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### CARTON HOUSE & LANDS.

The following question was addressed to the Taoiseach in the Dail by Deputy B. Durkan for answer on 26th April last: Q. To ask the Taoiseach if, in the National interest and in order to preserve for future generations important features of cultural, historical, architectural, educational and recreational nature, he will give favourable consideration to the acquisition by the State of Carton House and Estate, at Maynooth, Co. Kildare, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### Reply:

The preservation of Carton House and Demesne is a matter of great artistic and cultural importance and I am keeping under review the possible means that may exist and may be necessary to enable this to be ensured.

Additional questions re above

Mr. Durkan: Would the Minister agree that notwithstanding the current financial stringency which prevails that it might be better to pursue more actively the sentiments expressed in the question?

Mr. Nealon: The basic position is that Carton House and Demesne is in private ownership and is the subject of a number of planning permissions at the moment. A number of use models have been prepared for possible public ownership or public use of the house and Demesne and all of these must be fully explored. I can assure the Deputy of this, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Taoiseach: every possibility will be looked at which could bring about the continued preservation of the House and Demesne, including their being used as a possible artistic and cultural focus for the surrounding region. But, as the Deputy said, in any such review the State of the public finances must be kept in mind.

Mr. B.Aherne: Would the Minister agree that the zoning for that area would be very strongly in favour of his wishes and that any of the planning permissions which are currently before Kildare County Council would be out of order and would he use his efforts to make sure none of them is successful?

Mr. Nealon: It would be indiscreet for me to comment on any planning permission at present before Kildare County Council or An Bord Pleanala. Mr. Durkan: While the estate is in private ownership at present, is the Minister aware that it might be possible to approach the owners with a view to acquisition?

Mr. Nealon: As I said originally, there are a variety of possibilities but at this stage it would be premature to enter into detail and would not help what this House would desire.

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# Editorial

The sudden spate of robberies and burglaries in the town during the past few weeks, has put many of us on edge and had caused serious concern to the elderly especially. We must condone with those who have been the victims, but at the same time, be thankful that none of them were physically injured in the process. Physically injured or not, the victims have suffered mental stress and serious upset.

While there may be arguments as to whether the police force is being used to the best possible advantage, there is no doubt that they cannot themselves hope to stem the rising tide of petty and serious crime. Twenty four Gardai, working twenty-four hours in the day would not be able to completely wipe out crime completely, even in our own little area, although we imagine it could help considerably. Our half dozen or so Gardai are inadequate and insufficiently and inadequately equipped to deal with a situation of the present magnitude, and there is a shortage of cash in the Justice Department for increased policing or equipment.

The situation does look gloomy and the prospect most unattractive. One cannot, more or less, leave any property unattended without fear of damage or loss. It is impossible to carry our houses around with us and all our other property and it would appear that there is no solution, or at least, means of reducing the hazard. But this is not quite the case. We can help very considerably with not a great deal of effort.

We can, by assisting the police as far as we can, reduce crime by about half. This includes watching all the time for suspicious persons or suspicious actions. If you see anything suspicious around your neighbours house when he/she is away, do not ignore it, see who is there and what they are up to. Report to the police rather than interfere personally because it is no use preventing robberies and having a lot of injuries instead.

To some, co-operating with the police will require a little effort as a certain prejudice still remains since the 'British Days' when co-operating was seen as co-operation with the enemy and the term informer was used. Nowadays the only people who use the word, are criminals themselves, so if you hear somebody speak of an 'informer,' watch that person in particular. It is time to forget old prejudices and to co-operate with the Gardai, otherwise it will not be long until we are ruled and controlled by criminals.

## 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, Strathraffan, 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.

## GRAPEVINE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be a double issue for July and August. All articles for inclusion in that issue should be handed in on or before June 12th.

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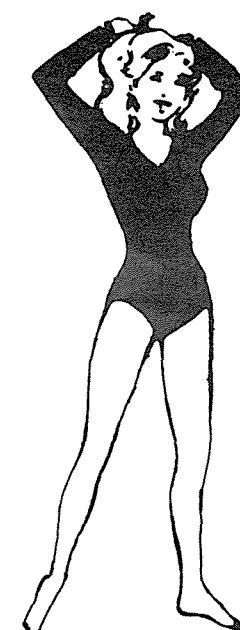
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## 8th KILDARE CUB/SCOUTS

### Cub Pack News

The Carton Estate hike took place on 23rd April. The cubs only managed to explore about a quarter of the grounds in the time available. Bark rubbings were taken of some of the many varieties of trees in the estate. We are grateful to Mr. Barry, the Farm Manager, for his permission.

Kilcloon cub pack hosted the Regional Cub Sports Day on 30th April. Cubs from all over St. Cronin's region took part. Alas in spite of gallant efforts, Maynooth cubs failed to take a prize. We congratulate Kilcloon who won the trophy.

The cubs visited the scouts who were camped in the grounds of Kerdiffstown House, on Saturday 7th May. The scouts were taking part in the Regional Crafts Competition. The cubs practised setting up a large "Icelandic" tent. This was in preparation for the planned Lullymore trip later in May. We are grateful to Carmel Buckley, Mary Horn, Seamus Grant and Catherine & Vinnie Mulready who provided transport for our various outings during the month. We welcome Dan Commene of Rail Park, who has joined the unit as a prospective cub leader.

The addresses for the waiting list are; Betty Begley, 3 Pound St; Gerard McMahon, 54 Rail Park and David Dolan, 102 Carton Court.

Parents or friends who have special skills or hobbies they would like to impart to the cubs, or who have ideas or contacts for outings should get in touch with any of the above leaders for a chat.

### Scout News

The first hike of the year took place on March 26th last. Tracking signs were placed along the road between Maynooth and Joe Campbell's farm near Kilcock. The aim of this hike was to find the destination and prepare a meal on an open fire. This was a requirement for Investiture and all fulfilled it admirably. Since then various locations around Maynooth have been used to practice different scouting skills

and we thank the landowners for the use of their fields.

The Investiture for the cubs/scouts was held on 19th May in the S.V.D. Hostel. We will be reporting on this next month. Scout patrols from throughout St. Cronin's region converged on Kerdiffstown House on 6th May for the Regional Campcraft Competition. Seventy two scouts representing nine troops turned up with their leaders. St Laurence O'Toole region were running a similar event at this venue on the same week-end and this made up a very large camp indeed.

Patrol Leader Alan Dolan and his patrol consisting of brother Derek, Paul & Barry Cosgrove, Ronan Barry, William Campbell, Noel Bradley, John Carroll, Sean Halton and Donal Fitzpatrick represented Maynooth. There was some anxiety as nightfall was approaching as to whether the tents could be erected and the site made operational before dark.

Comments such as "will it rain", could be heard. However Patrol Leader Dolan had seen it all before and with the help of 'old Hands' Paul Cosgrove and Ronan Barry, the less experienced scouts were working like experts. By 10pm. tents, boundaries etc. were all in working order and there was a large "Billy" of soup on the fire. The next day was wet and windy but our scouts still managed to light their cooking fires. After breakfast the days activities got under way, i.e. pioneering, pathfinding, signalling, backwoods, cooking, model making etc.

The treasure hunt was run the next day, Sunday, and following campbreak & final inspection, we attended Mass. Afterwards we turned our convoy towards Maynooth, tired but happy. The leaders for the week-end were Tony Muldowney, Ken O'Brien and Jimmy Dolan.

Our thanks to Tony Muldowney, Joe Campbell, Donna Cosgrove, Dermot Bradley, Matt Carroll and Johnny Halton for providing transport for scouts & equipment to and from Kerdiffstown. This week-end would not have been a success without their help.

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### Unit Council & Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee were appointed by Unit Council on 3rd May. Chaplin, Rev. Martin O'Callaghan, St. Patrick's College. Chairperson, Bridie O'Brien. Secretary, Kevin Boyd. Treasurer, Mary Horn. Unit Leader, Tony Muldowney. Cub Leader, Betty Begley. Committee Members, Annette Killoran, Veronica Dolan, Matthew Carroll, Joseph Campbell and Manus McCarton. The Unit Council consists of the above officers.

The Unit Council adopted a policy whereby uniforms for scouts/cubs would be obtained locally. Materials needed or any services required should be obtained locally as far as possible. The Unit Council hope to clarify the position regarding the scout den in the next couple of weeks. Perhaps in the next issue we will have definite word.

### Results of Bob-a-Job.

The proceeds totalled almost £300, part of which goes to Headquarters. Thanks to all concerned.

### Cake/Book Sale & Raffle.

This was held on 24th April in the Parish Hall. It was a great success and almost £300 was realised. Thanks extended to Fr. Supple, parents and everyone who contributed to making it a huge success.

### Beaver Colony.

We are committed in principle to setting up a Beaver Colony, but plans are only in the early stages yet. We will have more news on this matter later.

