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**GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**

Two main items have appeared on the agenda for committee meetings over the past several months. The committee has lately been refunded by Civil Engineers, for the money it paid to clear two judgement mortgages applicable against them, at the time of the freehold purchase scheme, worked out about two years ago.

Payment of this sum by us, allowed purchase by Civil Engineer Leaseholders, of their unencumbered freehold title to proceed. The sum involved was retained out of the total paid over to the Council, as part payment of the cost of resurfacing the roads and we were allowed to do this on the understanding that if we were ever reimbursed in the future,

we would pay the Council the amount in question.

Hence our present plight. We have a plan for the improvement of the appearance of the estate, prepared by the Environmental Officer for Kildare Co. Co., and we need the money to finance this. If the council insist on their full rights in the matter and all negotiations fail, then we will have to bid farewell to that plan.

The second item, is the formal taking over of the estate by the Council. The Clane Area Committee of the Council, have in fact approved this and it only remains for a full council meeting to rubber-stamp this. However what this will mean in practise, we fear, is precious little. For instance, we will have to go on cutting the Greens ourselves, if we want them to look decent.

Another reason for our extreme reluctance to let go of any of the funds referred to earlier.

We are assured by the shopkeepers, that the shopping area will soon be completely resurfaced. We hope to install some more litter-bins in the area when that is done.

That's all the news for now, I'm afraid.

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8th KILDARE CUB/SCOUTS

The investiture took place on Thursday 19th May at 8pm in the S.V.D. Hostel, during a special Mass which was offered by our Chaplain Fr. Martin O'Callaghan.

The new cubs are; Gavin Callaghan, Peter Cassels, Owen Grant, Gerard Horn, Shane Hyland, Michael Madden, David Mulready and Ciaran Murphy.

The new scouts are; Noel Bradley, Mark McNamee, Derek Dolan, Donal Fitzpatrick, Alan Kiely, Colm McColl, Andy Kirkpatrick, John Carroll, Noel Boyd, Paul Keatley, John Gillespie, Thomas Madden, William Campbell, Jason McGuire, Ian O'Brien, Brian Murphy, Kealin Loughnane, Mark Rossiter, Alan Sheen, Colm Hardiman, Fergal Tynan and Colman Donnelly.

Invested into the 8th Kildare unit as Leaders are; Gerard McMahon, Brendan McEvoy and Jimmy Dolan.

Mr. Seamus McMahon, Regional Commissioner of St. Cronin's region, represented the Chief Scout. Refreshments were provided by the committee for the parents and friends after Mass. Thanks extended to all members of the committee.

In last month's notes, Carmel Buckley's name was inadvertently omitted as a committee member and this is much regretted.

Our sincere thanks to Fr. Frank Power and Fr. Liam Flynn for the use of the S.V.D. Hostel and Danny Devine for his help. Every good wish to Fr. Liam, who is leaving for the mission shortly.

The next day Friday, our newly invested cubs left on their first week-end camp to Lullymore Briquette factory. The weather was kind and the cubs, scouts & leaders enjoyed a couple of days seeing how Bord na Mona harvest peat and produce briquettes.

This was the first time under canvas for most of the group. Mr. Pat Barry of Carbury, put on an excellent slide-show & talk on the Friday evening. He explained the different types of bogs & how they were first formed. On the Saturday, Mr. Barry gave the boys & leaders a conducted tour of the Briquette

Factory.

This factory produces briquettes from milled peat. Everyone had the opportunity to see the machinery used in draining the bogs and in harvesting the peat. Our thanks to Mr. Barry for arranging the Lullymore trip and to Mr. Andy Cole of an Foras Taluntais, who provided the camp site and other necessary facilities.

The next outing was on June 26th. The cubs spent a day at Greenhills Riding School, near Kill. Each cub spent at least two hours pony riding, with lots of other fun too.

The cubs/scouts were happy to provide a standard bearer and honour party for the local Community Games parade on May 14th.

A number of new 'sixers' and 'seconders' were appointed on June 4th. A 'sixer' is a boy in charge of a group of six boys, called a 'six'. A 'seconder' is his helper.

The following were appointed; Senior Sixer, Alan Buckley; Sixers, Peter Cassels, Ciaran Murphy & Gavin Callaghan; Seconders, Paul Daly, Gerard Horn, David Mulready & Shane Hyland.

Congratulations to the boys. They earned their "stripes."

Eight new cubs joined the pack on June 11th. They are; Simon Cotter, Greenfield Dr; Derek Fleming, Carton Court; Robert Green, Straffan Way; Kenneth Killoran, Maynooth Pk; Cathal McAuley, Maynooth Pk; Michael O'Farrell, Kilcock; John Rice, Maynooth Park and Anthony Smith, Greenfield. Welcome to the pack lads.

The Father & Son scout camp took place on 11/12th June at Larch Hill C.B.S.I. Campsite. It was attended by the following,

William Campbell, Mark McNamee, Brian Murphy, Colman Donnelly, Derek Dolan, Alan Kiely, Sean Halton, Noel Boyd, Declan Quigley and their dads. Noel Birdley, Alan Sheehan and Eoin O'Brien also attended.

Congratulations to Colman Donnelly and his Dad, who won a prize for the unit by guessing the nearest number of peas in a sweet jar. The jar contained 6,735 peas and the number guessed was 6,738. They won a plaque & 6,735 peas.

Scout Leaders wish to thank the scouts and dads for making the event a success.

