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The next issue of the Newsletter will be the May issue and all articles for that issue should be handed in on or before April 17th.

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The new library is really beautiful and we sincerely hope that everyone appreciates it and keep always as it is now.

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The plans for dealing with a spillage of dangerous liquids has been received and we hope to publish the important points in future issues.

EASTER GREETINGS

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Following representations by Councillor Stagg, the undermentioned problems have been referred to the County Engineer.

1. Severe ponding of water at 348 Greenfield.
2. Unauthorised signs in O'Neill Park and other areas of Maynooth. The Engineer replied that the signs concerned would be removed before the end of March.
3. Storm drain blocked at Old Greenfields (near Straffan Road).
4. Public lights out of order between phase 3 & phase 4, Greenfield.
5. Condition of road at Old Rail Park.
6. Dumping of cars at Phase 3 Greenfield. The Engineer replied that the matter will be investigated and the cars removed in due course.
7. Landscaping of Phase 4 Greenfield. The Engineer replied that the Council's consulting architects will be informed of the complaint.
8. Repairs to public light at phase 4 Greenfield.
9. Potholes at entrance to Carton Avenue and on Dunboyne Road.

The 5 year County Council Draft Development Plan for Maynooth will shortly be on display in the local Library, and all Clubs, Residents Associations and other organisations and private individuals are urged to examine same to ensure that their interests are being served

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Deputy Joe Birmingham T.D. will attend at Caulfield's Lounge, Main St., on the fourth Saturday of each month from 12.30 until 1.30.

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FINE GAEL NOTES

Replies received from Kildare Co. Co. to representations made by Bernard Durkan T.D.

Regarding sites in Maynooth, it is likely that there will be 11 sites available in the current year, although this has not yet been finalised. There are no sites available in Leixlip or Celbridge.

Remedial work has been undertaken in the past week on the road between Maynooth/Celbridge.

Next meetings:- Easter Monday falling on our monthly date, the April meeting will be re-arranged and all members advised by post.
Robert O'Reilly. P.R.O.

FINE GAEL NOTES

The A.G.M. of the Clane electoral area was held on Monday 21st February, in the Geraldine Inn, Straffan.

Following the annual reports, the new committee was elected as follows, Chairman, P. O'Hare (Newtown). Vice-Chairman, S. Dwyer (Leixlip). Secretary, Ann O'More (Newtown). Treasurers, Mrs Cunningham (Carbury) and M. Condon (Celbridge). Area Organiser, J. O'Neill (Leixlip). Delegates to Constituency, Frank Tyrrell (Carbury) and Kay Travers (Kilcock).

On Thursday 24th February, the agricultural committee elected delegates to meet the Minister of Agriculture on a monthly basis. They were Chairman Ted Coonan, Vice-Chairman Brendan Weld, Secretary Frank Tyrrell and committee D. Clifford, P. Coonan, M. Robinson and R. O'Reilly.

The Maynooth Branch A.G.M. was held on Tuesday March 1st. Minister of State, Nuala Fennell, addressed the meeting on Parliamentary reform. Officers elected for 1983. Chairman, S. Griffin. Vice-Chairperson, Rose Bean. Secretary, Claire Cullen. P.R.O., Robert O'Reilly. Branch Organiser, M. Kellegher. Treasurers, M.

Gaffney and P. Sherlock.

The Kildare Constituency Executive A.G.M. held on March 7th at Lumville Ho. elected the following. Chairman, T. Gillespie (Newbridge). Vice-Chairman, Phil Hennessy (Castledermot). Secretary, M. Finnegan. Treasurer, C. Travers (Clane). Deputy M. Manning chaired the meeting.

The meeting was addressed by Alan Dukes, Minister for Finance, who explained in detail the extent of our external borrowing and the consequential cost to the tax payer. Deputy B. Durkan spoke on National and Local Affairs.

Following representations by Deputy B. Durkan to C.I.E. these replies were received.

1. Route 67. As stated in my letter of January 26th, we are prepared to extend route 67 a short distance along the Maynooth Road, when a suitable bus turning facility is available. On the question of the level of service, while service is infrequent, it is capable of meeting the passenger demand.
2. Interlinking routes 66-67. I outlined our views on this in my letter of January 26th. Such an interlinking of services would involve additional costs which could not be justified at present.