Annette Killoran, P.R.O.

## BAND BULLETIN

As I missed the printer's deadline last month, I must go back to April 17th when we staged our annual concert in the Parish Hall.

From a musical and entertainment point of view, this must rank as one of our most successful concerts.

It was a pity that we had something less than a full house but, perhaps, we will do a little better in this area next year.

The unbiased among the audience were loud in their praises of both the Band and other performers who made the evening so enjoyable - the Senior Citizens had a marvellous time. To those who took part in the Concert may we extend our sincere thanks, particularly as I know some of the younger entertainers spent a great deal of time rehearsing. I can truthfully say that their efforts were well rewarded.

They put on a tremendous show. The sound for the concert was handled in his own inimitable way by Willie Kiernan and I think it was here that most points were won, not a single word or note was lost to the audience. Well done Willie (Is this advertising?) One name unfortunately omitted from the honours on the night was Owen Byrne. I know he will pardon our oversight but we can assure him that he played a key part in the Concert. Without Owen it would have been 'curtains' for the show. The month of May brought us once again to Kilcock, where we seem to be making a name for ourselves of late, when we led the Lord - Mayor's Parade. The rain came down in torrents and definitely Handel's Water Music would have been much more appropriate than some of the music played. We returned to Kilcock at the end of the month to play at the official opening of the new G.A.A. field, while in between we led the annual Community Games parade in Maynooth and provided the music at the Fete in the North Kildare Club.

### THANK YOU

Dear People of Maynooth, I would like to thank you all for your wonderful kindness to me. Everywher I go I meet with your thoughtfulness and sympathy and I do appreciate it.

I would also like to thank Maynooth Fire Brigade for their prompt assistance, their efficiency and all their help.

My family join me in wishing you all to know how much we feel strengthened by your kindness and prayers.

Pamela Fegan.

You think last month was busy? Wait 'till you've seen our schedule for June. We start off with the opening recitals in our Summer Programme for the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire County Councils. Then on Friday 22nd we travel to Castle-town House in Celbridge to play at the Jubilee Ball. This is something

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Two day later, we head for the 'big smoke' to play at the annual Feile na nGael Parade from O'Connell Bridge to Croke Park. This is a very colourful event, with young hurlers and footballers from all over the country taking part. For those of you not doing anything that Sunday we would recommend it to you. The date is Sunday 24th June and the time is 11 a.m.

The recent increase in the popularity of the Band for both marching and concert engagements now means that we must take events on a first come, first served basis for the remainder of the year and still leave some free Sundays for the boys and girls of the Band. If you have something coming up in the near future which requires the services of the Band, please, please write to our Secretary, Cissie Dempsey, at Dillon's Row, Maynooth, as soon as possible. We try to be as fair as possible when accepting engagements, so please do likewise with us. That's all for this month, hope to see you here once again in July.

### RECENT DEATHS

Deepest sympathy to, James McCormack (Chemist), Main St., on the death of his Mother, Mrs Kathleen McCormack, Kilcock, and also his Sister, Mrs Beryl Boyd, who died recently.

The Husband, Family, Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs Helena Rafferty, Parson St.

Mrs Pauline Dowling, Greenfield on the death of her Mother Mrs Elizabeth Kane, Maynooth Rd.

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### FIRST BIRTHDAY

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## THANK YOU

So much of our lives are spent in keeping others out, private rooms, clubs, houses and so on. Of course there are times when we need to be alone to reflect and think on life. Yet there is a sense in which our size as human beings can be measured by the circles we draw to take others in. The smaller the circle, the smaller the person.

A strong person isn't afraid of people different from himself. Shutting them out denies him the riches these people have to offer from their experiences.

When I came to Maynooth first in 1974, I was lucky to meet people who had open circles and were prepared to take in what are called locally, "the runners."

Returning in 1979 for theology, I found the circles had got bigger and everyday new ones were opening up to me, inviting me in. Someone once said that when a wise man names his brothers, he draws no circles smaller than the first one ever drawn on this earth. In the beginning, God gave the world its shape. He made it round.



To all who opened their circle to me, listened with care and interest, I say thanks. To all who with a deep conviction and clear vision, gave me so much time and attention; left me free to express my feelings and thoughts, but did not hesitate to present their own. Thank you.

To all who offered me space to weigh up choice and make decisions, but did not withhold their own opinions that some choices and decisions were better than others, and still left me find my own way. Thank you.

Martin McCormack, S.D.B.

## RECENT ORDINATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Martin McCormack S.D.B. and Fr. Dan Carroll S.D.B. who were ordained to the priesthood on 23rd April in the Parish of Ballydesmond, Co. Cork.

The ordaining prelate was Bishop McNamara. Fr. Martin McCormack was always most helpful in organising youth activity in the community since his arrival in Maynooth. A special word of thanks to Fr. Martin from the parents and the children of Maynooth. Wishing Fr. Martin and Fr. Carroll every success, health and happiness in the future.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Mark (12th June), Adrian (3rd July) and Margaret (3rd August) McGovern, from Mammy & Imelda, site 2 Greenfield.

To Ann Dowling, Northants, England, on 26th July, from Mammy & Imelda in Maynooth.

To Baby James Smyth, Caragh, son of James Smyth, Butcher, Main St.

## FIANNA FAIL NOTES

At our last monthly meeting, Councillor Gerry Brady said that he had received replies from the Co. Council regarding work improvements in the following areas.

1. Rubbish to be cleared away in the Maws and the area will be landscaped.

2. The cul-de-sac in the Maws to be cleaned up.

3. Remedial work to the roadway at the entrance to Old Greenfield and the new housing scheme.

Councillor Gerry Brady is awaiting replies regarding the following.

1. That the fire siren which is out of order be repaired as soon as possible and the switch be re-located.

2. That the footpaths at Parsons Street and Newtown be repaired.

3. That a footbridge be provided for the Newtown Road.

It is felt that the bridge on the Newtown Road is very dangerous and there have been several near misses and something should be done before there is a serious accident.

The members of the Cumann agreed that the quality of materials used by the Council on road repairs was substandard, and there seemed to be a waste of public monies. There are plenty of incidences where roads were repaired and after the first shower of rain, they are as bad as ever. Councillor Gerry Brady said that he had been pressing the council to use materials of a higher quality. He went on to inform us

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that more than half the monies that the council received from the Government goes on wages and hire of machinery, and this leaves them with very little for maintenance work.

The members of the Cumann expressed their dissatisfaction at the Council's latest charge of £25 for refuse collection. When pressed on this matter Councillor Gerry Brady said that he had voted against the introduction of this charge.

Councillor Gerry Brady informed the Cumann that he had been invited to join the committee that is trying to save Carton for the good of the public and keep it from being re-zoned. Gerry believes that this facility should be for the benefit of the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas.

For the next few months, the Kildare County Council will be examining re-zoning applications and there are quite a few from the Maynooth area.

Anyone interested in joining Fianna Fail are welcome to come along to our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9pm in the I.C.A. Hall. Our next meeting is on the 14th June. We have a separate section for our young people (Ogra Fianna Fail). So young and not so young, if you feel that you would like to get involved, come along to our next meeting to air your views or just to see what's going on.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to our national collection. This year surpassed all expectations and is yet another record breaking year. We wish to extend our thanks to all those who helped make our 300 draw a success and congratulations to the winners. Liam McNamee, P.R.O.

Results of draw.

1st £100. Catrine Plunkett, 3 Laurence Ave.

2nd £25. Delia McHale, Taghadoo.

3rd £5. Fiona McIntyre, 30 Rail Pk.

4th £5. Ann Howley, 2 Laurence Ave.

5th £5. Des Walsh, Laurence Ave.

6th £5. Louis Lennon's Children, Station House.

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## LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The next branch meeting is to be held on 13th June. Our annual walk in aid of Maynooth Old Folks Committee is to be held on Sunday 26th June. Sponsorship cards are now available.

Cllr. Emmet Stagg, Chairman Kildare Co. Co., has been invited to serve on the "Carton Committee" by committee secretary, Dr. Tony Fahey. Cllr. Stagg has recently tabled a resolution at Kildare Co. Co. opposing the application for re-zoning of Carton to 'Residential Use'. i.e. for housing, and to have the "Plan for Carton" considered with the preparation of the County Development Plan. He has accepted the invitation and looks forward to working fruitfully with the committee.

The following motions have been submitted by Cllr. Stagg to Kildare Co. Co.

1. That the council closely monitor the passage of dangerous substances through the county by rail and road, where the council are not satisfied with the safety precautions for same, that they take whatever action is required to halt such passage, and further that the council be informed on a regular basis of the position in this regard.

2. That the council be informed of the progress in providing a safe crossing for school children at the Convent School in Maynooth.