The Summer Camp for the scouts will be held on 9th to 16th July in Port Law, Waterford.

Leaders are wanted, (ladies welcome), with view to setting up a second cub pack. In the interest of our children, parents, former scouts, students and indeed anybody who can assist in any way, should contact the unit leader Tony Muldowney, in the Parish Hall, any Thursday night at 8 pm.

Yours in Scouting,
Annette Killoran, P.R.O.

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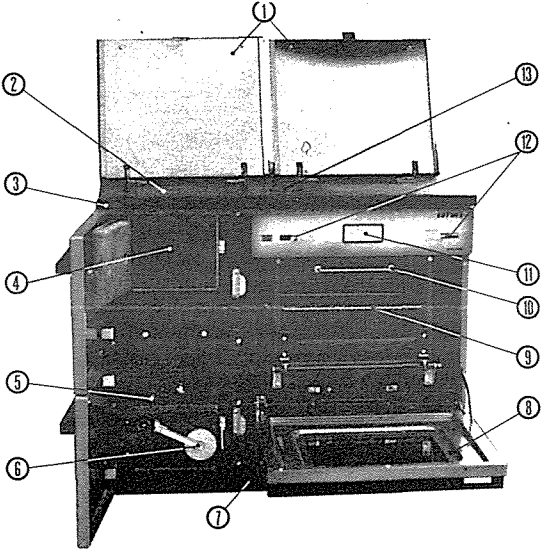
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It was the second canal to link Dublin with the Shannon. A director of the Grand Canal started the project and each bridge is named after directors of the company. The chief engineer was a Mr. Evans and the final stages of the work were completed by another engineer Mr. Renne.

The construction of the Royal Canal was an amazing feat of engineering skill and muscle power. Work gangs dug by hand the entire stretch of waterway from Dublin to the Shannon and stone work from quarries was transported to make lock chambers and bridges. The massive stonework and design of the lock chambers and bridges which today can take juggernaut traffic is a silent tribute to the engineering expertise of two centuries ago. Two shattering events on the political scene occurred during its construction, the Rebellion of 1798 and the Act of Union 1801. The summit of the Royal Canal is at Lough Owel in Mullingar from where it flows westwards to the Shannon near Longford and the link passing through Maynooth is fed from the same lake and empties into the Liffey at Spencer Dock in Dublin. There are 46 locks from Dublin to Longford and Maynooth is situated between the 13th lock at Pyke's Bridge and the 14th lock at Laraghbryan.

In 1945 it was purchased by the Midland Great Western Railway Company and the canal traffic was practically eliminated. The last barge passed through in 1950 and ten years later was closed to navigation. From then on decay set in and the lock gates rotted away, water levels dried out, there was a profusion of weed growth and the canal bed became a dumping ground and unsightly health hazard.

Last year a group formed in Kilcock with the aim of restoring the canal to its original condition. A massive clean up campaign began. Workparties met twice a week and cut pathways through dense bush and vegetation. Incidentally the writer believes that the clean up should have started on the title with the deletion of it's Royal status. Although there was practically no funds, the dredging of Kilcock Harbour was completed at a cost of £4,800. A house to house collection was launched and an appeal made to the local clubs and associations, which realized over £2,000. There was one extremely generous donation of £1,000 from the Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club. I would like to record here on behalf of our association, our profound thanks to all who have supported financially.

Although there are other work groups in Dublin, Enfield and Mullingar areas doing their bit, the Kilcock Harbour cleaning was the most expensive due to the Harbour width, which necessitated the employment of heavy machinery. The Kilcock group have allocated themselves a stretch of some 8 or 9 miles from Fernslock to Laraghbryan. The Fisheries Board are co-operating with us in the

restocking, with all types of coarse fish. An amenity area of some 8 miles is now within realization which will provide tremendous recreational facilities for young and old.

This brief report was written as an appeal to the **People of Maynooth** to do something about the restoration in that area. Maynooth is growing and needs every inch of amenity space. The Royal Canal is unparalleled in this respect.

Here is a beautiful waterway on your doorstep. All that is required is 1/2 dozen good workers, who could give two evenings each week to cut a pathway from Pyke's Bridge to Laraghbryan and in a few weeks the area will be transformed.

A swimming area can be created, which will eliminate costly bus journeys to far away pools in the Summer. Remember the development in your area will cost practically nothing, and the rewards, fishing, swimming, boating and nature walks.

We earnestly invite our Maynooth neighbours to continue with this useful project in their area.

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Editorial

It is a custom nowadays, to condemn almost all young people as being a problem generation, but it is only fair to say that, perhaps ninety per cent of young people are first class people. This is nothing new as 'generation bashing' has been a 'hobby' with successive older generations for hundreds, if not thousands of years - so 'practice should make perfect.' It is however, very unfair to the vast majority of the up and coming generation.

While we said the vast majority of young people are A.1. we still have the ten per cent or so left and these are the ones who cause the trouble. These are the vandals, muggers, drug takers, robbers, rapists and goodness knows what. We bulk them all together because there is no such thing as one being worse or better than another - they are all alike, vandals, muggers, rapists, the lot.

The main question is. What can be done with them? What is to become of them? Greater minds than ours have been brought to bear on the question without a really workable answer. The main problem is that some of us have not bothered to bring up our children properly. There are, on the other hand, certain things we can do to lessen the impact. We can keep our eyes open and co-operate with the Authorities. We can report all vandalism and such like, regardless of whom we may offend, and in general, get a climate where it is considered as doing your duty, not 'snitching' or 'informing' when we report offenders who are causing mischief.