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3. Newtown, Confev. The position as set out in my letter of June 23rd has not changed. The area is most unsuitable to the provision of a bus service from an operational and cost viewpoint. We intend to provide a rail service as soon as the necessary capital and rolling stock is available.

4. Route 66a via Green Lane. The Easton Park Residents Association objected to the operation of buses along Green Lane, on the basis of safety. Our view was that while we reserve our right to operate along any road suitable for buses, we would not proceed in this instance as the change was not essential. Following your further representations, we will contact Easton Park Residents Association on the matter to seek their view.

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BAND BULLETIN.

Last month saw the close of another chapter in the Annals of Maynooth Band, when Mick Murphy passed away quietly at the home of his daughter Eilis.

Mick was one of those truly loyal Band members who put the Band before everything else. To those who cannot quite remember Mick, perhaps the fact that he used to spend all his Summer holidays each year walking the countryside selling tickets for the Band's annual draw on the Galway Plate, will give some idea of the man's feelings for the Band.

His last visit to the Band Hall was on Christmas morning last, something he made a point of doing every year, and it seems

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difficult to realize that we will not be seeing him on next Christmas morning.

Mick was buried with full Band honours, something we know he would dearly have cherished, and we take this opportunity of extending our sincere sympathy to his children and grand-children

The month of March, to the Band, means the St. Patrick's Day Parade and, once again, we made an attempt to organise the Parade before 17th March. The meeting to arrange details was once again a dismal failure with only Scouts, Maher School of Dancing and the Labour Party represented. With limited details to work on, we tried valiantly to give some semblance of order to the Parade but, as in previous years, if you will pardon the pun - we were again left to 'play it by ear'.

The big day dawned grey and overcast and by ten o'clock a thin drizzle appeared to dampen spirits but, lo and behold, the rain disappeared within the hour and by the time the flto assemble, we were blessed with a mild, dry though grey morning.

Despite the usual last minute arrivals, we managed to get the Parade moving shortly after 11.30 a.m. What a sight it was with the Band, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Irish Dancers adding to the colour of

the event, followed closely by the Soccer and Gaelic Clubs and the Athletic Club. It was encouraging to see both the Chairman of Kildare Co.Council, Cllr. Emmet Stagg and Cllr. Bernard Durkan, T.D., in attendance. When the Parade returned to the College Gates the spectators were treated to an excellent display of Irish Dancing by the Maher School of Dancing.

The success of the Parade once again shows what can be done with a little time and effort. We should like to thank all those who took part, especially Brian Noone with his two floats and two Bands, Dave Moyndan who toiled manfully at the assembly point trying to organise the Parade and to our local Gardai, who helped very considerably with the flow of traffic. Let us try and make next year's Parade even more successful because one has only to look around on the day to see just how much the event is appreciated by the people of Maynooth, and further afield.

We hope that those who watched the Parade will remember the Band when we hold our Annual Concert, on Sunday 17th April, in the Parish Hall, at 8.30 p.m. sharp. We promise a most entertaining evening. Tickets are £1.50. and will be on sale prior to the Concert or payable at the door on the night. We welcome your support.

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FOLK GROUP NEWS

We would like to extend our sympathies to four of our Folk Group members, who have lost a loved one. Des, whose brother Ernie died in America; Declan, whose granny Mrs McAuley died last month; Kevin whose uncle Dessie Coughlan also died last month and Niall, whose grandad died last week. Once again to all four families, we extend our sympathy. We would also like to sympathise with the Rev. Hammond on the death of his mother.

We would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their support, when we went carol singing before Christmas. They gave very generously and we really appreciated it. A percentage of it is going to charity.

We are glad Fr. Walshe's little sojourn in hospital was short. It is good to have him back with us looking so well. Welcome home Fr. Walshe.

You will be pleased to hear (read), that we will soon be using our new equipment in the Church. We have all the necessary equipment, i.e. amplifiers and speakers etc. We are just waiting to complete a few more details and we will be "on the air."

Did you go to the plays in St. Mary's Church. We did. The "Covenant Player" put on some really good plays.

We were privileged to be asked to play and sing. It was very good and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Also the tea in Rev. Hammond's house afterwards was delicious and much appreciated.

Could we add here that our German member, Heribert, had his flute returned, and is delighted.

THANKSGIVING

Greatful thanks to the Sacred Heart for favours received through the instrument of Fr. Brian Lawless and Friends. Sinner.

