, some cake sales, lots of hard work and most of all the generosity of parents, friends, neighbours, the Development Association and the Community Council, we acquired a good selection of toys games, and equipment.

Both children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the first year. We had two sessions running each day, one for toddlers with their mums and one for those over three. The Geraldine Hall became our 'School' three mornings a week, and Mrs. Delaneys Bus added greatly to the pleasure of the journey there and back. Our numbers averaged seventeen in the senior session and the toddler's numbered varied with the weather. In July 78 quite a few of the children went to the big school. We were sorry to say goodbye, but felt that we had helped to make that important step a little easier.

Our books were open again in September and we had a wonderful start with about thirty children applying to join. Then, I think, Lady Luck looked the other way. I got sick and was unavailable up to Christmas. Mrs. Delaney

had to go into hospital and so we had no bus. Our storage wardrobe was forced open and some of our favourite toys stolen. The grain which we had used instead of sand was attracting mice and being soiled by cigarette butts, chewing gum etc, and was no longer an attractive prospect. After Christmas we whipped up all our enthusiasm and determination, made arrangements to reopen a week after the schools and yet again our best efforts were foiled, this time by the burst pipes and no heating in the hall.

By then we were all feeling very dispondent and had almost decided to throw in the towel, so we called a meeting to decide our fate. When we saw what a terrific overhaul the Geraldine Hall had been given, the clouds began to show their silver lining. Now if our bad luck has finished, we hope to reopen after the Easter holidays. We hope to see all our old friends again. We would be very grateful for donations of a four leaved clovers, and lets hope we will fare better in the future than we in the recent past. *Carmel Hogan*

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1) That the Amenity Grant for Kildare County Council for the present year is £74,000 and that the proposed expenditure includes work on Maynooth Park.

2) That the total Roads Grant for Kildare County is £1,733,000 and all Maynooth will see of that is £3,000 for the provision of car parking.

3) That a plan has been prepared for Pound Lane, Maynooth to allow for nine parking places along the frontage and that it has been forwarded to the County Engineer.

4) That the Department of the Environment has given the County Council an extra grant of £80,000 for important maintenance works on the national route network in the county and on major roads in the urban areas having a high employment content, and that Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip are likely to get £24,000 of that sum.

5) That an improvement grant of £32,000 has been allocated to the Maynooth/Leixlip road at Blakestown.

6) That the Department of the Environment notified the Kildare County Council during 1978, that consider-

ation for capital finance for the construction of one new Swimming Pool in Kildare County would be given and the County Council submitted a proposal for a pool in Kildare Town. To date that loan application has not been sanctioned by the Department. While the Department is aware that a pool is proposed for Maynooth pending the release of finances for the Kildare Pool further progress towards providing a pool for Maynooth can not be made. But the outlook for your great-grand children is comparatively good.

7) That there is only one optahlmist for County Kildare sppointed by Eastern Health Board while one-hundred-and-fifteen full time and a number of part time psychiatrists are employed in the Health Board area. It may be a consolation to you to know that it is a lot easier for you to have your head examined than your eyes. Congratulations to Dr. William Cowhey for drawing attention to this ridiculous situation.

8) That work has commenced on the new Health Centre at Maynooth at a cost of one quarter of a million pounds.

9) That the County Engineer says that as there is quite an amount of building work going on in the area there is no point at present in repairing the road or reconstructing the paths at the Newtown end of Greenfield Road, Maynooth.

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10) That a resolution has been passed by the Association of Vocational Education Colleges that a Regional Technical College be set up in Nth. Kildare and run in co-operation with St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The resolution was proposed by the County Kildare V.E.C.

11) And finally, that some individual is seeking planning permission to change the use of out-offices to include shops and offices at Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

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# GRAPEVINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish.

Kildare Co. Council has agreed, that pending the arrival of the New Footbridge on the Straffan Road, they will provide a temporary Rope-Bridge (Tarzan style). To lend authenticity to the situation C.I.E. will stock the canal with piranhas and have a few crocodile lolling on the Railway Bank.

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Welcome to Doctor Christopher O'Rourke who has opened a surgery at 123 Rail Park, Maynooth.

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Congratulations to Michael McGovern, Greenfield, Maynooth & Eileen Flynn, Kilcloon, Co. Meath, on their recent engagement, also to Noel McGovern, Greenfield, Maynooth and Marie Donovan, Greenfield, on their recent engagement.

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**TWINS CELEBRATE THEIR 88th BIRTHDAY ---**  
Mrs. Mary Coughlan, Mariaville, Maynooth and Mrs. Julia Morgan, Dalystown, Trim. We wish them both many more years of health and hope they will be around for many years to come.

Mrs. Coughlan and Mrs. Morgan are believed to be Ireland's oldest living Twins.