With regard to drugs, a problem getting more or less out of hand, it is the absolute duty of everyone, young and old, to report 'pushers' or 'peddlars,' regardless of who they are or how well we know them. School children who know these 'pushers' (and they admit they do), should report them to their teachers or parents. This is not 'letting down' a companion or friend, it is simply doing what is reasonable in a very serious situation.

If even these few suggestions are carried out, it is very definite that there will be a considerable lessening in crime and petty crime, if it is not wiped out altogether.

SPECIAL THANKS

Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Walsh & Family, The Green, would like on behalf of their very special son, John, to express a very sincere thank you to all who helped make John's 21st Birthday, such a special occasion.

To his many friends who sent him presents, Mass Boquets and birthday cards, also all who came to his party and helped to make it such an enjoyable evening for John.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Barton Family and all the members of the staff of Barton Transport, for their many kindnesses to John throughout the year.

As it would be impossible to acknowledge everything individually, we will have a Mass offered for all your intentions.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The following report has been received by the Maynooth Labour Party of a meeting of Kildare Co. Co. The report was received from Cllr. Emmet Stagg.

It is traditional that the Chairman of Kildare County Council arranges a meeting of the council in his own electoral area before the end of his term of office. In this tradition, the current Chairman Cllr. Emmet Stagg, arranged a meeting of Kildare Co. Co. in Maynooth on Monday 13th June. the meeting was held in the Arts Block of St. Patrick's College and was hosted by Mgr. Olden, President of the college.

Though this was an extremely busy day for the President and the college, due to the 10th Anniversary of Trocaire celebrations being hosted by the college, all attempts by the Chairman to arrange an alternative date more suitable to the College Authorities was made impossible by the refusal of certain councillors to agree such a change of date.

Likewise the Chairman's plans to have the meeting addressed by Dr. Duffy, Chairman of the 'Save Carton Committee,' followed by a tour of Carton Estate, was set to nought by similar tactics.

In his address of welcome to the meeting, Mgr. Olden spoke of the many co-operations between the Co. Council and the college, and he assured the council of his positive help and co-operation in the future. He said that Maynooth being a University town had a special status, and

he was pleased that this was being recognised by the County Council. He invited the council to make

a return trip when he would be in a position to make more appropriate arrangements.

Replying to the President's address of welcome, Chairman Cllr. Emmet Stagg described the meeting as historic, between two historic institutions and welcomed the President's offer of positive co-operation. He hoped that in future there would be concrete co-operation and joint action by the college and council on matters of mutual interest. The special status of Maynooth was recognised by the council and this was tangibly shown by their presence today, and in the special planning consideration for the town and nearby Carton Estate.

Cllr. Gerry Brady, Deputy Bernard Durkan and Co. Manager, Gerry Ward, also joined in the vote of thanks to Mgr. Olden.

During the council meeting that followed, the Secretary of the Council told the meeting that the council had acquired no land in the Maynooth area for use as an itinerant halting site, and no negotiations were taking place on this at present. It was Co. Council policy that a large isolated site for use by 'mobile merchants', should be acquired along the N4 and that a halting site for 4 families indigenous to the area (Maynooth), should be developed near the town. The meeting decided that the councils policy on itinerant settlement should be re-considered by the Committee responsible, and that the public must be fully informed in advance of any decisions to implement policy.

During the course of the meeting, Deputy Durkan sought to raise the subject matter of the editorial in the Maynooth Newsletter, (May

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edition), and the reply to the editorial by the Chairman Cllr. Stagg (June edition).

Cllr. Stagg informed the meeting that he had arranged to have copies of the documents referred to circulated to all members, and that it was open to all members who wished to put it on the agenda of the next council meeting by tabling a suitable motion. The matter was not now on the agenda and could not be discussed, and to continue to pursue it would be disorderly. Deputy Durkan continued to pursue the matter until the Chairman was forced to adjourn the meeting, stating that it was highly regrettable that this historic occasion was marred in this disorderly fashion.

Following the adjournment, the council visited the College Chapel and Library.

CLINIC
BERNARD DURKAN T.D.

Bernard Durkan T.D. attends at the Geraldine Hall every Saturday at 2.30pm to meet constituents (Bank Holiday weekends excepted) Items discussed are treated in the strictest confidence

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FOLK GROUP NEWS

One week after Pentecost - and the spirit moves us to write a few folk notes. We have had several "happenings" since last we wrote, one which you will have noticed, being the trial and tribulation of our new amplification system. As with most new innovations, we are having teething problems, which hopefully will be sorted out and we can with your help, praise God loudly and clearly.

Those who missed us on Sunday May 15th, may be interested to know that our Retreat in Wicklow was a great success, a real spiritual experience. We had two lovely days in the mountains, where we shared the Lord and ourselves with each other. What a truly wonderful experience.

On May 4th, our Ecumenical Service took place and although poorly attended, seemed enjoyed by all who did come. Scriptural readings, led by Rev. Hammond and Fr. Walshe, in keeping with the Easter theme were mingled with folk songs and meditations. Perhaps next year we will have more people from both communities.