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Easter is almost here and what a hopeful time for all of us. We would especially invite all of you to come along at 9.45 on Easter Sunday morning. All singing together, we can joyfully celebrate the Risen Lord. Thought for the month. Luke 22, v. 42

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

DOUBLE WEDDING

Congratulations to Liam O'Brien, Greenfield and Mary Cummins, Courtown Road, Kilcock and to Mary's Brother Patrick, who married Jean Price, Dodsboro, Lucan in St. Coca's Church, Kilcock. The first double wedding there in 32 years.

Editorial

The daily reading of the newspapers since the Budget announcement has been a matter of gloom and more gloom. The rights and wrongs of such gloom is not the point here but we question "What can we do about it?"

It is easy to sit back and condemn the Government, Industrialists, the Unions, or whom we will without asking if we can do anything ourselves to help.

One or two things we can do spring to mind straight away, the first being - Do we buy Irish goods when we can, or do we, just for the 'snob value' buy foreign manufactured items sometimes not to the standard of Irish goods?

If we ourselves do not make an effort to buy Irish manufactured goods, to keep our own Nationals employed, how can we expect other nations to do so? Do we think that we have no obligation to help ourselves, or that we have no obligation to help our countrymen?

The second item that springs to mind with regard to damage to Economy is the undue rush up North to spend our money. No doubt, prices are lower, and it is possible to make a considerable saving. Such buying is, however, starving our own Economy of much needed cash, not to mention paying taxes to another nation. Many people from the South here are making regular visits up North taking much needed cash out of the country, helping the more rapid recovery of Britain whilst retarding our own. Is this not a form of 'National suicide'? Is it any wonder we are still in a decline whilst other countries are on the road to recovery, or, at least, are levelling out?

The fact remains that only we ourselves can help the recovery of Irish industry, reduce unemployment and help reduce taxation. Let us then buy Irish goods, spend our money in the Republic and speed the recovery of the Nation. Otherwise, get ready to grouse and moan for many more years to come.

THANK YOU

Patrick and Kay O'Donoghue, Derrinstown, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who helped them in their recent fire disaster, with a special word of thanks to the following.

Maynooth Fire Brigade, who did a great job, the Priests of the Parish, Ladychapel Committee, Management & Staff of House Pride and O'Briens Supermarkets, Barrett's, Jim's Shoe Repairs and those kind and helpful neighbours, relatives and friends, who supplied us with clothes and household items and helped in every way.

Thanks also to the Hitchin' Post, Leixlip and Allied Irish Bank, Maynooth and a big thank you, to Her Grace, Anne, Duchess of Westminster, who housed us so quickly.

Last but not least, those people we cannot thank, because they gave anonymously. We are very grateful to one and all.

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CLLR. STAGG'S NOTES:

The County Engineer informed Cllr. Stagg that remedial repairs will be made on the footpath between Noone's Garage and the Catholic Church in the course of the next few weeks.

(In reply to our remarks in our last issue, re the Stardust Disaster, Cllr. Stagg sent us the following Report on action taken by Kildare Co. Council to improve services, following this tragedy)

Fire prevention activities have been accelerated in relation to inspection of buildings used as places of public resort, principally for licences - details attached. Regular visits are also made to bigger schools and hospitals. Owing to lack of adequate staff it is not possible to extend fire prevention work any further. All planning files submitted to the Chief Fire Officer are reported. A five-year plan incorporating the following proposals has been submitted to the Dept. of the Environment for the expansion and improvement of the fire service which will be implemented depending on the availability of finance.

NEW FIRE STATIONS: New fire stations necessary for Droichead Nua (Central Headquarters), Naas, Maynooth and Celbridge and alterations and improvements necessary for Athy Fire Station. Contract documents are being prepared for a new fire station at Leixlip.

COMMUNICATIONS: A central communication control, fully manned, 24 hours per day, should be established at Droichead Nua.

APPLIANCES: It would be desirable to purchase additional fire appliances for Droichead Nua, Naas and Athy. It is also proposed to purchase specialist equipment including Hydraulic Platform and Decontamination Van. **STAFF:** It is proposed to appoint

additional staff including an Executive Engineer to deal with fire prevention, as well as recruiting three full time Station Officers for Naas, Maynooth and Athy to replace existing part-time Officers due to retire. A full time Station Officer has already been appointed for Droichead Nua.