The following replies were received by Cllr. Stagg from the Asst. Co. Engineer.

1. Footpath repairs, Main St. I have carried out the required repairs and hope that any further inconvenience can be avoided.

2 Footpath repairs, Mill St. The Area Engineer will be carrying out repairs to the footpath, between Noone's Garage and the Church in the near future and he will examine what measures can be taken to relieve this problem.

3 Roadway repairs, Leinster Pk. Only minor remedial work can be undertaken here due to the financial restrictions. I will arrange for any serious defects to be attended to on a planned basis.

The following matters have been referred to the appropriate Co. Co. Section following representations from Cllr. Stagg.

(a) Repair of potholes, Moyglare Rd., and construction of footpath.  
(b) Repair of wall, phase 2, Greenfield.

(c) Erection of light at bridge at the main entrance to Maynooth College.

(d) Condition of public toilets, The Square.

(e) Acquisition of No. 4 Parson St., as a derelict site.

Following reply received by Cllr. Stagg from the Co. Engineer re condition of water in Moyglare Area. On investigating this matter, it was found that the water quality was satisfactory. It appears that most of the complaints came from the last two houses on the Moyglare line and in this regard I have arranged to have a scour valve fitted on the end of the main and have same flushed regularly.

The branch at its recent meeting discussed the very serious criminal incidents in the locality of late. At the request of the branch, Cllr. Stagg has now made a submission to the Garda Commissioner on the matter.

He stressed in his submission that the more effective policing of the Dublin Area was causing a spill over of crime into Kildare. Asking the Commissioner to increase the Garda numbers in the North Kildare Area, he pointed out that these levels of manning had remained static despite a massive increase in population.

Other small towns, which were relatively crime free, (e.g. Castlereagh, Roscommon, 14 Garda, 4Sgt's, Pop. 2,000), had Garda levels 4 times that of Maynooth or Celbridge, while there was no permanent Garda presence in Leixlip (Pop. 10,000+).

The Commissioner has replied that he will take the points made into account and that the whole matter is now being re-examined.

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## MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB.

The active branch of the Lions Club, in Maynooth/Kilcock recently allocated funds to some very worthwhile ventures:

Clane - benefited to the tune of £2,000. towards the development of a 'Day Care Centre' which will cater for the needs of the elderly and sick of the area.

KILCOCK Branch of the Royal Canal Restoration Committee received £1,000 to help restore the Harbour to its former glory and will greatly improve the approach to the town from the Maynooth side.

MAYNOOTH Church of Ireland has carried out extra work in restoration, especially on the roof, and the Lions Club donated £1,000 to help keep this fine old historic church in good repair. Standing next to the entrance to Maynooth College the building is in view of all visitors.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE: It is planned to hold a 'Poker Classic' in St. Joseph's Hall, Kilcock, on Saturday, 11th June, at 9 p.m. This is an opportunity for all the 'poker fans' to win prizes worth £1,250. Tickets are £50. and are available from Joe Coyne, Kilcock or Peter O'Brien, Pagestown, Maynooth.

SUNDAY JUNE 19th is a day to keep free. Come and see PONY RACING at its best, near Laragh, which is half way between Maynooth and Kilcock. This will be a great afternoons sport, so bring the family and enjoy exciting racing, good music by Maynooth Brass & Reed Band and have some tea and cakes or ice cream and minerals. The proceeds of this event will go to the Maynooth Community Games for the children of the area and a fund to send 50 old people from Maynooth/Kilcock area to Mosney Holiday Camp for a week in September.

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## COLLEGE LABOUR BRANCH FORMED

At a meeting held on May 2nd in the Arts Block, students and staff of Maynooth College formed the "John Conroy Branch, Labour Party."

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Emmet Stagg, and was attended by members of the organising committee of the Clane Divisional Council of the Labour Party, and by members of the Maynooth Town Branch. Local branch officers offered every assistance that the new branch would require.

After a formal proposal, agreeing that a branch should be formed in the college. The following officers were elected,  
Chairman, Aidan Rhattigan.  
Sec./Treasurer, John Keating.

Cllr. Stagg then proceeded to outline the duties of the new branch and mentioned areas in which members should involve themselves.

(A) Registration of students living in Maynooth, on the register of electors.

(B) Participation in fees dispute. College fees are due to rise further this year and the branch should support resistance to the rise in fees. The imposition of direct fees has the effect of excluding those whose parents can not afford to pay the fees, while these parents contribute heavily to the overall cost of education, through the tax system. Further rises in fees will have the effect of excluding those students whose parents at present are having difficulties in putting their children through college.

(C) The branch should involve itself in improving co-operation between the townspeople and the college authorities, and in this regard will strive towards the opening of the college swimming pool for use by both "St. Patrick's Swimming Club" and the "Maynooth Swimming Club." This move would end or at least lessen, the necessity for Maynooth children to go to Clondalkin, Palmerston and Coolmine every week.

(D) The branch members should support other organisations within the college, especially those involved in community work. Organisations which should be supported would include, 1 Amnesty International, 2 Maynooth Itinerant Settlement Committee, etc.

(E) Students and staff should be advised that Cllr. Stagg is available every Saturday between 4 and 6pm at Caulfield's Lounge, if they wish to discuss any problems of a private or community nature.

Any students or staff wishing to join the branch should contact John Keating at 40 Maynooth Pk.

## FIRE

We feel sure we are also speaking for everyone in Maynooth when we offer our very sincere sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Fegan, on the loss of their new home and its contents by fire.

The loss of the premises itself, which is replaceable, was bad indeed, but the loss of the contents, a unique collection of a lifetime, which is irreplaceable, must have been particularly distressing.

On the other hand, we are very pleased that no member of the family, or anybody else, was lost or injured in the blaze.

We again offer our condolences, especially to Mrs. Fegan, who has been such a good friend of Maynooth over many years.

## RECENT BIRTHS

Congratulations to Eileen & Michael McGovern, Greenfield on the birth of a daughter, Stacey Ann. A sister for Karina.

Congratulations to Mary & Dave Mc Call, 40 Willowbrook, Celbridge, on the birth of a baby boy. Mary was formerly from Dunboyne Rd.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

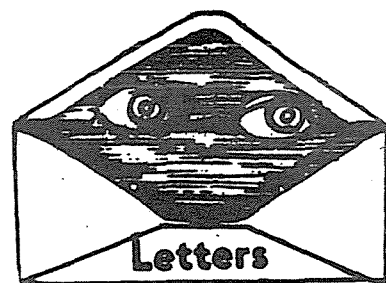
Congratulations to Dick & Dolores Rochford, Australia who celebrated their anniversary on 9th May. From Mr & Mrs Pat Hand & Family, Main St., and also from Liam, Margaret, Tony & Thomas Bean.

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## to the Editor

Dear Sir,  
The Editorial in the May issue of Maynooth Newsletter accused public representatives of all parties of dishonesty in the manner in which they manage our affairs and with distorting the manner in which they account to the public that they represent. I thought at the time of 'first reading' the Editorial that it was rather harsh but following the Estimates Meeting of Kildare County Council (to decide on budget measures for 1983) I now understand better why such sentiments are expressed.

As Chairman of the Co. Council I arranged that the Council's affairs would be examined in detail and that every opportunity would be presented to the elected representatives to express their opinions and to propose amendments to the proposals as presented by the County Manager.

The main trust of the Manager's proposals were that the Grant in Lieu of Rates received from the Dept. of Environment and the proposed increase in Rates on Commercial and Industrial premises would not provide sufficient finance to continue the services provided by the Council and that he proposed making up the shortfall by imposing levies on their services as they are provided to the public. Their regressive taxes, proposed by the County Manager, would not enable the Council to improve in any way the services provided to the already overtaxed residents of Kildare and it is likely that the services will, in fact, have to be further curtailed.

Personally I found this situation unacceptable and I proposed amendments to the Co. Manager's proposal, as follows: 1. To reject the Manager's proposal for an increase in water rates from £25. to £35. per annum per house. This was passed unanimously by the Council.

2. To reject the Manager's proposal for a £5. charge for joining the Public Library. My proposal was rejected by seven votes to 9 votes - five Councillors being absent.  
3. To reject the Manager's proposal for a £25. per annum charge per house for refuse collection, on the grounds that it was regressive in so far as it took no account of ability to pay: that those being levied were already heavily taxed to pay for such services and because of the frightening environmental consequences. Of the sixteen Councillors present when the above proposal was put by me, no Councillors either seconded the proposal or sought to amend it in any way. My proposal fell and the County Manager's refuse collection proposal was adopted.

I further proposed how the Council would raise the shortfall in revenue arising from my motions above.

They, briefly, were as follows:  
(1) To eliminate the current deficit over a ten year period, rather than the five year period suggested.  
(2) To charge the full cost to commercial developers of servicing their land with water and sewerage and other services.  
(3) To increase the commercial and industrial Rates (which can be claimed against Income Tax) by £1. in the £1. Valuation. The need for this alternative did not arise as my motions were rejected.