During our time together, we of the Folk Group, have celebrated many occasions with Mass in the Marist Hostel. We would like to say to the Marist Brothers, a heartfelt Thank You, for all the times you have opened your home to us. We all appreciate your kindness. This appreciation also applies to the priests in the S.V.D. Hostel, who have accommodated us for practise on the nights when we were unable to use our regular base, the Post Primary School. Here, of course, Mr. Tom Ashe is due a very generous Thank You. He has always allowed us to use the school, otherwise we would have no adequate 'singing space'. Three cheers and thank you, Mr. Ashe.

By the time this is in print, we will have lost two of our very valuable members, Herbert & Thomas. They are German, and are going back to Germany to resume their studies. They were a wonderful addition to our group in so many ways, and it seemed as though they always belonged with us. They will be badly and sadly missed. May God be with them.

On May 13th, we had a lovely Mass in Maynooth, to celebrate the Silver Wedding anniversary of one of our

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beloved members, Ruth, and her husband, Pat Morrissey. Their daughter Margaret, surprised them by coming home from Liverpool, as did their friend Retta, also from Liverpool. Maria and Sean, their other two children were also there, as were all of us. Fr. Liam said the Mass and it was beautiful, (as always). Ruth and Pat renewed their vows during Mass, and it was deeply touching to see the love and appreciation they still have for each other, after twenty five years. We in the Folk Group, would like to wish them many more happy years together.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Kathleen, on the death of her mother, Mrs. McGovern, who was also Kevin's granny. Kevin & Kathleen, our sympathies to you both. Slán.

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BAND BULLETIN.

Summer - more by name than nature this year - is always a busy time for the Band but this year we seem to be up to the tips of our plumes in work. I suppose, in these times of recession we cannot really complain.

The big occasion, so far as we are concerned, was the Pony Racing at Laraghbryan on 19th June which was organised by those fantastic, hard working people, known collectively as the Lions Club. They are certainly 'Top of the Pops' as far as we are concerned, because they are using some of the 'winnings' from the Racing to buy some instruments for us. Needles to say we were surprised and delighted when we heard this good news and we are most grateful to the Lions Club. At the time of writing, the ponies are not even under starters orders but I'm sure the day will be a roaring success with everything organised down to the last detail. We are really looking forward to seeing the new instruments which will be presented to us by the Lions Club a little later in the year.

Due to a 'technical hitch' we will not be involved in any Dublin County Council recitals this year but this has come as a blessing in disguise for many organisations in the surrounding towns who have been queueing up to engage the Band. Nevertheless, we have still found it necessary to turn down engage-

ments in Celbridge the annual fete at St. Raphael's as well as a Field Day in Dunboyne and a Parade in Leixlip.

As for the rest of our programme, well, at the end of June, we had a Jubilee Ball at Castletown on Friday 25th. The next day saw us at the big Draw for a car at Maynooth Shopping Centre and then the very next day (how's that for a hat trick) brought us to Dublin for the annual Feile na nGael Parade which I told you about last month. We then were fortunate to have two nights rest before turning out for the Mayor's Parade in Celbridge, on Wednesday 29th.

As things look at the moment, July should be almost as busy with engagements - On 3rd, Dun Laoghaire Pier - 10th, Ratoath Field Day and, 24th for our annual trip to Wicklow Regatta Festival Parade, already pencilled into our Diary (and that's only as far as 14th

June). Hopefully we can take a breather during the month of August when most of our Members go on holiday but it is great to be in such demand and we like to think that it is a reflection on the standard and appearance of the Band.

While all this is going on we also have four of our members going to Gormanstown Summer School of Music at the end of July. This is a one week course where boys and girls, men and women, from Bands throughout the Country come together to study and play the best in Band music. It has proven a marvellous experience for those of our members who have gone there in previous years and has certainly improved the standard of their playing.

As this is the final 'Bulletin' before the Summer Holidays, I hope the sun shines for you and hope to see you all here again in September.

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MORTALITY SOCIETY

The balance sheet sets out the Financial position of the Society at 31st December 1982. You will note that at that time the Society had assets valued at £6,957.

This is a very satisfactory result, and reflects the good response of the majority of members in paying their annual subscription on time, together with the fact that happily only eleven members died during 1982. The balance sheet is therefore strengthened by £2,625 as compared with last year. (Unfortunately there are still a few members who fail to pay on time).

You will note that we have been aiming for a high surplus every year. The reason being that the annual subscription in relation to benefits is very low. In fact a member would have to pay in for more than 25 years at the present rate to equal the present benefit payable, (25 years single, 50 years married).

In later years this could put a strain on newer and younger members, who might be called upon to pay much higher levies, because of the age structure of the membership. The risk is mitigated by accumulating surpluses now.

The committee have asked me to convey their sincere thanks to the following, Kevin & Kathleen Murphy, O'Neill Park (stationery, photocopying free); Gerry Brady, M.C.C.; Mrs Kathleen O'Neill (free photocopying); Miss Cissie Dempsey, and the Band Com-

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To the Wife, Family, Relatives and Friends of the late Thomas Reid, Blakestown.

To the Rev. Mother and Community of Presentation Convent, on the death of Sr. Mary Gerard Dillon.

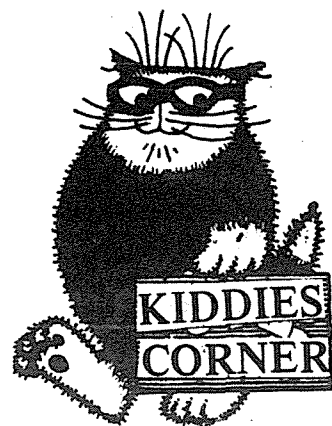
NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be the September issue. All items for inclusion in that issue should be handed in by 14th August.