STAFF TRAINING: Expansion of training programme including breathing apparatus training. Pre-fire planning exercises are part of the normal routine training practices.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mar. 4th Gerard Barry McTernan, Greenfield, aged 6.

Feb. 22nd Robert Lettis, Greenfield, aged 21.

Mar. 13th Bernadette Burke, Newtown, aged 21.

Apr. 1st Ciaran Murphy, Leinster Pk.

Apr. 5th Mrs Julie Donovan, Greenfield.

Mar. 23rd Aileen Bennett, Money-cooley.

Apr. 16th Mr Jim Mooney, Kilcock Rd.

Mar. 30th Mr Nicholas Farrell, O'Neill Pk.

Apr. 24th Nicholas Farrell Jnr. O'Neill Pk.

Mar. 24th Trevor Cassidy, Dunboyne Rd. aged 2.

Mar. 20th Denise Mc Carron, Greenfield Dr. aged 5.

Apr. 4th Fr. George Begley, Leixlip.

Mar. 27th Mrs Ann Myles formerly Ann Begley, Pound St.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Apr. 21st Robert McGlynn, 857 Greenfield.

BOYS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOC.

We would like to thank all those who supported our Pantomime on the 14th February. It was a great success. A special thanks to Mr. Greene and Whitefriar St. Players for putting on the show. It was greatly appreciated. A special thanks also to those who contributed prizes, Barton's, Elite Confectionery, J.P. McCormack, O'Briens Supermarket, The Roost, Youngline Boutique, Sean Dwyer, Country Shop, Kavanagh's Mills, Jim Smith, Buckley's, P. Conroy and Tom Geraghty.

LABOUR PARTY ADVICE SERVICE

Councillor Emmet Stagg will be in attendance at Caulfield's Lounge every Saturday from 4 to 6pm.

He is also available at his own home, Lodge Park, Straffan, every Saturday night.

If requested, Councillor Stagg, will attend meetings of Residents Associations, Sports Clubs and other voluntary organisations, to assist and advise them with problems and programmes.

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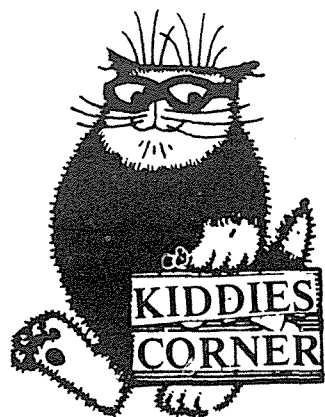
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Well Easter is here again, so lets start off by wishing you all a very Happy Easter and hope that you kept to the resolutions you made at the beginning of Lent. When you look around, you will see that Easter is a nice part of the year, with all the trees budding again after the Winter, and all the lovely Prim-roses & Daffodils in Bloom. The little birds building their nests and the nice long evenings.

But Easter is also a very important time for the old folks in our Parish, because every Easter, the Old Folks Committee hold a competition for the nicest Easter Bonnet. Some of you may not know what an Easter Bonnet is. Well it is a hat made up of flowers and papers of all colours. The more colourful the better. You can make them in different shapes, so why not make one for some old person you know in your area and who knows she may be a winner in the competition.

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Better still if Mrs. Lynch got in touch with those people she mentioned in the Newsletter and explained to them what kind of sports she had in mind, I am sure those people would get something going for the games. I am sorry I have to include this note to Mrs. Lynch in your own private little corner but I know you won't mind, because it concerns you all anyway.

Hand in your entries for this months competition to John Read, 86 Rail Park or Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield on or before April 17th. The answers to last months competition were 'A' Henry Winkler, better known as "The Fonz" in Happy Days and 'B' Michael Crawford, whom you knowq better as "Frank Spencer" in the television series Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em.

Cheerio and until next month, God Bless You All.

The winners of last months competition were
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Geraldine McGlynn, 857 Greenfield.
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8th KILDARE CUB SCOUTS

Betty Begley who was appointed Cub Scout Leader recently, has been joined by Gerard McMahon of Rail Park. Gerard only moved to Maynooth a few months ago. He is a trained Cub Leader and has run packs previously in Clondalkin and in Kill. It is hoped that on the coming months more skilled leaders will be found, in order to allow the cub pack to return to full strength.