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The Gremlins got at our Printer last month and some un-typical errors appeared among our pages. We hope that they did not detract from your enjoyment of the NEWSLETTER and we promise to do better in future.

P.S. The Printer was shot at dawn April 1st.

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On Friday, April 6th a Group of 42 fifth and sixth year Students from Maynooth Post Primary set out for France. They were accompanied by six members of the Staff. Led by Vice Principle, Mr. Kieran Dockery. Their base was Lyon-Sur-Mer, on the North Coast.

Fr. Liam's prayers must have been answered because whilst we were toggled out in wellies at home, they even managed to fit in a swim on Sunday.

The trip included a visit to the Bayeux Tapestry, Mount-St. Michel, and, after much discussion between Liam Donovan (in French spoken like a native, I'm told) and a Bus Driver, the Days sightseeing and shopping trip to Paris materialised.

A wonderful time was had by all and at 8 p.m. on April 11, they arrived home exhausted - flat broke - but very happy.

The Photo shows the Group before leaving on Friday morning.





# GRAPVINE

The last date for receiving items for inclusion in the June issue of the NEWSLETTER is May 13th.

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Persons wishing to Insert Notices re :- Births, Marriages, or Deaths are reminded to hand in such insertions to any of the following - Mr. Ted Kelly, Main Street, Maynooth - Mr. Liam Bean, Main Street, Maynooth, Mr. John Read, 86 Rail Park, Maynooth, not later than 12th of each month.

EDITOR

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The man was at the Marriage Guidance Council with his matrimonial problems.

'It's mostly because my mother-in-law lives with us,' he said. 'She drives me mad.'

The counsellor thought for a few minutes.

'Of course, this is strictly unofficial,' he said at length, 'but have you tried poison?'

During the P.A.Y.E. protest march in Dublin recently it was noticeable that most Banks remained open. We presume that this was for essential services such as robberies etc.

Post Offices stayed open so letters could be posted.

Rail Stations in case an odd passenger wanted to travel and the E.S.B. in case anybody wanted to pay a bill for the electricity they hadn't received during their own strike.

ANCO stayed open busily training people for the next protest.

Airlines closed down in case anyone tried to make a getaway and the Government stayed open just to show there was no hard feelings.

A funeral procession was slowly passing the fifteenth green.

'Don't you think,' said a golfer who had just missed a ten-footer, 'that we should take off our caps and stand for a moment?'

'You're right,' said his partner. 'After all, she was a good wife to me.'

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## COMALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

A very enjoyable "Seisiun" was held on Tuesday the 27th March in the Geraldine Hall. Many thanks to Mrs. Curran and Mrs Madden, ladies committee for preparing the tarts, buns and cakes. As a result a very enjoyable cup of tea was had by all.

One of the first to arrive was the man with the "Golden Fingers" Charlie Hussey from Trim. Charlie never lets us down. The tones that come from that 'ould box' of his would make any Irishman feel proud. Leading the Maynooth group was our very own Mary Burke. Hail, rain or snow Mary is always there with the violen. I am sure you are all aware by now of Maynooth Community Week. The Community Council has requested our group, on the Council, to try and organise an "IRISH NIGHT" for the 12th June '79 in the Parish Hall. As we have often pointed out in this paper most of our performers and musicians in C.C.E. come from outside Maynooth. We are very anxious to hear from all interested parties - groups - or individuals who can offer anything with an "Irish Flavour". Music, dancing, sketches, poetry, singing, story telling, comedy, etc. etc. would make the night very enjoyable. If you can help in any way or offer anything telephone :- TOM MADDEN - 286173

Contact has been made with the schools, the students Union, Maynooth College and the Drama Group to help out. You do not have to be a 'Star' or even 'very good' at whatever talent God has given you. Ordinary people or children with ordinary talent is always enjoyed and appreciated by their own.

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Sunday May 27th Ladychapel -  
Maynooth I.C.A. and Lucan.

Sunday June 3rd - Kilcock -  
Cluain Aoibhinn and Maynooth Town

The Final will take place on Sunday June 10th between the winners of each heat and the best of the losers. The competition will take place Sunday at 8.p.m. sharp and each team will present a show lasting 45 minutes approximately.

# Community Council News

The attendance at the meeting in April did not reach a quorum and all items were put back for discussion to the May Meeting on 8th in the Geraldine Hall at 8.30 p.m.

It was noted that a meeting arranged to discuss the Community Week was also cancelled due to lack of numbers. At this point in time only a few events are definite. They are the Swimming, The Childrens Community Games and The Talent Contest. Further details of these will appear elsewhere in this months NEWSLETTER and in the June issue also.

Will all Associations and Community Council Members please endeavour to attend the Meeting on May 8th as a matter of prime importance is to be discussed.