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Signed J. Barry and J. Carey.



Hello Children,
It is Summertime again and most of you will be going on your holidays, so we must appeal to you if you have a pet dog, or any sort of pet for that matter, to make sure you get someone you can rely on, to look after it while you are away. It is horrible to see some poor animals straying around the place starving.

Also don't forget to be extra careful while on holidays. Make sure you swim where it is safe and don't swim alone.

If you are going out with a friend, make sure you tell your Parents where you are going, who you are

going with and what time you will be back.

So far we have not heard you starting up jumble sales or cake & book sales to help restore the Geraldine Hall, and help the Salesians to get on with the work on it. Why not get cracking now while you are on holidays. I am sure your Mammy and Daddy would be delighted to help with this worthy cause.

Until next month, Cheerio and God Bless you all and have a nice holiday. Entries for the colouring competition, should be handed in to John Read, 86 Rail Park or to Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield, on or before 14th August.

The winners of last month's competition were

Catriona Bright, 845 Greenfield.
Joyce Carroll, Moyglare.
Kenneth Killoran, 81 Maynooth Pk.
Michael Meally, 1 Rail Pk.
Clare Devanney, 19 Greenfield Dr.

And the runners up were

Deirdre McIntyre, 30 Rail Pk.
Elizabeth Doyle, 13 Parson St.
Kevin Tracey, 837 Greenfield.
Robert Shiel, 47 Maynooth Pk.
Antoinette Boyd, 847 Greenfield.
David Ashe, 1175 Greenfield.
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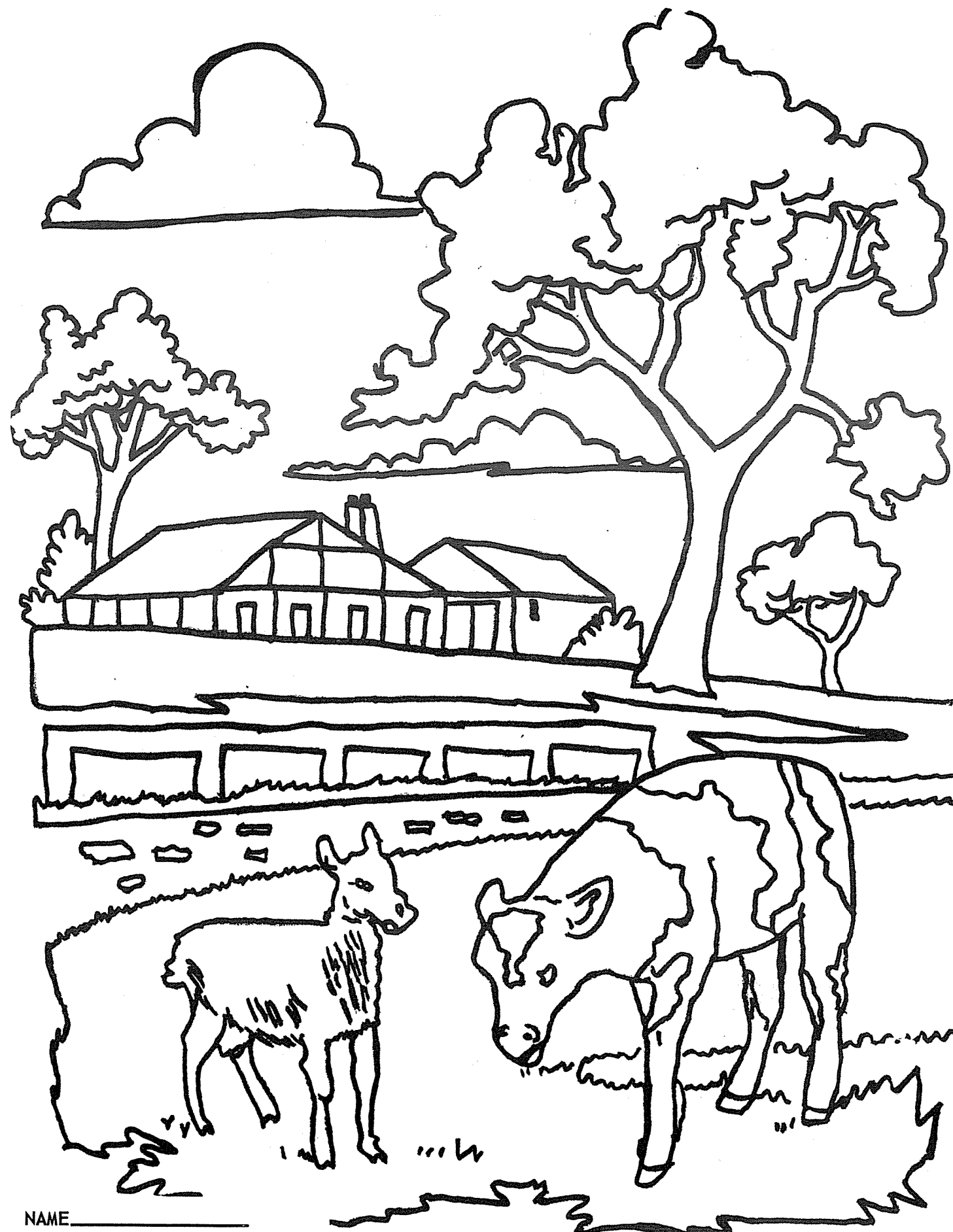
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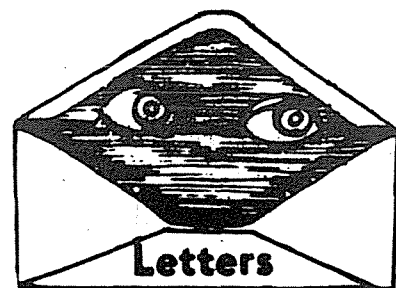
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to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wish to draw to the attention of your readers, the obvious discrepancy between the statement by Cllr. Emmet Stagg, in his letter to your June issue, that he received no support or seconder for his proposal to reject the County Manager's proposal for a £25 p.a. refuse collection charge, and the reported statement to the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann by Cllr. Gerry Brady, that he, (Gerry Brady), voted against this charge.