Ten new boys joined the pack in March and they should be finished their initial training before Easter. Parents of boys aged between 8 and 10 are invited to make sure their sons are on the waiting list. Vacancies will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Twelve cubs undertook a hike to the Obelisk on March 12th. The hikers enjoyed a meal of sausages, rashers and chips cooked by themselves (with a little help) on open fires. It is very disappointing to see that the Obelisk site has apparently become a dump for everything from garbage to wrecked cars.

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Full honours to the Foroige Club for the fine display of flowers and shrubs at the 'island' on the road opposite the Catholic Church. In their own words, "We are doing this mainly to clean up an eyesore and also to give Maynooth an extra chance in the Tidy Towns Competition. The 'island' should look very well when it comes to maturity and we trust that the townspeople will help to preserve it. Congratulations boys and girls.

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From their sympathy, help and respect we received great consolation in our sudden and sad loss. A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Walsh P.P., Rev. Fr. Supple C.C. and Rev. FR. Roe. Trusting this will be accepted in grateful appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

ADDITIONAL DAILY TRAIN.

Mr. B. Durkan, T.D., has been informed by C.I.E. that, in response to his request that the train which leaves Sligo, at 18.25 hrs. should stop at Maynooth for the benefit of University Students, arrangements have been made for this train to stop at Maynooth as from 17th April next.

RECENT DEATHS

We wish to express our sympathy to The Son, Daughter, Relatives and Friends of the late Michael (Mick) Murphy, Laurence Avenue and formerly of Dublin Rd.

To the Sons, Daughters, Relatives and Friends of the late Margaret Kelly, Moyglare Road.

To the Relatives and Friends of the late Sarah Mahon, formerly of Newtown.

To the Son, Daughters, Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs Mary McGovern, Leinster Cottages.

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MAYNOOTH FLOWER CLUB

There was a very good attendance at our March meeting. We had a very informative and interesting talk by Dermot O'Neill, on how to grow and care for rose trees. We will all be producing prize winning roses after all the very helpful instructions we got.

Results of competition

Class A
1st, Mrs Desmond. 2nd, Mrs Satchwell.
3rd, Mrs Angel. 4th, Georgina Mulready.

Class B
1st, Mrs E. Burns. 2nd, Mrs B. Farrell.

Plant Competition "Spring Flowers"
1st, Mrs L. O'Farrell. 2nd, Mrs Angel.

Tea and cakes provided by our hostess was enjoyed by all.

There will be no meeting in April. Instead we will be having our Annual Spring Show. This will be held in the Divine Word Hostel on Tuesday April 26th. I would like to apologise for the wrong date published in the last issue. The date is April 26th and not 16th. We hope to have a lot of entries as the show is **not** confined to club members.

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Next meeting May 17th.

RETIREMENT

Mr. Phil Burke, Convent View, has retired after 29 years service with Creedon and Sons Building Contractors. He was presented with an inscribed gold wristlet watch. We wish him many happy years in retirement with his charming wife Sarah and family.

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CYCLING NOTES

The Maynooth Grand Prix.

Two hundred and thirty six cyclists arrived in Maynooth on Sunday 13th March to ride in the Maynooth Grand Prix.

We had three races, Senior 'A', Senior 'B' plus Veterans and Juniors, and we had three senior riders and three juniors from the club participating.

At 2.15, the Seniors started on their way from the fly-over. The Senior B's and Juniors followed at about 5 minute intervals. The Juniors finished first at Carton Court, after cycling around the course twice, about 46 miles altogether.

1st, Michael Ruane, Castlebar C.C. 2nd, L. Murphy, Rentokil. 3rd, John Nolan, Navan. 4th, Aidan Mahon, Rentokil. 5th, Paul Kiernan, Hallins (ILAC Centre). 6th, Stephen Spratt, Cidona. 1st clubman, William Cannon, Maynooth C.C.

Senior 'A' Result after 3 laps - 63 miles.

1st, Seamus Downey, Nth. Down. 2nd, Oliver McQuaid, Emerald C.C. 3rd, Gearoid Costello, Limerick C.C. 4th, John McKenna, V.C. 5th, Tony Lally, Kalhoff. 6th, Billy Kerr, Ballymena. 7th, Bart Fullerton, Ballymena. 8th, Bobby Power, Cidona-Carrick Wheelers.

Senior 'B'.