## MASTER QUIZ

In the recent Macra Na Feirme - Master Quiz, Maynooth I.C.A. Team (Mrs. Howard-Williams and Mrs. Sarah Angel ) came third in the final round. First place going to Legan G.A.A. (Co. Longford) with Kill Branch Macra na Feirme second. The final round, in St. Patrick's College.

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### CLINIC

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## REGIONAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR MAYNOOTH ?

Kildare VEC is to press for the setting up of a regional technical college - or colleges - at the annual congress of the association of Vocational Educational Colleges at the end of March. A resolution to be put before their congress was moved at the Committee's February meeting by Mr. John Colgan of Leixlip.

Mr. Colgan told the meeting that with the development of Kildare North of Naas and particularly in the Kilcock - Maynooth-Celbridge - Leixlip area there was a good case for a RTC to serve that area and perhaps south Meath & west Co. Dublin. He said that Co. Dublin VEC had forecast some 600 to 800 students seeking third-level education in that region by 1981 who might be served by such a college.

Speaking afterwards Mr. Colgan said that he envisaged such a college complementing the role of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, possibly sharing staff and some resources and being located fairly near to the Maynooth College. He said that Carlow Regional Technical College which served Carlow and South Kildare attracted most of its students from within five mile radius of the college. Meetings of Community Councils from Finglas in a ring around to Clondalkin last year had earlier felt, on the basis of rough school figures, that such a College for this area was a practical proposition. They had found favour with a possible location at Luttrellstown, near Lucan.

# OUR HERITAGE

Mary Cullen

The act passed by the Irish Parliament in 1795, "An act for the Better Education of Persons professing the Popish or Roman Catholic Religion", gave power to Trustees to do something that was until then illegal, that is to establish, endow and maintain a seminary or college for the education of Catholics. The Trustees were to make all appointments, rules and statutes, and were to act as visitors. The act named twenty one Trustees. These included the heads of the four chief courts in Dublin, Chancery Exchequer, King's Bench and Common Pleas, and so included the Lord Chancellor - John Fitzgibbon, Lord Clare. The four Catholic archbishops and six other bishops, the president-elect of the college, Dr. Hussey, and six Catholic laymen were also named as Trustees. The first four Trustees were appointed in virtue of their office and these were dropped in 1800, so that the Trustees numbered seventeen from then on. £8000 was provided for the first year and was then continued as a yearly grant.

The first task of the Trustees was to find a location for their new establishment. Dr. O'Fiaich tells the story through a sequence of advertisements and reports in the newspaper the DUBLIN EVENING PRESS. The issue of 25 June carried this notice :-

"Wanted in the vicinity of Dublin a large building with some acres of ground, for the establishment of the Roman Catholic College, lately endowed by Act of Parliament. Proposals in writing will be received by the most Rev. Dr. Troy, Richard Strange Esq. Eccles Street and the Rev. Dr. Hussey, No 12, Ushers-quay.

On 2nd July the Dublin Evening Press commented on progress :-

"The trustees of the Catholic College have not yet been accommodated with a situation to their liking for the establishment of their Seminary. Several situations have been mentioned for their choice, and amongst them Stillorgan house and demesne - the house of Mr. Mitchell near Glass-naeven - the house and concerns of the late Judge Helen at Mespill bank, corner of Donnybrook road. Their object is a situation so contiguous to town as to facilitate the accommodation of day students of the laity"

On 30th July the final decision was reported.

We can assure the public from undoubted authority that the Catholic Committee have taken Mr. Stoyte's elegant house at Maynooth, with the castle, for a seminary for their Clergy"

The choice of Maynooth is interesting since it appears that the first intention of the Trustees was to set up the College in Dublin. One later suggestion was that a location away from the distractions of Dublin may have on reflection seemed "more favourable to the morals and studies of the House". But it seems generally agreed that the Duke of Leinster made an offer of his property on terms so favourable that the Trustees found them hard to refuse. The rent he asked for the lease was £72 (Irish) a year, and this was agreed to be substantially below its current market value. It seems that William Robert, 2nd duke of Leinster, was determined to have the new College located in Maynooth if at all possible. This enthusiasm fits well with what we know of him and his father the 1st Duke. The earls of Kildare had returned to live at Maynooth, in Carton, in 1739, and since then had been actively involved in patriot politics which led to the achievement of a relatively Independent Irish Parliament, "Grattan's Parliament", in 1782, had supported liberal policies generally including Catholic emancipation, and had worked hard at developing and beautifying both Carton and the village of Maynooth. Since

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1750 a programme of rebuilding in Maynooth had been undertaken, and by 1795 the nucleus of the town as it still is had been created, the wide main street, fronted by two-storied, slated dwelling houses and the symmetrically laid out street of smaller houses behind them. It was the second duke also who was generally regarded as being responsible for the bringing of the Royal Canal to Maynooth. The originally planned route would not have passed close to the town but a loop detour to the south was incorporated to satisfy the Duke, who was one of the original shareholders in the Company. This detour involved enormous additional cost as it required the building of the Ryewater Aqueduct, the huge embankment near Leixlip by Louisa Bridge, to carry the canal over the river. The added prestige of the new College, and no doubt the hope that its presence would stimulate industrial development, attracted the second duke as part of a programme to build up his estate village.