The only other resolution, of a financial nature, put forward was one from a Fine Gael Councillor that there be a £25. per annum charge for sewerage (This was amended by seeking a loan of £200,000. for minor road repairs and maintenance) and one from a Fiance Fail Councillor seeking the reduction of fees for planning certificates, etc. and had a revenue implication of £2,000 per annum. And we now find that we will be required to 'pay again' for services provided by the County Council despite the fact that we are already paying increased central taxation to finance such services.

The actions of the two Government Parties in opposing such changes in their pre-election policy statements and setting these policies on their heads, with legislative actions, within months of achieving power, understandably leads to such comments from the public as were contained in your Editorial.

The long suffering public should make their views known by direct contact with their Councillors and particularly with their T.Ds. and, if the response is not positive, they (the public) can use the Ballot Box.  
Your sincerely,  
Emmet Stagg.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

April  
30th Mrs Helen Hand, Main St.

May  
27th Mark Rochford, Australia, aged 7.  
30th Ann Lovely, Main St.

June  
8th Tara Cassidy, Dunboyne Rd.  
29th Gillian Barton, Doctors Lane.  
10th John & Ross Tobin, Newtown.  
6th Ann Kelly, Main St.  
21st Margaret Bean, The Harbour.  
28th Brendan Bean, The Harbour.  
21st Michael O'Regan, Main St.  
9th Declan Murphy, Leinster Pk.  
5th Vincent Murphy Jnr, Leinster Pk.  
12th Garry Feeney, Celbridge Rd.  
14th Ursula Ennis, Ladychapel.  
18th Margaret Bean, Main St.  
3rd Kay Moore, O'Neill Pk.  
3rd Michael Bennett, Moneycooley.  
9th Mrs Graham, Newtown.  
15th Mrs Bennett, Mariaville.  
12th Mrs Blunt, Doctor's Lane.  
11th Mrs Kathleen Tracey, Main St.  
5th Breda Bean, The Green.  
9th John Walshe, The Green, age 21.  
3rd Michael Eugene Murphy, Coneyboro, Celbridge, aged 4 from Daddy, Mammy, Brother & Sisters.  
16th Kevin Coughlan, Laragh.  
20th Sean Tracey Jnr, Greenfield.  
1st Uncle Mick Rafferty, Longford, who is 91. From McGovern & Tracey families, Greenfield, with love and best wishes.

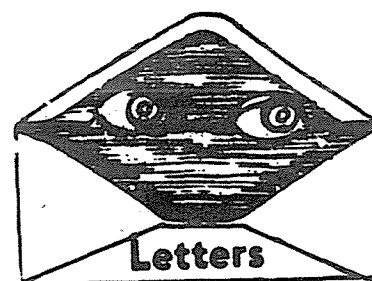
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## to the Editor

Dear Sir,  
Many of your readers may have seen young flag sellers collecting money today in boxes bearing the slogan "Save Carton" and wondered what it was all about.

Well, the fact of the matter is that a campaign is presently being mounted to save Carton House & Estate for the nation. The impetus for this campaign came from the Academic Staff Association of St. Patrick's College, whose members in November 1982 published "A Plan for Carton" in which they envisaged the estate being taken into public ownership and eventually turned into a regional park, with various facilities, such as an Environmental Study Centre, Playing Fields and a Folk Park & Museum, which would serve the recreational needs of the fast growing surrounding towns and Dublin City. The staff of Maynooth Post Primary School at once threw their support behind this plan, as did many prominent people and organisations.

At a meeting in the College on March 29th, a broadly based Carton Committee was formed with the objective of fighting for the preservation of Carton. This committee met in the College on April 19th and divided itself into three sub-committees, Publicity, Local Lobbying and Financial Plan, in order to pursue its aims more effectively.

The Local Lobbying Sub-Committee, of which I am a member, recognises the important part the people of Maynooth can play in saving Carton from commercial exploitation. The

present owners, Powerscreen Ltd., are interested in building hunting lodges and residential houses on the estate and applied to Kildare Co. Council for outline planning permission in July 1981. This application was refused by the County Council in January 1982, but the owners have since applied for a rezoning of the demesne, so the threat to Carton remains.

The Carton Committee opposes the rezoning for building purposes, as this would eventually lead to the dismemberment of this beautiful and historic demesne, which represents, according to the County Kildare Development Plan of 1977, one of the finest remaining examples of "Irish big house architecture and landscaping architecture."

Since the village of Maynooth with its lime trees bordering Main St., is an integral part of the Carton complex, it is natural that the residents should resist any attempt to have this great local asset debased. We can do nothing and allow our town to become another Tallaght, or we can fight to insure Carton is preserved as a great recreational and cultural centre, attracting visitors and tourists, as Versailles, on a grander scale, does in France.

Carton does not have to go the way of other great Irish houses and estates. It can and will be saved, but only if we care enough.

Patrick Downey.  
On behalf of the Staff of Maynooth Post Primary School.

## BEST WISHES

To Pat and Helen Murphy & Family, who have gone to live in Australia. Helen was formerly Helen Hand of Main St.

To all the students who will be sitting their exams this month. We hope they all do well.

## TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK

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## CLLR. STAGG'S NOTES.

CLlr. Stagg. sends details of the following Planning Applications and Decisions:

- (1) re O. Reilly, Dublin Road - Decision: Permission for Conversion of House to four flats.
  - (2) re S. Munzar, Railpark - Refusal of outline planning for housing development.
  - (3) re Crewhill Properties, Moyglare Rd. - Refusal permission 119 houses in lieu of 79 approved.
  - (4) Mrs. Coonan, Doctor's Lane - refusal 12 flats.
  - (5) Castletown Homes, Castletown and Kilmacreddock Upr. - Refusal of approval for 2,019 houses and community facilities.
- Full details available at the local library.

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Hello Children

I would like to start this month by congratulating all of you who took part in the Community Games. You were all marvellous and it is a great pity that there can be only one winner, as you all deserved to win. But don't be downhearted because you did not win, at least you tried anyway. Perhaps you will have better luck next year P.G. So keep up the training.

Now that the community games are over for another year, we have to set our sights on something else and I think the most important one at the moment is the Geraldine Hall project and the work being taken on by the Salesian Co-Operators, which is no easy task. You may well ask yourself, "how can I help." Well there are many ways you can help, but the most important one is to help raise funds. Two ways of raising money are to hold a jumble sale in your own estate or have a book & cake sale. I am sure people will be only too delighted to give to this worthy cause, when they know it is for the good of their children and God knows that the Salesians have done a lot for our children. Lets show our thanks to them by helping them restore this building to its original form.

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### "Firsts for Maynooth School

**MAYNOOTH** post-primary school, only over a decade old, has established itself as one of the premier schools in Co. Kildare, coming first not only in the academic field but also in sporting, cultural, and a plethora of other activities.

According to Mr. Tom Ashe, School Principal, the school has been an innovator in a wide range of subjects, and was the first school in Co. Kildare to introduce computers, and language laboratory to everyday school life, as well as being the first to have summer camp.

The school also had the distinction of being the first, and indeed the only school in the country, to have a handicapped teacher on the staff. As the VEC's contribution to the Year of the Disabled, Miss Kathleen O'Leary was appointed to the post of History and English teacher at the school.

The Parents Association and the Past Pupils Association has always been active in the school and the past pupils, according to Mr. Ashe, make a dozen scholarships available for the Gaeltacht every year. Scholarships are valued at £150 each.

This year, the school won first prize in the U.14 Biology Section of the Aer Lingus sponsored "Young Scientists Exhibition".

In the sporting arena, pupil Mairéad Noonan has represented Ireland at international athletic events and Gráinne Farrelly won the bronze medal in the Leinster U.14 girls championships recently.

The school's U.14 boys badminton team won the Leinster championship some weeks ago and the U.18s were runners-up in their championship.

The school has contributed many footballers to county minor, junior and senior teams, while athletes from the school are said to clean the boards at all school and county championships.

Now children, it is up to you to get your Daddy or Brother to go along and help. I expect there are many little jobs your Mammy or Sister can do also. Get started now children because the money you collect is badly needed.

Hand in your entry for this months competition to John Read, 86 Rail Park or Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield on or before June 12th. Until next month Cheerio and God Bless you all.

The winners of last months competition were  
 Tara Boyd, The Green.  
 Jackie Mooney, 826 Greenfield.  
 Stephen King, 1200 Greenfield.  
 Raymond Fleming, 87 Carton Court.  
 Sarah Hetherington, 25 Greenfield Dr.