1st, Sean Lally, Kalhoff. 2nd, Stephen Flynn, Kalhoff. 3rd, Eddie Dawson, Kellistown. 4th, John Flanagan, Vets. 5th, Peter Davis, Ace C.C. 6th, Ray Cullen, Kalhoff. 7th, Padhraic Morrison, Carrick Wheelers.

1st Clubman, Joe Dunne, Maynooth C.C.

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We would like to thank everybody who helped out with the race, Stewards which was vitally important, the Gardai who kept the town clear while the cyclists were passing through and to those who drove their cars in front of the racers.

To everybody who helped, we really appreciated your efforts.

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JUNIOR BADMINTON

My first task is to thank those parents who baked for and supported our Cake Sale. It will help to keep us solvent for this season. Thanks also to Fr. Supple for the use of the hall.

The past few months have been quiet times in badminton, except for the U/15 All-Irelands, which took place in Waterford during January. Four of our players, Linda Twomey, Mary Burke, Thomas Ashe and Mark Burns entered this tournament. They all played very well. Mary and her partner reached the semi-finals of the girls doubles.

Quite soon now, we will be holding our Inter-Club Tournament involving all the children. As soon as the dates are fixed, children will be notified. We hope more parents will attend this year and see how their children are progressing.

As these notes go to print, our U/12 and U/14 teams will be completing their league matches in Terenure. We wish them well.

On March 27th, some of our children will be taking part in the Enterprise Invitation Badminton Tournament, to be held in the Behan Hall, Clane.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Eilis O'Malley and her family on the death of her father. P.R.O.

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ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

Having spent the last several weeks travelling to venues all over Ireland, Maynooth came home to their own Cross-Country at Mayglare Stud, on Sunday February 27th and here, despite fielding very depleted teams in nearly all events, we still had sufficient in hand to win five individual golds and were first teams in Girls U/18 and second team in Ladies O/30. It was indeed unfortunate for the club that the dreaded 'flu bug robbed us of so many, and that the meeting so badly affected, had to be our own. However we had a very good turnout from all the clubs in the locality, including a runner from Cork and had in Georgie Hutton and Marise Cullen the two top athletes in the country at the moment, in attendance.

The club is indebted to Moyglare Stud Farm, for the use of their field for the events and also to the manager of the stud, Mr. Stan Cosgrove, who journeyed from the Curragh, to present the prizes for the Ladies and Gents Senior races.

The Maynooth winners, Betty O'Connor O/40's, Gillian Deane U/18, Michelle Ennis U/10, Enda Gleeson U/14 and Frank Desmond U/12, all ran great races and had to overcome very

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strong opposition in their races. Michelle Ennis, as usual, took the lead in the early stages and was never subsequently headed and Gillian Deane did likewise with a very fluent victory.

Enda Gleeson U/14 and Frank Desmond U/12 had to fight very hard for victory, and in Frank's case, victory was in doubt right up to the last stride, whilst Enda had settled her opposition with about 100m to run.

The Ladies U/18, as well as having the winner in Gillian Deane, also had a good performance from Shelly Breslin, who finished in 3rd place and these girls, together with Pam Burke 8th, were the first team medalists.

Although we had nobody in the medals in the Mens Senior event, this was a great race to watch and with Georgie Hutton of Dunboyne going on from the start and being pressed by Ignatius Landers of Galway, it was a case of no quarter asked or given, but at the end Hutton had the extra stamina to come away and win well. Marise Cullen of Castle-

pollard had a facile victory in the Ladies Senior event, and both of these athletes have won the All-Ireland titles since at a Co. Clare venue.

The Maynooth placings were as follows:-

Boys U/10. Anthony Smith, 11th.

Boys U/12. Frank Desmond, 1st. Enda Breslin, 12th. David Faherty, 19th. Darren Moran, 21st. Paul Stynes, 25th.

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Girls U/12. Sharon Ennis, 4th. Jenny Byrne, 12th. Sandra Gillick, 13th.

Boys U/14. Paschal Ennis, 2nd. P. Burke, 27th.

Girls U/14. Enda Gleeson, 1st. Helen Tracey, 13th. Nuala Noonan, 21st. Caroline Corbett, 25th. Sarah Breslin, 26th.

Girls U/18. Gillian Deane, 1st. Shelly Breslin, 3rd. Pamela Burke, 8th. (First Team).

Vets O/35. Brian Redmond, 10th. Tony Callaghan, 13th. Noel Farrelly, 15th. Mick Gleeson, 17th. Mick Gillick, 29th.