The house offered to the Trustees had been recently built by John Stoyte, the steward of the Leinsters, who leased it and the land around it from the duke. The Trustees actually leased a holding of just over 58 acres which included both the house and the old Fitzgerald Castle. The land on which the castle stood was returned to the third Duke in 1820. Once the location was decided events moved quickly. Appointments were made and the College opened for business on 1st. October 1795 with four professors and about forty students. As many more students were expected. The Trustees at once looked for tenders for additional buildings. The plans and estimates of the architect Michael Stapleton were accepted and the first new buildings, the extensions on both sides of Stoyte House which can be seen directly facing you as you enter the main gates, were erected over the years 1797 - '99. The Lord Lieutenant, Lord Camden, came from Dublin to lay the foundation stone on 20th April 1796. He was received with due solemnity by the authorities, and also with great enthusiasm by the students who, Dr. Healy says, met the vice-regal party outside the town and escorted it "in procession through the streets, marching to the music of their band towards the College gates". Not only this, but the Lord-Lieutenant was also entertained by Odes in Greek and Latin composed by professors and recited by students. The foundation stone was duly laid but its exact whereabouts have never since been discovered.

Sources :- J. Healy, *Maynooth College - its centenary history*, Dublin 1895

Tomas O'Fiaich - *Ma Nuad - Maynooth* - 1972



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## WATER RENT

*F.I. Atflux*

Under the Public Health (Ireland) Act of 1878 as amended, a Sanitary Authority may make charges for water supplied by them, but an Urban Sanitary Authority shall not make a charge for a supply for domestic purposes supplied within their district except to business premises and certain specified institutions.

In other words, because you and I live in Maynooth, which is not an urban area, we must pay for our water while those who live fourteen miles away in city or town are exempt from any such charge.

This is obviously blatant discrimination.

I have been given the argument that the charge is so small in relation to the service rendered that nobody but a crank would worry to raise the matter.

Well and good! And if the water rent were a stable charge there could even be some merit in that contention, despite the discrimination against non-urban dwellers but it is not a stable charge. Unlike your Ground Rent - which A.C.R.A. is so strenuously fighting - which cannot be increased there is no limit to what you may be charged for your domestic water.

Kildare County Council, as Sanitary Authority, empowered to fix charges by section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act of 1962 has increased your water rent for the year ending December 1978 by one hundred per cent :-

Perfectly legal! The only way they needed to tell you that they intended to do so was by an insertion in any two newspapers circulating in their area. Did they pick the National Dailies? Not on your life! You might see it there and be warned!

The charge made by a Sanitary Authority may be fixed from time to time by any one of the following methods:

- 1) The quantity of water supplied
- 2) The rateable valuation of the premises supplied.
- 3) The purpose for which the water is required.
- 4) The description of the premises supplied.
- 5) Any other matter which the sanitary authority consider suitable

AND -- Wait for it!

may be fixed either ~~without or~~ subject to any maximum or minimum limit.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL opted for method 2 above and the schedule of charges for water consumed on a domestic basis was as follows for the year ending December 1977.-

Rateable Valuation less than £5	.....£1 per annum
" " £5-£10	.....£2 "
" " £10-£15	.....£2.50 "
" " £15 - £24	.....£3 "
" over £24	.....12½%

Presumably, therefore, while the Rateable Valuation would not have altered for 1978 the relevant charges would all have been doubled, except possibly in the case of those households paying 12½%. That I would not know as I do not subscribe to either of the provincial

weeklies in which the Council so widely promulgate their notices of such matters.

Having given all I know of the ways and means of this inequitable charge let me sow in your mind the thought that has sprouted in mine. Will the water rent for 1979 be increased again by one hundred per cent or more and so, from year to year, until the Kildare County Council recovers from non-urban householders the equivalent of the monies lost to them by the abolition of rates?

Perhaps one of our Residents' Assoc. would approach A.C.R.A. and draw attention to this discriminative charge.

Better still, why not attend every local meeting of each of the Political Parties and inform the candidates that your votes in the Local Government Election will go only to those

who will have the Council abandon this unjust and out-dated imposition.

### NOTICE

Persons wishing to insert notices re. Births, Marriages, or Deaths, are reminded to hand in such insertions to any of the following:-

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## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We welcome onto the committee Mr. B. Burns, 29 Maynooth Park, and Mr. J. Kiersey, 34 Greenfield Drive. This brings the Committee up to 10 members.