I have now to hand the official minutes of the Co. Co. meeting in question, and these clearly show that Cllr. Stagg moved his proposal as stated and that no other councillor seconded that proposal. Neither was any attempt made to amend Cllr. Stagg's proposal or to put forward any alternative motion on the issue.

Surely if Cllr. Brady, who is recorded as being present at the meeting, wished to vote against the refuse collection charge, this was the time to do so. He did not support Cllr. Stagg's rejection of the refuse collection charge, nor did he attempt to amend the proposal, or to put forward an alternative.

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The official council minutes also record that four councillors voted against the adoption of the rates for 1983. The only matter of substance that had not been the subject of motions by councillors at this stage, was the proposed increase in the rates for commercial and industrial premises. I understand

that Cllr. Brady was one of the councillors who voted against this.

This blatant attempt by Cllr. Brady to con the public by riding two horses in the manner described, is the type of action that leads to charges of political dishonesty, as were contained in your May editorial and brings the whole political system into disrepute.

Cllr. Brady did not vote against the refuse collection charges and he should now at least come clean on the issue to his colleagues in the Maynooth Fianna Fail cumann. I await the report of the next meeting of that body.

Yours Sincerely,
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

July
6th Bernadette Byrne, Dublin Rd.
6th James Dowling, Greenfield.
7th Tony Bean, Main St.
8th John Bean, Rye View.
8th Grainne Farrell, Greenfield.
9th Bridie Cahill, formerly Newtown.
12th John O'Neill, Greenfield.
12th Paul & Deirdre Kelly, Ladychapel.
14th Elaine Murphy, Leinster Pk.
14th Annie McGuire, Dillon's Road,
15th Mrs B. Flynn, Kilgraique.
17th Denise Conway, Greenfield.
20th James Coughlan, Birmingham.
22nd Siobhan Farrell, Greenfield.
22nd Edel Bean, The Harbour.
23rd Mary Nolan, Greenfield.
24th Roisin Barton, Maynooth.
27th Liam Higgins, Laragh.
28th Annie Kenny, Straffan Rd.
30th Mrs Leavy Dara Ct. Celbridge.

August
5th Kevin Coughlan, Westport.
22nd Kevin McGovern, Greenfield.
26th John McGlynn, 857 Greenfield.
29th Michael McGovern, Greenfield.
29th Martina McGovern, Westport.
Maureen Collins, Mariaville.

FIANNA FAIL

Our last monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 14th June.

Motions were discussed for the Kildare convention. There was a report from Ogra Fianna Fail who even at this early stage are proving very popular with the youth. The members again expressed dissatisfaction with Kildare Co. Co. for their lack of attention in the Maynooth area. Cllr. Gerry Brady has made representation to the council regarding the condition of the canal banks between Leixlip and Kilcock.

A lot of the meeting was taken up discussing the itinerant problem and the various rumours circulating about them. Rumours like a halting site in Newtown, a halting site on the green space beside the band room and a small housing estate in Old Greenfield.

The members of the cumann felt that there was no way that they could agree to a halting site in Maynooth. You just had to look at Tallaght or Clondalkin to see

the rubbish and dirt that they attract with old cars piled up in heaps around the place.

Cllr. Gerry Brady told the meeting that there was no truth whatsoever in these rumours. The report in the Leinster Leader on 9th June was without foundation. He said that there was no way itinerants would be housed or a halting site provided here in Maynooth or anywhere else in Kildare, without the full co-operation of the people in those areas.

The Kildare Co. CO. have an itinerant settlement committee and they say that the problem here in Kildare has become greater since the big push from Dublin. Cllr. Brady said that there are 34 itinerant families in Kildare and out of those 14 are willing to be housed. Members said

that some families had been housed and had moved out after a short while. Other members felt that the children should get a proper education. It was generally agreed that they should have the same rights as everybody else and they should

be able to put their names down on the housing list and be considered like anyone else.

There is an settlement committee here in Maynooth College and from what is understood, this committee may be trying to get the itinerants settled here in Maynooth. It seems that they may have helped the itinerants to get a legal document preventing them from being moved on. This means that the Gardai and the County Council are powerless to move them unless they can provide alternative accommodation.

Gerry Brady said that Kildare Co. Co. has never discussed Maynooth as a site for an itinerant settlement.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th July 1983.

GERRY BRADY NOTES

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FINE GAIL NOTES

At a recent meeting, members expressed their condemnation of the Itinerant situation in the precincts of Maynooth. Popular walks of some former years, are now NO GO areas. Leinster Lane, (or formerly Lovers Lane), from the Cattle Mart to the Dukes Walls, are positively abnoxious and reminiscent of a motor scrap yard.