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Whilst the cross-country season is in full swing, both Helen Tracey and Cyril Kavanagh have been at the indoor arena in Navan and both have done very well in the Long, High & Triple Jump events at that venue. Indeed we sympathise with Helen, who has had the bad fortune to break her arm in a bicycle fall recently and look forward to having her back in action as soon as possible.

Sunday March 13th, brought the club to Navan for that club's Annual Cross-Country, and although Maynooth runners were few in number, those who did travel kept the flag proudly flying.

Our first winner of the day was Grainne Farrelly in the Girls U/15 event, in which she was never under any undue pressure and had her race won a long way from home. Mary Farrelly, making a comeback after a long lay-off due to injury,

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was our second winner, when having gone stride for stride for almost two laps with her Sencchalstown rival, possessed more finishing speed over the last 200m in the Ladies 0/30 event.

Betty O'Connor was a winner for the club in the Ladies 0/40 and indeed it was a pity that a fourth lady was not available to help us make up a team.

The Veteran Men suffered the same complaint about teams, as with Brian Redmond finishing in 7th place, Noel Farely 11th and Mick Gleeson 12th, an extra man would have brought them a team prize.

In the other Juvenile events, Emer Farrelly ran her best race for a long time and finishing in 4th place, showed that all the enthusiasm and style is returning to her once more. Frank Desmond finished in 4th place in the Boys U/12 and here Darren Moran was well up also.

Enda Gleeson ran her usual good race in the U/13 event but found two too good for her on this occasion and finished in 3rd place. Catherine Gleeson and Anthony Smith were our only other runners in the Juvenile events and although not in the medals, can be proud of their displays.



Mr Stan Cosgrove, Manager of Moyglare Stud, presenting Marise Cullen with her trophy, following her win in the Senior Ladies event at Maynooth A.C. open sports.



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SOCCER NOTES

26th February. Giffney Cup. Maynooth 2nds, 9 Cashel Celtic 1. As the scoreline suggests the "Seconds" had a very convincing win with goals from J. Nolan 4, T. Moore 3, O. Durack 1 and C. Boyce 1.

27th February. St. Vincents 2, Maynooth 3rds 4. The "Thirds" avenged an earlier defeat by the Saints with J. Edwards 2, B. Carruthers 1 and T. McTernan 1 scoring the all important goals.

5th March. Links Utd. 1 (6 pen), Maynooth 2nds 1 (7 pen). This must rank as the best performance of the season by the Saturday team and this great win over premier rivals, puts them into the semi-finals of the Mitten Cup. After 90 minutes and extra time the teams were locked at 1 goal each. T. Moore was the home marksman. The penalty rule then came into play with V. Moore, C. Boyce, N. Boyce, J. Nolan, D. Farrell, O. Durack and T. Moore all successful but all seemed lost when Maynooth missed one in the sudden death, until the Hero of the day, keeper Johnny Graham, saved twice to send his team into the semi-finals.

6th March. Ballymore 2, Maynooth 4. The "Firsts" had a good away win over their Co. Kildare rivals victory coming with late goals per J. Daly 2, J. Wall 1 and E. Moore 1.

Maynooth 3rds 3, Booth Place 5. The "Thirds" were a little unfortunate not to share the points with their table topping opponents. W. Saults, W. Simelane and N. Byrne scored for the home side in a much closer contest than the scoreline suggests.

12th March. West Park Albion 0, Maynooth 2nds 2. In this top of the table clash, the Saturday team confirmed their superiority and two very valuable away points. J. Nolan and D. Farrell scored the vital goals to clinch the tie.

13th March. Maynooth 1, Killester Utd. 1. This was always a cliff hanger and when G. Moen scored with a great header for the home side 5 minutes from time, it looked good enough to collect both points. The opposition would not be denied and equalised on the stroke of full time.

Dunawley 0, Maynooth 3rds 0. No

goals but plenty of near misses with a draw probably a fair result at the end of ninety minutes.

20th March. Maynooth 4, Verona 3. This was a thriller with the home team hitting the winner in the last minute against table toppers Verona. Things looked bleak for the homesters with 30 minutes remaining, finding themselves 3-0 in arrears but sheer commitment and determination brought 4 goals per P. Lafferty, C. Boyce, S. Moore and N. Kearins, and two very valuable points.