And the runners-up were  
 Brian O'Rourke, New Greenfield.  
 Helen Connolly, 838 Greenfield.  
 Christine Lawlor, Ballycahan, Kilcock.  
 Kevin Quinn, Laragh.  
 Niamh Shiel, 47 Maynooth Pk.  
 Derek McDermott, 12 Carton Court.  
 Donal Commene, 77 Rail Pk.  
 Geraldine Caulfield, 7 Laurence Ave.  
 Vicki Kennedy, 111 Carton Court.  
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## FLOWER CLUB

There was a very good attendance at our May meeting. We had a very enjoyable evening given by Mrs E. Morris, who only passed her examinations as a demonstrator last year. She was a very good demonstrator and very enjoyable to listen to.

Results of competition "a Bountiful Basket."

**Class A.** 1st Mrs S. Angel. 2nd Mrs I. Desmond. 3rd Mrs M. Doyle.

**Class B.** 1st Anne McStravick. 2nd Betty Farrell.

**Class C.** 1st Mary Topping.

Results of Plant Competition - 1 Stem of any Shrub. 1st Anne McStravick. 2nd Nellie Bradshaw.

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Competition, Class A, "Summer Magic," exhibit 24". Classes B & C, "Picnic Time," exhibit 18". Plant Competition, 3 stems of any garden flower.

Results of Spring Show held in Divine Word Hostel.

**Class 1.** "Spring in the Woods." 1st Mary Topping. 2nd Nell Byrne. 3rd Olive Stanley.

**Class 2.** "Water Garden." 1st Nell Byrne. 2nd Nora Grogan. 3rd Ann Quigley. Highly Commended Ann McStravick.

**Class 3.** "Fascinating Foliage." 1st Pam Acton. 2nd Mary Lynskey. 3rd Aileen Howard. Highly Commended Theresa Ledwith. Commemded Mary Doyle.

**Class 4.** "Time." 1st Pam Acton. 2nd F. Satchwell. 3rd M. Lynskey.

**Class 5.** "Flowers that Bloom in

the Spring." 1st Eithne Nugent. 2nd Pam Acton. 3rd Imelda Desmond. Commended Theresa Ledwith.

**Class 6.** "Tiny Treasures." 1st Pam Acton. 2nd Imelda Desmond. 3rd Felicity Satchwell. Highly Commended Mary Lynskey. Commended Theresa Ledwith.

**Class 7.** "Through the Eyes of a Child." 1st E Pam Acton. 2nd D Imelda Desmond. 3rd C Aileen Howard.

Garden Section.

**Class 1.** 1st N. Bradshaw. 2nd R. Satchwell. 3rd P. Acton.

**Class 2.** 1st R. Satchwell. 2nd S. Angel. 3rd U. O'Reilly.

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## JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

The club closed its very successful season, having won both U/12 and U/14 Leinster League titles, with a club competition for children not involved with league teams. The results were as follows,

Group 1.

Girls. Winner Fiona O'Malley, Runner-up Lisa Keitley. Boys. Winner Brian McHale, Runner-up Stephen Molloy.

Group 2.

Girls. Winner Rachel O'Keefe, Runner-up Ciara Coughlan. Boys. Winner Darren McDermott, Runner-up Fergal Barton.

Group 3.

Boys. Winner Declan Burke, Runner-up Padraig McHale.

Group 4.

Girls. Winner Melanie Oliver, Runner-up Caroline Duffe. Boys. Winner Macdara McCall, Runner-up Michael Molloy.

At our recent A.G.M. a new committee was elected for 1983/4. The officers are,  
Chairperson, Mrs Miriam Twomey.  
Secretary, Mrs Viva Kearins.  
Ass. Sec., Mrs Kay Burns.  
Treasurer, Mrs Ita Loughnane.  
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## SWIMMING CLUB.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in the local Community Games swimming. Full results will be found in the Community Games results elsewhere in this issue. Good luck to our County Finalists in Athy.

All sessions are in full swing. We would like to welcome a new instructor, Mr. Charlie White into our midst.

He is instructing our Thursday sessions in King's Hospital and we can look forward to great things. Our Friday session in King's Hospital and Saturday Session in Clondalkin will finish in mid June. We hope to continue our Thursday night sessions in King's Hospital for the summer and we may get another session going for those who are through to the Community Games County Finals.

However, our next sessions, P.G. for all our swimmers will be in Stewart's Hospital in September.

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## SOCCER NOTES

21st April. Maynooth 3, Verona 2. This was a great win against high riding Verona. D. Farrell 2 and T. Moore scored the home sides goals.

24th April Grovemont 1, Maynooth 1. This was a good away draw with P. Lafferty scoring the towns goal.

Dunsink 3, Maynooth 3rds 3. The thirds came from 2 goals down to force a draw. K. Kilduff 2 and G. Tracey scoring the goals.

29th April. Mulligan 1, Maynooth 2nds 8. An easy win as the scoreline suggests. T. Nolan 2, T. Moore 2, N. Byrne, S. Moore, B. Carruthers and N. Boyce scored.

2nd May. Maynooth 2nds 4, Mulligan 0. The seconds completed the double over Mulligan. D. Farrell 2, W. Saults and G. Moen scoring the homesters goals on this occasion.

3rd May. Maynooth 7, Central Bank 1. Two more valuable points and plenty of goals per M. Shaw 3, P. Lafferty 2, G. Moen and T. Moore.

4th May. Thirds 3, Dunsink 1. Another good home performance and a fine win. E. Ledwith, B. Carruthers and K. Kilduff scored the goals.

7th May. Seconds 4, Cashel 3. A good home win for the seconds against their nearest rivals in the league. D. Farrell, N. Boyce, J. Nolan and S. Moore scoring the goals.

8th May. N. Eanna 3, Firsts 5. Two more points for the first eleven. S. Moore, J. Nolan 2, D. Farrell and P. Lafferty scoring the goals.

9th May. Giffney Cup Semi-Final. City of Dublin W. Club 3, Maynooth 2nds 5. For all the town supporters who turned up despite the terrible weather, this semi-final produced a fairytale ending. Against a strong wind and driving rain, the Town found themselves 2 goals to nil in arrears at half-time and when C.D.W.C. made this 3-0 early in the second half, all hopes of reaching the final seemed doomed. On the hour Maynoth made the initial breakthrough with a goal from T. Moore and this started the floodgates to open. Further goals per T. Moore, D. Farrell and S. Moore 2 had the Town supporters singing in the rain and the team marched into its first Giffney Cup Final.

10th May. Thirds 3, Club61 3. A draw was a fair result to an even contest with K. Kilduff, T. McTernan and W. Saults scoring for the homesters.

11th May. Seconds 5, Newbridge Rovers 2. D. Farrell scored a fine hat-trick in this match with the Moore brothers, Terry and Sean completing the home sides tally.

12th May. Thirds 3, Dunawley 2. This was something of a 'late late

show' by the home team, who came from 2-1 in arrears with five minutes remaining to snatch victory with two very late goals per T. McTernan and S. Nyland, who added to G. Traceys goal in the first half.

14th May. Valley Celtic 1, Seconds 4. A convincing win over their nearest rivals in the league for the seconds, with J. Nolan 2, D. Farrell and N. Boyce scoring the goals.

15th May. Aer Rianta 3, Firsts 5. Without reaching their best form, the firsts were still too good for the 'Airmen'. T. Moore, D. Farrell 2 and P. Lafferty 2 were the towns marksmen.

Thirds 4, Celbridge 7. In this high scoring local derby, Celbridge proved too good for the thirds whose scores came from K. Kilduff 2, G. Tracey and T. McTernan.

18th May. Mitten Cup Semi-Final Replay. Drimnagh Dynamos 1, Seconds 0. Despite being on top for long periods in this replay, that elusive score would not come to cancel out a second minute goal from Drimnagh. Among the chances missed was a twice taken penalty, with the post becoming the Drimnagh saviour and a rather tame exit from this competition.

By the next issue, all competitions should have reached their finale and hopefully we shall bring good tidings, and once again thank our supporters for turning out in such numbers to cheer us on. It really means a lot to all the players concerned.

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Soccer notes continued

Recent winners of our weekly 300 club draw.

27th April. £100 Eoin Byrne, Greenfield, No. 226. £10 Donal Finnan, Greenfield, No. 297.

4th May. £100 Irwin Garry, c/o W. Saults, No. 71. £10 Mrs Pat Hand, Main St., No. 296.

11th May. £100 Tom Connolly, Main St., No. 59. £10 Terry Moore, Straffan Rd., No. 12.

18th May. £100 The Newsletter. No. 108. £10 Nora Feeney, Celbridge Rd., No. 247.

Congratulations to all concerned, especially all our "friends" in the Newsletter.

(Editorial comment. Much appreciated. Helps to pay our costs. Next issue from the Canary Islands).