Th Moyglare Road is at present experiencing traffic delays similar to major road work delays, and the footpath which runs from the Chapel to Anne's Bridge is unrecognisable from the lodge onwards.

Another member, who vented his feelings rather strongly, asked those students and all who encourage the Itinerants to the area, to ask the College Authorities for parking facilities on some of the spare acres of grass in the precincts of the

Hostels. The caravans and particularly the children, would be safe in there rather than on the side of the road. Some replies received by Deputy Bernard Durkan regarding the problem, appear elsewhere in this paper.

Moat of the residents must now have received the reply to Deputy Durkan's letter regarding the state buying Carton Estate. The Agricultural committee discussed land leasing at the May meeting in Naas. P.R.O.

Following replies received by Bernard Durkan T.D.

Top soil has been dumped at O'Neill Park to stop Itinerants parking and more permanent measures are being examined.

Repairs to Moyglare Road have commenced and should be completed by now.

Speed limit warning signs at Moyglare Road are being re-located in the near future.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The branch would like to express our deepest thanks to all who supported our recent sponsored walk in aid of Maynooth Old Folks Committee. The final total raised will be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The branch has been informed by Cllr. Emmet Stagg that the Co. Council has agreed to the following improvement works in the area.

1. Drainage of surface water and resurfacing of roads at Pound Lane & Leinster Cottages.
2. Reconstruction of footpath at Leinster St.
3. Permanent re-instatement of roadway at phases 3 & 4 Greenfield.

4. Landscaping and improvement to paths at O'Neill Pk.
5. Permanent repairs to area in front of Carton gates and Convent entrance.
6. Removal of cars dumped at Moyglare Road, Dublin Road & Greenfield.
7. Repair of wall at entrance to phase 2 Greenfield.
8. Repairs to potholes and relocating of speed signs at Moyglare Rd.
9. Removal of unauthorised signs at O'Neill Pk.
10. Repairs to road at junction of Dunboyne Road and Main St.
11. repairs to road at Old Rail Pk.
12. repairs to pothole, Straffan Rd.

Following motions submitted by Cllr. Stagg to Co. Council.

That "Yield Right" signs be erected at the junction in Leinster Cottages. That the amenity scheme for employing young people be used to clean up Laraghbryan Cemetery.

Representations also made about the following.

1. Ponding of water on the new path through the town park at Pound St.
2. Request for protective fencing along side of town park at Pound St., to protect children from river.
3. Request to have the gate to Carton Ave. left unlocked up to sundown, so that it can be used for the purpose intended.
4. Request to have the 'bump' in the road outside the post office removed.

Other matters being dealt with by Cllr. Stagg.

He is trying to organise discussions between the College Authorities, the County Council, Development Association and other interested parties regarding joint funding and use of the proposed new college swimming pool.

C.I.E. has advised that due to financial constraints they are unable to surface the entrance to the station from Newtown Bridge, but will do so as soon as funds become available.

The Minister for Social Welfare has stated that he is unable to improve the facilities at the Employment Office or provide another office. He will however keep the situation under review.

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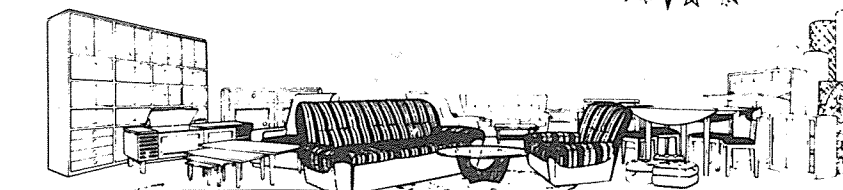
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GERALDINE HALL PROJECT

We had a great day on Whit Saturday, running through the towns of Kildare. Even the sun came out to join in the fun. Quite a phenomena in '83. Salesian Bus, manned by Gerry, Seamus, Dominic and John playing merry tunes led the way and the cavalcade followed. Approximately 25 young people took part and quite a few Mums & Dads joined the run. We picniced on the plains and from Naas, John phoned Salesian house where Ann McGarry, Joan Grant and Delma Walsh were standing by to prepare a lovely supper of chips, sausages and burgers, gallons of tea, and bread and butter.

We thank the Provincial of Salesian House for allowing us the use of the dining hall, and for all the little extras provided. We thank the chef who left us the special treat of burgers. The sausages were provided by Des and Ellis & Brian provided the chips.

O'Briens Supermarket, curtesy of Mr. O'Donovan, provided the drinks for the picnic, topped up by Nora, who was not going to be outdone. Mrs. Fegan, Country Shop, Tom Geraghty, Greenfield Supermarket and Sean from Sean's, made sure we were not short of packets of crisps. It was a lovely ending to a very enjoyable day.

We collected £300. Granted it is a long way short of £2,000, but what better way to start any youth club, than to see whole families out running together. The money collected was from outside the town and was for the Geraldine Hall project. Everybody we met was very kind to us and interested in what we were about to do.

It was interesting to learn as we romped around, that most towns had already put a great effort into facilities for the 16+, and quite a few were only getting started. None I might add with anything as substantial or as histor-

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icalas the Geraldine Hall, which remember was built in 1859.

As we are due to start the project on 1st July, we will have to fund raise now in the Maynooth area. As yet I am not sure what pattern that will take. Please listen to any announcement in the Church, or read posters around the town, then give what support you can. Car drivers were Brian O'Malley, John O'Connor, Pauline Burke, Paddy Power and Paddy Lynch.

