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Press Release

by Mr. Joe Birmingham, T.D., Minister of State in relation to Maynooth Castle

Maynooth Castle, a national monument in the guardianship of the Commissioners of Public Works, is undergoing a major scheme of conservation works costing approximately £75,000. The works are designed to secure the preservation of the structure and includes securing wall tops and replacing cut stonework where necessary. Conservation work has been completed on the Keep and is in progress on the Gatehouse. The works are scheduled for completion in 1986.

Maynooth Castle is one of the outstanding thirteenth century castles in Leinster both from an architectural and historical point of view. The exact date of the buildings is not recorded but it is clear from the general character and details that they are of the thirteenth century. The Castle is rich in the history of Kildare and was used at various times by some of the Earls of Kildare. Its history is also intimately linked with that of Maynooth College.

Steps are being taken by the Commissioners to have the Castle vested in them so that they can plan for its long-term preservation and presentation to the public. The work at the Castle together with the restoration work carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works at Taghader Round Tower is indicative of the good work being done by them in the context of the preservation of the monuments of Kildare.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tidy Towns

A Public Meeting has been organised by the Community Council with the goal of re-activating a Tidy Towns Committee in Maynooth. This meeting takes place on February 14th in the I.C.A. Hall at 8pm. All interested people are cordially invited to attend. As can be seen from earlier markings there is great room for improvement in this area.

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write this editorial the Year is still young and, even though a little wish our readers a Happy New Year, it is still early enough to look to the coming year. Not a very pleasant prospect, but still we hope perhaps The Budget will surprise us pleasantly at least. Although the cts are not over pleasant, still let us rather look to what we can rselves rather than what others are not doing. President Franklin D. elt, during the Big Depression is quoted as saying, "Do what you can, you can, where you can" and this is sound thinking. The boot is on ot and we ourselves must do the kicking for better or worse.

alling value of £ Sterling on the world market, whilst it tends to make s competitive in the British market, will at least make it less profitable e thoughtless to go up North to shop. It will leave British goods cheaper This may not make a lot of difference in our economy, but at least / have good side benefits.

xcellent response to the appeals for help for our starving African brethren .5 million is a wonderful figure - shows us at the same time what we do for ourselves, if only we make the effort. £25 million invested here dustry would provide quite a few jobs, not to mention off-spin from jobs which tends to provide work for others. While we do not regret halfpenny of the money raised for Africa, at the same time we would out that a similar effort for our own country (which apparently has overstrained any of the givers) would do wonders for our workers and ur own morale.

as important, it is vital that those who have money should invest it r own country, and there is still money in this country. Money is being n from the Tax man, being invested in gold, jewellery and antiques, st lying in safe deposit boxes. There is quite a lot of suffering in the ry because of it. When it comes to money, we seem to be rearing of pessimists. Where are the courageous Irishmen we used to hear of? we rearing a lot of cowardly ninnies? There are plenty of opportunities he brave if they will only look forward. Certain politicians show this hemselves, if not for the country.

ers too, even if they haven't money to spare, can invest in Ireland with labour. A good day's work for a day's pay (no lead swinging), no absen- n, more respect for the employers property, restraint for a few years y demands (not a standstill, just restraint).

ar on crime is also necessary. Each and every one should be forthcoming evidence where available in criminal matters. Be men, not mice. Actions what are needed, not waits about the increase in crime. Help law enforce- , report suspicious movements to the police - have a little guts.

e are but a few ways to look forward to the coming year and, if we act on them, 1985 will be a year of new hope and, perhaps, posterity.

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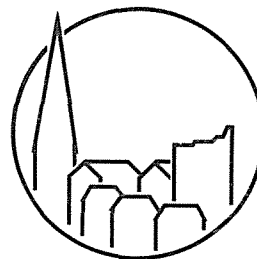
Birthday Greetings to the following:

January

13th: David Coughlan, The Square.
16th: Jason Reilly, Moygaddy.
17th: Jim Moore, O'Neill Park.
22nd: Ken O'Brien, Leinster Cottages.
29th: Geraldine Bean, The Green.
30th: Mona Murphy, Leinster Park.
31st: Geraldine Breslin, Leinster Park.

February

1st: Annie Connolly, Greenfield.
2nd: Una McGovern, Greenfield
2nd: Tony Kelly, Ladychapel.
3rd: Frances Murphy, O'Neill Park.
5th: Barry Collins, Mariaville.
11th: Valerie Rafferty, Moyglare.
14th: Vincent Murphy, Leinster Park.
16th: Aisling Barton, Maynooth.
16th: Dick Rochford and daughter Joanna, Australia, from Mr. & Mrs. Pat Hand and family. Also the Bean family, Main Street.



Maynooth Community Council

Comhairle Phobail Mhá Nuad

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a well attended meeting of the Community Council on Dec. 10th last, members were informed by Proinsias Breathnach and Jim Mc Manus of their oral Submission on The Draft County Development Plan to Kildare Co. Council. The Submission made at a meeting on Nov. 16th was attended by County Councillors from the Clane electoral area. Discussion centred on many topics - in particular the plan for Itinerants in Maynooth and in the County; and the alternate uses of the "Thing" in the square. Although included in the oral and written submissions this particular item will be treated as a separate issue. Suggested uses of the building are of as, (i) tourist office, (ii) Community Centre. The County Council stated that all proposals would be entertained and carefully looked into.

Mrs. Maura Cullen informed the Council on the progress of the Canal Project Group. Work was being carried out near Laraghbryan and Maura appealed for more volunteers to help. We are delighted for the R.C.A.G. that their function prior to Christmas in the Hitchin Post was a success. It was pleasing to note from Maura that C.I.E. will contribute to and help the R.C.A.G. and that the Board of Works intend certain restoration of the canal.