## ATHLETIC CLUB

May 1st as well as being the first day of Summer, is also the first day of the Track & Field season and on this particular day this year, Maynooth duly opened the season, if not in style, at least in glory.

The day began ominously enough for the members, when having driven to Athboy for the Fr. Murphy's sports, we were informed that due to the waterlogging of that clubs track, the meeting had been abandoned. Undeterred, we now headed up the road towards Ardee and here

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at least we had a race meeting on our hands. First into the fray were Frank Desmond and Enda Breslin in the Boys U/12 event and although no success was attained, at least the ice had been broken.

In the Girls U/14 race, Grainne Farrelly simply carried on where she had left off in the Cross Country and ran out an easy winner, and she was followed in the Ladies O/30 event by her Mother who had an equally fluent victory. The Girls U/11 had to be content with a second placing per Michelle Ennis, who was in contention for victory up to the last bend, and in the 600m event, Emer Farrelly and Carmel Noonan both ran good races.

Unfortunately for Fiona Lawlor, her U/12 800m race was over by the time she arrived from Athboy, but running in the U/13 event, Fiona ran a cracker and showed she will take a lot of beating in the months ahead. Frank Desmond and Paul Stynes turned out again in the U/13 800m and managed to stay in contention up to the end.

Finally, the really inspiring event of the day, when our U/14 Girls relay won very easily, with Grainne Farrelly. Celine Flanagan. Helen Tracey and Sarah Breslin proving far too strong for the opposition, and this relay team should do very well this season.

It was nice to see Una Breslin out on the track again following a long lay-off due to injury and everybody wishes Una well in her come back effort. So ended the first outing of the season and with cars having to be pushed out of mud, rain pelting down and a bitterly cold wind blowing, I am sure it was hard for the athletes to remember that this was Summer - Irish style.

Wednesday May 11th, brought the faithful to Navan for that clubs road races, and here we were treated to some very fine running and some great victories for Maynooth. The girls and boys all had their own races here, but to avoid time wasting, all were let off together and great rivalry developed, with the girls

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# SPORTS PAGE

Athletic club continued

hoping to outdo the boys and vice versa. Frank Desmond was the winner of the Boys U/12 and was chased home by Fiona Lawlor and Emer Farrelly, for the girls, and Daren Moran for the boys. The final placings were Darren Moran 8th and Fiona 2nd and Emer 3rd in the Girls U/12.

The Ladies O/30 had a very good display and here Mary Farrelly was the winner followed home by Betty O'Connor 2nd and Brid Breslin 3rd.

The Vets also put up good performances and with Maynooth represented in all the age groupings, success came fast and furious. Noel Farrelly was the winner of the O/35 event, Sean O'Connor 2nd in O/40 and Pearse Breslin 2nd in O/45.

The clubs performance in Navan probably constituted a record, as all who travelled were in the 'medals' and the array of trophies etc, on display at the end of the evening was positively dazzling.

Saturday May 9th, had the Leinster Vets and O/30 Road Races Championship at Enfield and here Maynooth finished up with two teams taking some of the spoils. In the Ladies race over 1500m, Mary Farrelly was 3rd, and with good assistance from Betty O'Connor and Brid Breslin, were the third placed team on the night.

The Vets were led home by Brian Redmond, who finished in 8th place after a very good run, being in contention at all stages of the race, and he was followed by Tony Callaghan 25th, Noel Farrelly 28th, closely followed by Mick Gleeson, Mick Gillick, Pearse Breslin, David Jolly and Sean O'Connor. Messrs Redmond, Callaghan and Farrelly were the members of the third team overall.

It was hard to believe, but only 18 hours later, most of above headed off to Dowdallshill in Co. Louth

for juvenile track races and Vets/L O/30 road races, and here we also had a very successful outing.

First winner of the afternoon, which for a change was beautifully warm and sunny, was Grainne Farrelly who led all the way in her 800m event and was never in danger, although faced by a field of almost 100 runners. Enda Gleeson was 6th in this event, Frank Desmond 8th and Darren Moran 19th, were the only two representatives for the boys, but both ran good races and with a field in this event of 120, can be satisfied with their performances.

In the Ladies O/30 event over 500m, Mary Farrelly showed great determination, when not alone winning the O/30 event, but also finishing in 3rd place in the Senior Ladies section of the race. Mary was in contention all the way, and at the line was not far off the winner, Marise Cullen, and can be very proud of her achievement.

The men were depleted in numbers, but not in spirit and here Noel Farrelly, Mick Gleeson and Pearse Breslin were well up all the way. When one considers, that all of the above men, and Mary Farrelly were running their third road race of the week, having covered in excess of 25,000m, one cannot but be impressed by their determination and spirit.

Finally it was a nice family treble for the Farrelly's, one of which any family would be proud, to have Father, Mother and Daughter successful in the one week, and who knows but they may make it a foursome omne of these days.

14th May 1983. Enfield road races on this evening provided some of our vets with another outing and right well they ran as well, despite torrential rainfall for most of the way.

In the ladies race we had three runners and here Betty O'Connor was our first home leading the O/40 bunch, and Brid Breslin was a close second. Mgt. Noonan, running in the O/30 group, was well to the fore at all stages and these three women were third team on the night.

The women having made the pace, it was up to the men to make their move, and so off they went into the hills of Enfield & Clecarrow, and at the end of a six mile run, Tony Callaghan was the first home for the club, finishing in 57th place, followed by Noel Farrelly 71st, Mick Gleeson 72nd and then came David Jolly, Mick Gillick, Pearse Breslin, Paddy Power, Tom Purcell and Sean O'Connor.

When all the results were totted up, the Mens O/40 team of P. Breslin, P. Power, T. Purcell and Sean O'Connor were third team overall, and so honour was satisfied, and a very nice presentation followed at a local hostelry.

Sunday May 15th. As is now usual this day was wet and with the community games on in the local G.A.A. field, and with many members of the athletic club involved, action on the N.A.C.A. front was slim, but some of our members journeyed to Leixlip for the Annual Sports of that club, and later in the evening following the Community Games, a girls U/13 relay team & a vets relay team rushed to Leixlip for the closing events of that meeting.

Brian Redmond, despite 'carrying a leg' was a very creditable 2nd in both the O/35 100m & 800m events and the 4 x 400 relay was won in brilliant style by the Maynooth team of Pat Mahon, Paddy Kelly, Cyril Kavanagh and Matty Cunningham. Matty indeed was winning in front of the home crowd for the first time since he joined Maynooth A.C.

The juveniles who travelled, almost all of whom had been successful in the Community Games, were Helen Tracey, Celine Flanagan, Sarah Breslin and Enda Gleeson, and these girls duly won the U/13 event and so brought the day to a close.

Finally, two of our athletes, Pat Mahon and Gillian Deane have been selected to travel to Portugal in the early days of June on an Irish team and all wish them well on the trip, and sympathise with Mairead Noonan also selected, but unable to travel due to examinations.



Anthony Smith, Greenfield running in the Dunboyne Road Races.

## COMMUNITY GAMES

What a week the poor committee went through prior to Saturday 14th May. Swimming everyday at the college pool, (for this we must thank Father Olden), the water was beautiful this year, nobody wanted to get out of the pool, even little Catherine Duff who had a swim between sessions at the great age of 2 years last March. Let nobody say that the college did not contribute handsomely to our games, as it would have cost us all of £500 if we had to bus all those children elsewhere.

Then there was the house-to-house collection. Believe it or not we have not as yet had time to count the monies, just dumped the boxes in the bank, then came Saturday and Sunday. The weather was on the whole fairly kind to us, the only bad shower was when the Tiny Tots lined out.

The Parade was larger and more colourful than usual, thanks to all the clubs who carried their banners, Athletics, Swimming, Badminton, the Boys Soccer team in their striped jerseys and banner looked very impressive, the Girl Guides, the Scouts

& Cubs who formed a colour party, our Lord Mayor for the day, Owen Byrne, looking fit, well & strong and last but not least Maynooth Brass & Reed Band, who give such a festive feeling to all occasions.

The torch bearers from the various clubs worked well under Mick Gillick. Eilish O'Malley looked after the draw for the reading of the pledge and the lighting of the flame on the bowl of light, and to the strains of our National Anthem, the games were declared open. As usual the Athletic Club did a fantastic job of stewarding the games.

Here great credit must be given to Miss Lecky and Miss Buckley from the boys school, who were such an enormous help behind the lines. Miss Lecky had a magic word called "Lamha trasns," which all mothers and fathers are advised to learn. It has such a soothing effect on a pack of unruly young men. It acted like a sedative, noise stopped, each stood still when he was and folded his arms. Definitely worth a try.