It has been brought to our attention that Planning Permission is being sought for an extension to the Shopping area on the estate. We have written to Civil Engineers advising them unless action is soon taken to complete the estate we will object to the Planning Permission.

We have written to the T.D.s and County Councillors for the area (some letters not yet hand delivered) seeking their help in getting the estate completed and the roads and paths put in good order.

**DINNER DANCE:-** Within the next few weeks final bookings have to be made for our Annual Dinner Dance. Any suggestions or suitable venues should be made known to Mrs. C. Higgins, 13 Lawrence Ave. Phone - 285264 or Mrs. A. McStravick, 15 Lawrence Ave. Phone 286243

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:-** Subscriptions are now being collected. If you were not in when someone called we would be very grateful if you could drop the £2. into any Committee Members home.

**RAFFLE:-** A Raffle to raise funds for the Fence on Lawrence Ave. is being held on Sunday 3rd June 1979.

We hope you will all support this worthy cause and remember for a £1 investment you could win the fabulous prize - The outside of your house painted.

With the onset of Spring we hope and expect to see everyone making an effort to tidy up their front gardens and a general clean up of the estate. After all a little effort from everybody would greatly improve and beautify the area.

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# C.B.S.I.

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**BOUQUETS:-** This issue's must go to the ladies - both committee & parents, who so efficiently organised and ran a highly successful Cake & Produce Sale, appropriately, on Mother's Day (Sunday 25th March). Their efforts netted £102.85 - a total Sell-out! Bless em all - and thank you to our supporters.

**BOB-A-JOB :-** As you are probably aware, this year's event took place between April 11th - 21st, when our 'wee' lads called to your doors, seeking jobs & Bobs. Some novel features this year included - car-wash, shoe shine and grass cutting. A full report will appear in our next issue, but mean while lets expose the man behind the scenes, Fionan Hardiman, who filled the role of Mr. Bob-a-Job.

**APPEAL:-** As mentioned in earlier dispatches we are homeless, that is to say, we need a "DEN", as a base of operations. Without it scouting can never really be said to be established in an area, so may we appeal to any landowner in the Maynooth area who could provide or sell a site to us - to contact any of the following :-

Pat Kiely (Tel. 286506) - Robin O'Reilly (Tel. 286480) or Ann Gargan (Tel. 286541).

**TRANSFER :-** Willie Crowley, Asst. Cub Scout Leader, has now transferred to our expanding Venturer group, as Venturer Leader but don't cry kids, Willie is still involved in your swimming ventures. His assistant and right handman is Michael Ryan.

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### SCOUTS / CUBS / LEADERS

Less the tone of these notes become too adult oriented and also in view of 1979 being "year-of-the child" we would like to introduce our cubs and scouts to you in this future issues.

To kick-off let's take the Scouts - Leaders are Pat Begley (Scout Leader), and Kevin Kennedy (Asst. Scout Leader). It's only fair to point out that Pat and Kevin represent the sole leadership and urgently require back up in the form of additional leaders.

There are three patrols, namely - Kestrel, Lion and Hawk and this month the composition of Kestrel :-

**PATROL LEADER -** Liam Scanlon, Dowdstown, Moneycooley - Liam is fifteen and a second year Student in the Post Primary.

**ASST. PATROL LEADER :-** Brian Sheehan, 7 Cluain Aoibhinn. Brian attends Christian Brothers' Secondary School, Kilcock, is in first year and aged 13.

**SCOUT :-** David Stynes, Moneycooley. Is aged 12 and David is also in sixth class Primary School.

**SCOUT:-** Patrick Tobin, 8 Cluain Aoibhinn. Pat is 12 and in the same class as David.

**SCOUT:-** Damian O'Reilly, Mariaville, who is eleven years old and Damian is in fifth class Primary School.

**SCOUT :-** Gearoid Howard- Williams. Gearoid is thirteen and attends the Post-Primary in first year.



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## ST. MARY'S BAND

By the time you read this we will hopefully have reached two of our main goals for this year, the Sponsored walk and the beginning of the repair work on the outside of the Band Hall. It is our first time to organise a walk and we shall let you know how successful it has been in the next issue of the 'Newsletter'. We would however like to take this opportunity of thanking all who took part and also the less energetic ones who played a big part by their sponsorship.

The repairs to the Band Hall have also been overdue for sometime but what most people may not know is that quite a great deal of work has been done on the inside of the Hall and most first time visitors to the Band during recent years have been greatly surprised by its bright appearance and cleanliness. The present repairs are being carried out with the help of An Anco Community Project Grant but we ourselves are obliged to bear the full cost of the materials required. The cost to us has been increased by our commitment to replace the existing windows with an identical hardwood one in order to preserve

the character of the building which is almost three hundred years old and we hope this will be appreciated by the local residents. Hopefully the work will be completed by the end of the Summer, that is if we do have Summer this year.