Approximately 20 turned up at the public meeting. Naturally wwe would have liked more, yet we were happy as they were a representative body from different parts of the town, and surrounding areas. It was great to get an offer from

a comparative newcomer Sean Lennon, Painter & Decorator, from Castle Green, who was prepared to give his time to the hall. Which makes one think that despite all Freddie has to say about there being a difference between new and old, when it comes to working for our town Maynooth, the difference does not exist.

We Salesian co-operators wish to state that this is our project. We are doing it because of our commitment to give service to youth who may be in danger. We have the backing of our Salesian Family, the Blessing of the Priests of the Parish, but what we are really asking for is help, both financial and material.

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Thanks Leo for your advice to the children, to run little jumble sales to do up the hall. After all, it is their hall too, and I hope they may spend many happy days in it. Perhaps some people missed the meeting and would like to help. If so please contact any of the following:- Ann McGarry, Green-

field; Eva Burke, Greenfield; Leo McGlynn, Grfeenfield; Pauline Burke, Taghadoe; Des Walsh or Ellis O'Malley, Laurence Ave; An Power, (Treasurer), Greenfield Dr; Peter Madden, (Secretary), Straffan Way; Carol Barton, Main St; John O'Connor, Greenfield or contact the writer. Peig Lynch, P.R.O.

N.B. Does anybody know what happened to the notice which was on the gates of the Development Field, and which we hear so much about. I believe it was quite substantial, the wording "no match could be played before 12 o'clock on a Sunday etc." It would be interesting if it could be found. I remember being very much taken by an old notice in St. Stephen's Hospital, to the effect that "Any patient found loitering in the vicinity of a female ward, will be immediately dismissed from this Hospital." By order.

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BIRTHDAY CORRECTION

Birthday Greetings to Mark (12th June), Adrian (3rd July) and Margaret (3rd August) McCarron, site 2 Greenfield, from Mammy & Imelda, Leinster Cottages. Not McGovern as in last issue.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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SWIMMING CLUB

ALL or sessions with the exception of the Community Games training session have ended. This session will run until the County Swimming Finals in Athy on July 23rd. Good luck to all our swimmers on that day.

Our thanks to all who made our swimming year such a huge success, all the parents who travelled on the buses, the bus drivers and last but by no means least, our hard working committee who worked very hard. Looking forward to seeing you all again in September when our new swimming year will commence.

Our A.G.M. will be held in September. The date will be announced later. All enquiries about the waiting list etc. will be answered by the Secretary Mrs. Susan Igoe, Phone 285497.

We were delighted to see Emmet Stagg's interest in the College Swimming Pool. We would like however to say that we personally have received nothing but co-operation from the college. Our trouble is that we can't get insurance for the College Pool, except for Community Games which is a blanket. Bernie Durkan did say there was a way around it, however he kept the way a secret. If you know it Emmet, let us know. It costs us £5,000 a year in bus fares alone.

COMMUNITY GAMES

The big days are coming up and everybody is busy getting ready for the Kildare Finals. We will have to give you the results of the Badminton, Rounders, Athletics, Swimming, Art, Gym, and Judo in the next edition.

Dates to look forward to are:- Athletics, Newbridge 16th & 17th July. List of competitors together with Bus times will soon be up in town.

Swimming, Athy 23rd July. Here again the list of competitors will soon be published.

The little artists are also busy preparing. The committee wish you all the best of luck and win or lose, we hope you enjoy your day.

The Chairman, Willie Coughlan, wishes to thank all who helped to make the Games such a success. He wishes me to mention the G.A.A. for the field, the Athletic Club, Swimming Club, Badminton Club, Football Clubs and all the clubs who helped by entering and preparing their team. To Owen Byrne for being Lord Mayor and Disc Jockey all in one, to Pat Travers for cutting grass and to Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Brady who stood by with the first aid.

A special thanks to Peter O'Brien and the Lion's Club for their very generous donation, and to Mr. Cosgrove of the Moyglare Stud. The people of Maynooth too gave very generously. We will publish all figures next issue.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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SPORTS PAGE

ST. PATRICK'S SWIMMING CLUB

This club, which is in operation for a number of years, runs a bus to Coolmine swimming pool every Tuesday afternoon. The club caters for over 60 children in the area.

There are two pick-up points at Old Greenfield & The Square, and the bus leaves at 4 pm, returning at 6.30 pm approx. The session lasts for 3/4 hour and is fully supervised by experienced instructors.

The organisers of the club are Mrs. Eva Whelan, Newtown and Derek Horan, 274 Greenfield. Anybody wishing to obtain further information about the club should contact any of the above.

The organisers would like to express their gratitude to Cllr. Emmet Stagg, for his continued representations on behalf of the children, who have to travel outside of Maynooth and thereby incurring increased costs.

Cllr. Stagg has been seeking facilities in the college pool for our members and he has now informed us that the college are interested in discussing the funding of the proposed new college pool and the availability of facilities there.

It is hoped to organise a meeting of our club, the Maynooth Swimming Club, the Development Association and Kildare Co. Co. with a view to organising a combined approach to this project. We will report further on this in the next Newsletter.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

It is hoped to run activities such as Art & Funcraft Sessions and Story-hour for the children in the library in July and August, when they have their school holidays.

Owing to staffing limitations, such activities would have to take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings, when the juvenile section is not open for borrowing.

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