Also behind the lines working non stop was Ann Cotter, Pauline Burke, Anna Kelly, Nooleen O'Brien, Barnara Tracey and Margaret Noonan. I

am mentioning these folks above all else as they definitely have the hardest, least rewarding, most monotonous job in the games. They never see the end of a race, in fact even the beginning, as they are getting the next lot ready. To those and all the stewards who played such a great part to keep the games running smoothly, the Committee wishes to say a great big "THANK YOU."

Results of the games can be seen elsewhere in this Newsletter and we wish to say Good Luck to all those who are going forward to County and "Thank You" to all the children who took part in the games, you at local level are the most important. I cannot leave the athletic events without saluting the "Dads" from the Athletic Club who stood down in the race for fathers, and left it to the ordinary rank and file. That to me is the spirit of Community Games.

The results of the swimming can also be seen elsewhere in this Newsletter. This year myself, Eilis and Margaret, the Golden Oldies, (ahem, probably get two black eyes for that remark and be told to speak for myself), stood down and let the young things, our very lively

Community Games continued

Secretary Susan Igoe and our Asst. Treasurer Ann Cotter, a tower of strength, take over and I must say they did a great job too. Of course that is the secret of being a good general, sit back, give orders and let everybody else do the running. Next year, who knows they might have leather medals for Golden Oldies. Here too we must pause and thank all the students and clerics who came in to cheer us on, and particularly the two clerics who took part in the under 20 race, your silver and bronze medals await you. Thank you for being such good sports. To all the faithful crew who arrived day after day, the whole week, thank you.

Oh, Chalky White called in to see us one day. Think he is beginning to wonder where all you wonderful children have been hiding for the past few years. Certainly he was amazed to find a pool outside his door that he did not even know about. I have a feeling he would love to start 6am sessions there. Any takers?

Father Roe called over to see us another day and could not resist joining in the fun. Fr. Walsh called twice and was delighted with the whole set up. He told me how he loved to swim. How he swam in that same college pool when there was no heat in it at all, and how he dived off the balcony, which is strictly forbidden. Don't tell him I told you that. He looks too dignified now, to imagine him naughty, even when he was young, yet it is at the same time reassuring. I suppose Miss Lecky would have shouted "Lamha Trasna" at him.

As usual with community games, there are so many to say Thank You to, that you are sure to leave somebody out. The Tea Ladies, (very important, they served coffee too), the Recorders, the Announcers, Joe Buckley for the gas and our apologies Joe for not using the window, but Willie Coughlan thought we

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might be putting you at risk and in the rush we overlooked telling you. Pat Travers for cutting the field, the Ladies who put up the bunting, the lads who marked the field, and the lads who put up the banner, the Ladies who ran the shop, everybody who helped in any way, the parents who marched in the Parade and who came to support their children, the Post Primary for the Art and Table Tennis and of course the Landing Pad, not forgetting the judges of the Art. Ellis O'Malley who did such a marathon job behind the scene with the points chart, consisting of 43 events.

The results came out as follows:-  
**Overall Family Cup.** Won again by the Breslins, Kevin plus Virginia 29 points; 2nd (Joint) Dolans & Ennis's with 16 pts; 3rd Desmonds, Farrellys, Noonans & O'Reillys, 14 pts; 4th Flahertys 13 pts; 5th Duffs & Callaghans 10 pts; 6th O'Malleys 9pts.

**Overall Competitor.** Joints Tadhg Lynch & Pascal Ennis, 12 pts each. Tadhg won his from Swimming, Cycling and High Jump, while Pascal collected his from being 1st in athletic events, 100m & 800m and 2nd in field events, Long Jump & Shot Putt.

Well done lads.  
 2nd Overall. Helen Tracey, Grainne Farrelly, Frank Desmond and Seamus Reilly, 11 pts. 3rd Alan Dolan, Katherine Fitzpatrick and Alan Boyd,

10 pts. 4th Fiona Lawlor, Caroline Duff and Deirdre Flaherty, 9 pts. 5th Edmund Duff and Gavin Callaghan, 7 pts. 6th Una Breslin, Sarah Breslin, Shelly Breslin, Enda Gleeson and Aisling Kelly, 6 pts.

Will give details of collection and how the teams are playing next month. Oh, nearly forget, Judo which is also an individual event. Open competition, Seamus O'Reilly. Up to 35kg, Garrett Dalton. Up to 45 kg, Alan Boyd. Up to 50 kg, James Burke. Gym next month.

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### COMMUNITY GAMES RESULTS

#### BOYS SWIMMING

**Float Race.** J. Higgins, Local Level.  
**U/8 Freestyle** 1st Peter Burke. 2nd Brett Igoe. 3rd John Twomey.  
**U/10 Freestyle** 1st Gordon Hayes. 2nd Simon Cotter. 3rd Robert Green.  
**U/10 Backstroke** 1st Gordon Hayes. 2nd Simon Cotter. 3rd Robert green.  
**U/12 Freestyle** 1st Andrew Kirkpatrick. 2nd Darren McDermott. 3rd Evan Igoe.  
**U/12 Breastroke** 1st Evan Igoe. 2nd Peter Dempsey. 3rd Andrew Kirkpatrick.  
**U/14 Freestyle** 1st Brendan Tyrrell. 2nd Niall McCormack. 3rd Alan Boyd.  
**U/14 Breastroke** 1st Alan Boyd. 2nd Alan Lavin. 3rd Fergus Ashe.  
**U/14 Backstroke** 1st Alan Boyd. 2nd Brendan Tyrrell. 3rd Sean Molloy.  
**U/16 Backstroke** 1st A. Dolan. 2nd Tadhg Lynch. Joint 3rd Michael Molloy & Niall O'Malley.  
**U/16 Butterfly** 1st Tadhg Lynch. 2nd Alan Dolan. 3rd Michael Molloy.  
**U/16 Freestyle** 1st Tadhg Lynch. 2nd Alan Dolan. 3rd Michael Molloy.  
**U/17 Freestyle** Local Level. 1st

J. Byrne. 2nd Michael Stynes. 3rd Gordon Read.  
**U/20 Freestyle** Local Level. 1st David Dolan.

#### BOYS ATHLETICS

**Toddlers 3+4** Local Level. 1st Robert Darcy. 2nd Michael Bennett. 3rd Michael Flynn.  
**Toddlers 5+6** Local Level. 1st Paul Flood. 2nd Brendan Hanley. 3rd Gavin Lyons. 4th Finian Murtagh.  
**U/8 50m.** 1st Austin Noonan. 2nd Edwin Duffe. 3rd Paul Moriarty. 4th Brian Collins.  
**U/8 60m** 1st Austin Noonan. 2nd Edwin Duffe. 3rd Paul Moriarty. 4th Jonathan Flynn.  
**U/10 60m** 1st Hugh Purcell. 2nd Gavin Callaghan. 3rd Loughlin O'Donnell. 4th Damian Carroll. 5th Paul Byrne. 6th Edward Lacey.  
**U/10 100m** 1st Hugh Purcell. 2nd Gavin Callaghan. 3rd Pdraig Hogan. 4th Damian Carroll. 5th Loughlin O'Donnell. 6th Donal O'Riordan.  
**U/10 200m** 1st Gavin Callaghan. 2nd Pdraig Hogan. 3rd Joseph Nevin. 4th Edward Lacey. 5th Loughlin O'Donnell. 6th Paul Byrne.  
**U/12 100m** 1st Pdraig McHale. 2nd Frank Desmond. 3rd Joseph

O'Riordan. 4th Emmet Mullan. 5th Brian McHale. 6th Peter Flanagan.  
**U/12 600m** 1st Frank Desmond. 2nd Enda Breslin. 3rd Anthony Smith. 4th Darren Moran. 5th Brian McHale. 6th John Carroll.  
**U/14 100m** 1st Pascal Ennis. 2nd Paul Stynes. 3rd Dara Callaghan. 4th John McLoughlin. 5th Declan Burke. 6th David Faherty.  
**U/14 800m** 1st Pascal Ennis. 2nd Dara Callaghan. 3rd Fergus Ashe. 4th Declan Burke. 5th David Faherty. 6th Paul Stynes.  
**U/16 100m** 1st Thomas Madden. 2nd Christopher O'Reilly. 3rd Phillip Farrelly. 4th Michael Faherty. 5th Paul Cosgrove.  
**U/16 1500m** 1st Colm O'Donnell. 2nd Killian Fagan. 3rd Patrick Burke. 4th Michael Faherty. 5th Tadhg Lynch. 6th Thomas Madden.  
**U/17 100m** 1st Cathal Power. 2nd Chris O'Reilly.  
**U/20 1500m** Local Level. 1st David Dolan. Only one ran.  
**Fathers Race** 1st Gerry McTernan. 2nd Tom Sullivan. 3rd Pat Hogan.  
**U/12 Relay** 1st Brian McHale, Ken Hyland, Joe O'Reilly and Frank Desmond.  
 2nd Peter Flanagan, John Carroll, Anthony Smith and Edward Lyons.