Our recent cake sale realised the sum of £40, and we are grateful to everyone who supported this venture.

Our Dinner Dance in Harrys of Kenegad was a tremendous success, pity it clashed with the "Debs Ball" the following week, but it is difficult at times to obtain free dates for these functions and in our case this was the only suitable night available to us. However next year we hope to liaise with other groups to avoid a repetition. We take this opportunity to thank the many, many business people who donated spot prizes for our function and we are acknowledging these individually.

See you in this column again next month with a further report on our progress and engagements.



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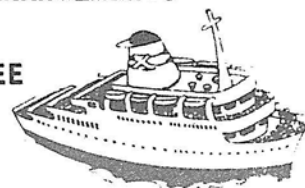
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The Cluain Aoibhinn Boys have got together and formed a Boys Soccer Team for the Community Games in June. But we could do with some more Soccer Teams from the other Estates. So Hurry Up lads and get a team together. All you need is 13 lads for a team. The closing date is May 1st. Once again we would like some people

to sponsor a Team. This being the year of the Child it would be a very nice gesture and let them see you care about them. We will be canvassing very shortly so please give your support. The names of the Cluainn Aoibhinn Team are as follows :- S. Tobin - J. Mullally - P. Tobin - N. Doran - D. Casey - E. Dunne - B. Travers - M. Maher - J. Kirwin - L. Mullen - B. Tyrrell - G. Tobin.

Cheerio for now and God Bless you all.

Well we had a good response again for last months colouring competition, and the winners are :-

Pamela Lawless, 861 Greenfield  
Letitia Mulleague, 91 Rail Park  
Tadhg Lynch, 69 Maynooth Park  
Tracy Gaffney, 6 Rail Park  
Orlaith Buckley, 36 Greenfield Drive  
Thomas Whelan, Newtown  
Caroline Dunne, 860 Greenfield  
Colin McColl, 20 Rail Park  
Alan Buckley, 37 Greenfield Drive  
Feargal Walsh, 37 Laurence Ave  
Claire McTernan, 278 Greenfield.

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## Text from Speech made by Gerard Brady at recent Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann

WHAT FIANNA FAIL GOVERNMENT has done on P.A.Y.E.

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Fianna Fail understands and sympathises with the frustration felt in the P.A.Y.E. sector of the tax burden - they are called upon to bear. We were well aware of popular feeling among P.A.Y.E. taxpayers under the Coalition, and in our Manifesto we undertook to provide substantial relief if we were elected.

Since coming to office, the Government has demonstrated its practical concern and set about that task before recent protests began.

In the 1978 budget the Government gave the biggest tax concessions ever in the history of the State.

The concessions in the 1978 and 1979 Budgets actually doubled the tax free allowance for married people compared with the Budget allowance of the last coalition budget in 1977. Also, the single man's allowance has increased by £450.

In the tax year 1976/77 a married man with two children on the average industrial wage paid 16.6% of his earnings in income Tax. In April 1979 he will pay 12.6%

The proportions of his earnings that goes in tax is 4% less than under the coalition. Furthermore, Fianna Fail have abolished his rates and his car tax.

In working towards a better tax system the Fianna Fail Government is committed to:-

- 1) Easing the burden of the P.A.Y.E. Tax payer
- 2) Tackling the problem of an adequate yield from farm Taxation
- 3) Mounting a vigorous campaign against evasion.

The best way the Government can go about forging an updated Tax system with fair play for all, is to engage in wide ranging and detailed consultations with representatives of the trade union movement, the business community and the farmers. This is precisely what we are doing.

Everybody recognises the complexity of the problem. No matter how the sums are done the cost of the ser-

vices in a modern state add up to a massive amount.

Nevertheless in pursuing policies of tax reform the Government is committed to social progress and continued growth in the economy.

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The Minister for Fisheries and Forests has taken up the following problems for Maynooth, with Kildare County Council, following representations from Gerard Brady and Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann. :-

- 1) The extension of a refuse collection to Ballygoran
- 2) That the roadway from nine mile house to the Hitchin' Post be brought up to a reasonable standard, and that a white line be provided as a safety measure
- 3) The cleaning of the road through old Greenfield, Maynooth
- 4) The poor conditions of all roadways leading from Maynooth
- 5) Extension of footpath from Maynooth on the Kilcock Road.
- 6) That all remedial or preventative measures be taken in relation to the poor condition of the bridge on Newtown Road, Maynooth, and that a footbridge be provided on same.
- 7) The completion as soon as possible of the footpath outside the last six houses in Cluain Aoibhinn.
- 8) The provision of lights from Maynooth to Greenfield
- 9) That a 'Stop' sign be provided at the exit from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on to the main road.

## POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL DINNER DANCE

The School's 2nd Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday 29th March in the Hotel Keadeen, Newbridge provided an excellent evenings entertainment for parents, teachers, past-pupils and of course for this years Debs. After, an excellent meal, 9 boys received scrolls from Mr. Ashe & Mr. Dockery, and 19 girls were presented with scrolls to mark their passing from the school. Maurice Gaynor spoke on behalf of the Leaving Cert. class and Patricia Hyland and Lorraine Barry presented Bouquets to Mrs. Ashe and Mrs. Dockery. Mr. Richard Hayden gave a fine performance of some Rock'n Roll numbers - and he proved to be just as exciting on the dance floor. Indeed if the nights performances were a fair indication of form, a dance competition confined to teachers would be well contested.

We would like to thank all who attended to make the night such a success; Carol O'Grady for the flower arrangements and the following for spots :-  
Parent-Teacher Association -  
Past-Pupils Union - Una Kieran -  
Ulster Bank - A.I.B. Mr. P. O'Haire -  
Coxans - Trevor Reilly - Far-  
ringtons - D.I.Y. and Seans -  
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## MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB - N.A.C.A.

The weather has been very unkind to us, yet despite it, we are making great progress. The Parish Hall was a great stand by, but it was glorious to get out and about last Tuesday and again this week-end.

**FUN RUN :-** We have organised a Fun-Run, during the "SPORTS FOR ALL" week-end, in which we hope the whole Community will join. and next month we will tell you how we got on.

**DUNBOYNE TRIP :-** The Road Races at Dunboyne were very enjoyable, the day was glorious, and the organisers did a wonderful job, every race went off right on time. Only disappointment was that so few of the Maynooth Club turned up. Perhaps this was due to a break down in communications (school holidays) or perhaps it was because of it being Easter Sunday. However all those who did avail of the Free Bus Ride to Dunboyne and back had a really lovely day. Our thanks to the Dunboyne Committee.

**SPORTS DAY:-** We will have our own Sports Day at the G.A.A. Pitch on Saturday May 19th, entrance fee per child will be 10p. Remember we are getting ready for the Community Games, at all ages, so keep turning up for your Training. Remember too in Sports, far more time is spent in Training than in actual events. That goes for the big Stars too.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:-** There are still alot of subs. outstanding so bring along your 50p and get your membership card. £2 for an adult, or a Family Fee of £3 where it is more economical.

**BINGO DRAW:-** Our thanks to all the Bingo Fans who supported us. We had a great Box of Money, our Treasurer walked proudly into the Bank. We made £60 clear and to us that was just fabulous! Like winning the Sweep.

## ATHLETIC CLUB continued

From now on we will be having many outings, so we ask all children to pay attention on Training times and listen to announcements. From now on we want to go out with full Bus Loads and not have you missing the fun.

## BEREAVEMENT:-

We were all very sad to hear that Mrs. Mary Harte, Kellystown, died suddenly on Good Friday. She was the mother of our Chairman - Tony Harte, and Committee Members - James Harte, and Mrs. Nora McDermott. To all of the 'Harte' family the Maynooth Athletic Club extend sincere sympathy.

## DRIVERS - MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE

## CYCLING NOTES

The cycling season is back in full swing again. The boys are making steady progress in their races.

With all the associations racing together this year, the competition is very high.

David Grant and William Cannon have put in good performances in u/14 races.

In the U/12 races Michael Cannon has made great headway finishing 4th in the Phoenix Park on 3rd Mar. 3rd. in Trim on the 1st April - 2nd in Carlow on the 8th April and a great win in Longford on Easter Sunday.

The Club has a 300 draw to be held on May 26th to raise funds for new jerseys for the Boys in the Club. These boys compete against the best in the country every Sunday, so why not have them looking the best, and with your support this could be possible.

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## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well rather than give the bad news here's the good news first. This year Maynooth are taking part in the Community Games - which includes "SWIMMING" as you all know

Thanks to the "College" the swimming can be held here in Maynooth, as the Community Council have been told that the pool will be made available during Community Week. This means that rather than having to rent a pool for hours at a time, and transport the Swimmers to and fro everything can happen here in our Community.

Now for the bad news. Due to the Oil shortage swimming has been suspended in St. Raphael's since 30th March, and will not restart 'till after 1st. May. This has been a dreadful disappointment to the swimmers as they were all practicing so hard. It means that the present term will not finish until Mid May !!! --- this was the Jan. to March term originally, but the weather and oil played havoc as we all know.

Of course the Community Games is only one of the goals of our Swimmers - they are all working hard for their awards, both in the Swimming Club and in the Cubs and Scouts, with whom we now jointly swim on Saturday in "KINGS"

If there is anybody in the area who has Intermediate Cert. in Life-Saving and is over 16 years perhaps they would like to give me a ring

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## COMMUNITY GAMES

The boundaries have been fixed for the Community Games as follows:-

Kellystown - Kilmacraddock - Obelisk  
- Ballygoran - Barberstown Cross -  
Ladychapel - The Maws - Moyglare -  
Old Carton - Blakestown.