Congratulations to the latest winners of our 300 Club Draw for the year '82.

23rd February. £500, Mrs Mary Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn.

£100. Mr Tom Connolly, Main St.

By next issue we will have commenced our new 300 draw and the good news is that prize money has been increased by a further £520 to £7,720. The format will be the same as before with an extra £10 per week consolation prize, so in real terms 52 more chances to win.

SWIMMING CLUB.

Happy Easter to all our families, their parents and friends.

Our swimmers have been practising very hard for their Annual Award Badges and, hopefully, after Easter we will be having a get-together where the badges will be presented to the children.

Our present sessions have ended and children will be notified of the start of their new sessions. All swimming queries will be answered by Mrs. Susan Igoe, Secretary (Phone - 285497).

We had our usual lovely float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were glad to see many other Clubs followed our example in having nice floats.

There is still plenty of scope for improving on this year's parade. Our thanks to Richard Naughton for the use of his lorry. Thanks also to the Committee for their work in decorating the float and, last but not means least, to the children and their parents who walked with us.

As it is not too long until our local Community Games, now is the time for all the children to get in as much practise as they can.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ellis O'Malley on the death of her father and to Mrs. Margt. Molloy on the death of her brother-in-law.

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To most people, April seems a bit early to start thinking about tennis. They usually get the old racquet out the week after Wimbledon, when half the Summer is gone.

Clubs all over the country are now preparing for the new season. We in the North Kildare, hope to get our season off to a good start with an Open American Tournament on Sunday 17th April at 2.30pm. The weeks following that will be taken up with practise sessions & trials for the Dublin League and the new Provincial Towns League.

We have recently expanded our facilities at the club from 3 to 7 courts and we are very interested in increasing our membership.

Anybody, out there, who is interested, may obtain all the details from the Hon. Secretary, Ann Burns, 91 Rail Park, Maynooth. Tel. no. 286168 (w).

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COMMUNITY GAMES

It was decided at the last meeting, that in future meetings would be held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Now nobody has an excuse to forget. Therefore the next meeting will be held on **Monday April 14th at 8.30pm**, in the Post Primary School. As it is hoped to set a date for our own local Games and Swimming at that meeting, we hope for a big attendance.

The attendance at the last meeting was not great, but sure the world and Garret Reilly had the flood, so there was probably an excuse for many of you.

Will all those who have Perpetual Trophies return them as soon as possible to Marie Duff, Greenfield Drive or Willie Coughlan, The Square.

This year's County Finals will be held in Newbridge on the 16th & 17th July for Athletics & Field events. Swimming, Athy on 23rd July. Gym, Curragh on 9th July. Art, Kildare on 10th July.

Already the games are well under

way. Draughts was held and the winners were as follows:-

U/14. Captain James O'Rourke, Colm Hardiman, Gregory Kirwan, Darren McDermott, Paul Rafferty. Sub., Keith Graham. Manager, Brendan O'Rourke.

U/10. Fion O'Malley, Geneveive King, Damien Carroll, Ashling Kelly, Darina O'Malley. No sub. No manager. Anybody like the job? There was a very disappointing turn out at these trials.

Art will take place on Saturday 19th, also Boys and Girls Table Tennis U/16. We are hoping for a good turn out. Badminton trial on Tuesday 22nd in Parish Hall. At least everything is moving along.

Basket Ball. The team has not yet been picked but practise is held in the Post Primary School every Friday at 4pm and Mr Pat Folan hopes to start soon with Saturday morning at the Salesian Courts. All are welcome. Managers of the basket ball are Pat Folan & Kevin Breslin.

Variety. as yet nobody has come forward to manage a variety team, which is a pity as there is an awful lot of talent in Maynooth. This year the full panel of 12 can be on stage at one time if so wished.

Managers for other events areas follows:-

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Table Tennis. Andy Dunne.
Pitch & Putt. Tommy Sheehan.
Rounders. Boys, Betty O'Connor. Girls, Margaret Noonan. U/12 and U/14.

Who started the rumour around town that the rounders team had already been picked and that last year's team was going forward on block. Of course this is not true of any event in Community Games. Each person must compete in trials, and prove they are capable of holding their place, otherwise why would we have Athletics, Field Events, Swimming Events etc. etc. Competition at local level is the most important part of all Community Games and this is where all the children are involved.

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