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**U/17 Marathon** 1st Cathal Power.

2nd Seamus O'Reilly. 3rd Chris O'Reilly.

**U/12 Long Puck** 1st Frank Desmond.

2nd M. Byrne. 3rd J. O'Riordan.

**U/14 Shot Putt** 1st P. Ennis. 2nd D. Faherty. 3rd J. McLoughlin.

**U/14 Long Jump** 1st P. Ennis. 2nd J. McLoughlin. 3rd D. Faherty. 4th D. Callaghan. 5th F. Ashe. 6th P. Stynes.

**U/16 Discus** 1st Seamus O'Reilly. 2nd Alan Declan. 3rd Thomas Madden.

**U/16 High Jump** 1st S. O'Reilly. 2nd T. Lynch. 3rd C. O'Reilly. 4th T. Madden.

**U/16 Cycling** 9 miles. 1st Michael Cannon. 2nd Tadhg Lynch. 3rd Alan Dolan.

## BOYS ART

**U/8** 1st Edwin Duffe. 2nd Peter Burke.

**U/10** 1st Damien Carroll. 2nd Declan Gaffney. 3rd Harold Keane.

**U/12** 1st Fergal Tynan. 2nd Conor McCormack. 3rd Enda Breslin.

**U/14** 1st Gregory Kirwan. 2nd Alan Lavin. 3rd Darren Gaffney.

**U/16** Niall O'Malley.

**Modelling U/14** Derek Hardiman.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

**Float Race** 1st Derina O'Malley. 2nd Lee Ann Hughes.

**U/8 Freestyle** 1st Nicola Fox. 2nd Karen Higgins. 3rd Ann Marie Gallagher.

**U/10 Freestyle** 1st Elaine Fox. 2nd Ciara Houlihan. 3rd Fiona O'Malley.

**U/10 Backstroke** 1st Ciara Houlihan. 2nd Jill McDonough. Joint 3rd Suzanne Higgins & Fiona O'Malley.

**U/12 Breastroke** 1st Martina Gallagher. 2nd Sandra Gillick. 3rd Catherine Ashe.

**U/12 Freestyle** 1st Jennifer Byrne. 2nd Sandra Gillick. 3rd C. Fox.

**U/14 Freestyle** 1st Orlaith Murphy. 2nd Helen Tracey. 3rd Carol Murray.

**U/14 Breastroke** 1st Ann Marie Twomey. 2nd Ida Fagan. 3rd Celine Flanagan.

**U/14 Backstroke** 1st Helen Tracey. 2nd Carol Murray. 3rd Orlaith Murphy.

**U/16 Freestyle** 1st Caroline Duff. 2nd Fiona Kearns. 3rd Cloddagh Desmond.

**U/16 Backstroke** 1st Caroline Duff. 2nd Kathline Nevin. 3rd Cloddagh Desmond.

**U/16 Butterfly** 1st Fiona Kearns. 2nd Caroline Duff. 3rd Kathline Nevin.

**U/17 Freestyle** Local Level. 1st G. Deane. 2nd Shelly Breslin. 3rd A. Nolan.

**U/20 Freestyle** Local level. 1st Pamela Burke. 2nd Ann Marie McDermott. 3rd Ursula Byrne.

## GIRLS ATHLETICS

**Toddlers 3+4** 1st Michelle Lecky. 2nd Virginia Breslin. 3rd Clodagh King. 4th S. Ryan.

**Toddlers 5+6** 1st Elaine Flanagan. 2nd Patricia Purcell. 3rd Emer O'Sullivan. 4th Tanya McDermott.

**U/8 60m** 1st Maeve Casey. 2nd Gillian Deane. 3rd Caoimhe O'Sullivan. 4th Claire O'Connor.

**U/8 80m** 1st Maeve Casey. 2nd Gillian Power. 3rd Caoimhe O'Sullivan. 4th Claire O'Connor.

**U/10 60m Hurdles** 1st A. Kelly. 2nd C. Noonan. 3rd Lorraine Corbett. 4th D. Faherty. 5th D. Stynes.

**U/10 100m** 1st D. Faherty. 2nd A. Kelly. 3rd C. Noonan. 4th B. Fitzpatrick. 5th Lisa McCluskey. 6th Lorraine Corbett.

**U/10 200m** 1st D. Faherty. 2nd

# Community Games continued

C. Noonan. 3rd A. Kelly. 4th Lisa McCluskey. 5th Bernadette Fitzpatrick.

**U/12 100m** 1st F. Lawlor. 2nd S. Gillick. 3rd M. Ennis. 4th H. Madden. 5th E. Farrelly. 6th M. Healy.

**U/12 600m** 1st F. Lawlor. 2nd M. Ennis. 3rd E. Farrelly. 4th J. Byrne. 5th S. Gillick. 6th M. Healy.

**U/14 100m** 1st G. Farrelly. 2nd C. Flanagan. 3rd S. Breslin. 4th E. Gleeson. 5th H. Tracey. 6th P. Kelly.

**U/14 800m** 1st G. Farrelly. 2nd E. Gleeson. 3rd H. Tracey. 4th P. Kelly. 5th N. Noonan. 6th S. Ennis.

**U/16 1500m** 1st Catherine Fitzpatrick. 2nd Collette Dunning. 3rd Oonagh Breslin.

**U/16 100m** 1st C. Fitzpatrick. 2nd O. Breslin. 3rd M. O'Brien. 4th C. Dunning.

**U/17 100m** 1st M. Noonan. 2nd S. Breslin. 3rd M. O'Riordan. 4th G. Deane. 5th M. Kelly.

**Mothers Race.** 1st Mgt Noonan. 2nd Mary Farrelly. 3rd Betty O'Connor.

**U/12 Relay** 1st Geraldine Breslin, Sandra Gillick, Fiona Lawlor and Deirdre Faherty.

2nd Linda Bradley, Lisa Keatley, Helen Byrne and Catriona Bright. 3rd Michelle Ennis, Aisling Kelly, Deirdre Stynes and Carmel Noonan.

**U/14 Long Puck** 1st Enda Gleeson. 2nd Helen Tracey. 3rd Sarah Breslin.

**U/14 Long Jump** 1st H. Treacy. 2nd G. Farrelly. 3rd S. Breslin. 4th S. Ennis. 5th N. Noonan. 6th L. Power.

**U/14 Shot Putt** 1st Grainne Farrelly. 2nd Enda Gleeson. 3rd Sarah Breslin. 4th Collette Duff. 5th P. O'Riordan.

**U/16 High Jump** 1st C. Fitzpatrick. 2nd O. Breslin. 3rd M. O'Riordan. 4th C. Dunning.

**U/17 Javelin** 1st Shelly Breslin. 2nd Mairead Noonan. 3rd Catherine

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**U/10** 1st Fiona Lynch. 2nd Nessa Hogan. 3rd Kathy Tynan.

**U/12** 1st Alison Quinn. 2nd Joyce Carroll. 3rd Helen Keane.

**U/14** 1st Sarah Breslin. 2nd Ann Marie Sheehan. 3rd Collette Duff.

**U/16** 1st Oonagh Breslin. 2nd Mary Burke. 3rd Caroline Duff.

**U/14 Modelling** 1st Fiona O'Connor. 2nd Emer Hardiman. 3rd Paula Kelly.

## GERALDINE HALL PROJECT

As this is a heavy month for the Newsletter, I will just give you a short note. First many thanks to the committee & editor of the Newsletter for the publicity given to us. The interest in the town is great.

First to the door was John McGarry, ready to start on the electric work THERE AND THEN, but we must get some funds to buy materials first. We are aiming for £2,000. We are starting fund raising with a run from Maynooth to Ballinakill on Saturday June 4th, leaving the town at 10 o'clock. We want as

many cars as possible to join us, bring a picnic, there are no sponsored cards, just collecting in the towns on route. We have permission from the Garda.

Dress up the young ones, bring along the bells. The merrier the cavalcade, the more likely we are to draw attention. Signing on for the run, will take place in the Geraldine on Tuesday 24th May, but anybody can join in, young 'uns can ride from town to town. Let us hope it will be a day of fun and laughter and of course, music.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE GERALDINE ON TUESDAY JUNE 7th at 8.30.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, YOUNG AND OLD.

Come prepared to sign on for jobs or to give us ideas. By then we shall know how we fared on the collection. If anybody has any bright ideas for painless extraction of monies, let us know.

Next month I will let you know who the committee will be, and the names of those who are willing to give of their time for the YOUTH OF OUR TOWN. Several people have already approached me. I think a great many of our people are going to "Put Love Into Action." See you on the 4th or 7th. More next month.

## CLINIC COUNCILLOR G. BRADY

Councillor G. Brady will attend at a clinic every Friday Evening 7pm - 9pm at Main Street, Maynooth.

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