All schools and Clubs please note that entries for the Team Events must be in by May 10th.

The Principals of the three schools have pledged their support and will work together to help the Committee.

**FUNDS:-** As this is the first time Maynooth is entering the Community Games we are very badly in need of money. We are hoping to organise a door-to-door collection in the near future so please give generously when our collectors call. We have applied to the Gardai for a permit for this collection, and are awaiting for them to allot us what ever days are available. When the permit is received copies will be made, and handed out to the various collectors. All subscriptions will be voluntary. We are asking collectors to call in pairs. We are hoping the Residents Associations will come in and offer to help in this matter. (The Games are being run for your children). All subscriptions collected for the Community Games, must be forwarded or given to the Treasurer, Paddy Boyd, 9 Double Lane, Maynooth. Phone:- 286468 (who has the reputation of being the best Treasurer in Maynooth - that is why we picked him). The Committee then decides how funds are spent. At this stage there is no need to worry about

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While we are waiting on the permit to come through, is it possible that there are kind people out there who are prepared to give us a donation, it would be very gratefully received, as the initial cost to date, is far beyond anything we had anticipated. We would love to hear from anybody with any novel ideas for raising funds.

## DRAW FOR TEAM EVENTS:-

### BASKETBALL:-

Maynooth Boys V Newbridge  
1st Round 7 teams

Maynooth Girls V Monsterevin  
1st Round 10 teams

### BADMINTON:-

Maynooth V Clane - Semi-Final  
5 teams Competition

### LAWN TENNIS:-

Maynooth V Kilcock  
6 Team Competition

### CHESS:-

Maynooth V Suncroft  
7 Team Competition

## GAELIC FOOTBALL :-

Winners of Ballana or Clane V  
Maynooth (20 team competition)

## SOCCER:-

Rathangan V Maynooth  
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### 300 DRAW RESULTS

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Seller E. Dunne - Ticket No. 94

£50 - P. Kernes, 37 Maynooth Park.  
Seller T. Fay - Ticket 229

£20 - A. Stewart, 93 Rail Park.  
Seller T. Foy - Ticket 234

£5 - Kevin Dowling c/o B. Redmond-195

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Seller T. Foy - Ticket No. 250

£5 - Tommy & Catherine - 170  
T. Flaherty

£5 - Patricia Jackson - RABCO  
Seller T. Sheehan - Ticket - 33



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## PROFILE OF PEARSE BRESLIN

Has anybody realised that something extraordinary has happened to Maynooth. The Town, and surrounding areas have literally been blitzed, "The Incredible Hulk" himself could not have made a greater impact, yet it has all been made by a gentle-man - come to think of it, 'David Banner' is gentle too! But there is a difference, this man does not turn green, and he has learned what poor Doctor Banner is travelling miles to discover, how to harness great energy and use it for good. His name is Pearse Breslin.

He hailed from Donegal (they come strong from there) originally, via Dunboyne, Leixlip, and then Maynooth. He is married to a Maynooth girl (not a real thoroughbred mind you, but she was reared and went to school here, which must give her some status) Brid Hardiman. Quite last October the Family moved to, Leinster Park, Maynooth, un-noticed by all except his wife's Family, relations, and friends. Since then he has been lying in wait, getting ready to spring, and when time was ripe 'WHAM!' and things started to happen.

Like himself and his wife his children (6 in all) were interested in Athletics and he wondered could he get a few children to race with them, he consulted with the Community Council, and with their blessing invited N.A.C.A.I. to Maynooth. Results he got his few children, all 350 of them. A bit more than he bargained for, but he is not daunted. Don't forget he has his 'hidden store of energy'.

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Then came 'COMMUNITY GAMES' he had successfully steered 'Leixlip' through their first problem years, and why not 'Maynooth' Once again he got the approval and backing of the Community Council. He was in fact their 'IDEAL MAN', as they had been plugging the 'Community Games' almost from the beginning, without support. So the Community Games are a reality. Anyday now the fever will catch on.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about this man, is that unknowingly, he has done something we have all been trying to do for years, he has crossed the divide. No longer are we old & new, in SPORTS we are one. When we march under the Banner of the N.A.C.A.I. and behind the flame of the Community games there will be one thought in every mind to do our best for our own town "MAYNOOTH" Crom Abu!

On behalf of the children, thank you Pearse, agus cead mile failte go dti Magh Nuadh.

Peig Lynch

## RECENT DEATHS

We wish to express our Sympathy to the wife and family of the Late John Nyland, Greenfield, Maynooth.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Nora McDermott, on the sudden death of her Mother - Mary Harte, and to all members of the 'Harte' Family.

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