Finance

In relation to Subscriptions from Voluntary Organisations, it was pointed out by Peter Nevin (Treasurer) that the response so far was quite slow. The Community Council ask all Voluntary Organisations to please forward their £10.00 subscription. The Council have so far managed on a small intake of funds but as projects advance this year, more funding will obviously be required. The Subscription may be paid to our Treasurers Peter Nevin or Ann McStravick or indeed through any Council member.

There then followed reports from the Sub-Committees of their activities.

On Social Services, Leo McGlynn reported that with the help of Gerry Colreavey (Maynooth College), up to twenty five people had volunteered to assist in the setting-up and running of an Information Centre in Maynooth. Extra mural classes are to be organised in St. Patrick's College to introduce the idea. Volunteers are still required - so if interested please contact Leo McGlynn or your Council representative. We are happy to say that since the December meeting, premise. for the Information Centre have been acquired. They are situated above the Public Library in the Main Street.

Tom McMullen, on Education, stated that his committee were continuing their work on setting up extra curricular activities. An approach would be made to Mr. O'Connell for use of the Primary School and a list of teachers from college students

would be compiled to train the children in these activities. Tom further stated that the Students Union had kindly offered the use of their hall for games such as basketball, etc.

In Sport and Recreation, Larry O'Brien appealed to Sporting Organisations of the town to please attend their Sub-Committee meetings. Next meeting January 28th. With their discussions centred on a Sports Complex for Maynooth it is felt that all sporting bodies are very much a part of any Sports Complex and that the opinions and desires of each body are vital.

From Planning and Development, Fionan Hardiman reported that a Public Meeting on Tidy Towns in Maynooth will be held on February 14th in the I.C.A. hall at 8pm. Other areas of development being studied by this committee are (i) Traffic problems (ii) Itinerants (iii) Condition of roads (iv) Overall drainage system, especially where flooding frequently

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FROM JAMES O'HAGAN, STRAFFAN

PHONE :- 288420

curs. The commuter train service d times of trains is another issue ndled by our Planning Committee. meeting of all communities between ynooth and Connolly Station takes ice soon and the Community Council ill ensure to have a delegation esent.

mentioned in a previous edition, Youth Affairs Committee are nning a campaign to counteract ler-age drinking. A public meeting I take place in February (date be announced) and Des Walsh most confident that existent support an Identity Card System in May- th will continue to grow.

e Residents Association Sub-Commit- reported on their attempts to rove the Communal T.V. Service Maynooth. Following a meeting ended by Mr. & Mrs. P. Hayes, rbridge, the following points were sed by Mr. Hayes as to why TV eption and service in Maynooth ot up to expectations.

Lack of finance, due to 35% ontracted subscribers refusing pay. The result of this according Mr. Hayes is an inability to invest more modern equipment. (ii) uthorised and incorrect connecting the system by people already onnected. (iii) Vandalism to d larceny of valuable equipment. ile in no way acting in Mr. Hayes' erests, the committee are asking e public to list their grievances d problems and to forward same the Dept. of Communication, otch House, Burgh Quay, D.1, attention of Mr. O'Rourke or

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL			
Financial Report			
June 1984 (Incorporation) to 31st December 1984			
INCOME:		£	£
1. Funds handed over by Steering Committee			129.23
2. Contributions from local organisations			60.00
			189.23
EXPENDITURE:			
3. Postage		20.00	
4. Stationery (Letterheading)		25.00	
5. Bank Charges		1.75	
6. Duplicating		23.24	
7. Photocopying		3.50	
8. Rental of School Rooms		60.00	133.49
Surplus for Period			55.74
REPRESENTED BY:			
9. Cash at Bank		79.74	
10. Less Accrued liability		24.00	55.74
Prepared by Peter Nevin - Honorary Treasurer			
Audited by Peter Murphy - A.C.A.			

Mr. O'Connor. Also send a list to Mr. Hayes and to the Community Council. A letter concerning this survey will be given to all subscribers in the very near future.

Final discussion focused on the Itiner- ant. Problem. Proinnias Breathnach distributed a report from the County Manager on Settlement Strategy for Travellers. Much debate ensued on the relevance of the report and

its possible meaning for Maynooth. A decision was made to send a delegation from the Community Council to meet Kildare Co. Council on this issue. Terms of reference for our delegates were agreed upon. The meeting ended with arrangements made for the first Annual General Meeting on Jan. 14th. A report on the A.G.M. is included in this issue of the Newsletter. Colm Nelson, P.R.O.



1984 Tidy Towns Competition

PROGRESS AND CHANGES 1983-1984



Centre: MAYNOOTH
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EFFORT	may take into account sustained effort over a number of years of the overcoming of special local difficulties	Max.	1983	1984
	The apparent lack of community effort with respect to open spaces, approach roads and litter is surprising since the standard of buildings is so high.	35	24	23
TIDINESS	appropriate placing of litter bins, absence of litter, derelict sites, buildings and indiscriminate dumping Litter control is appalling. Litter is strewn everywhere. Layers of posters remain on telegraph poles etc. The playground is in very bad condition. Derelict buildings, sites and dumped cars all detract from the town.	20	12	8
PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS	shops, business premises, banks, factories, historic and public buildings Most buildings throughout the town are presented to a very high standard and are a credit to their owners. However, the entrance to Carton House is very untidy.	20	16	17
PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES	open spaces, village greens, river banks, foreshore, parks, trees The area around the university entrance is very well maintained while many other amenity areas are neglected, e.g. the canal opposite the railway station. The green behind the public toilets needs better maintenance.	25	16	15
APPEARANCE OF APPROACH ROADS	verges, streets, back lanes and footpaths The approach roads and back lanes are almost completely neglected and give a very poor impression of the town.	20	9	7
PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS	including open spaces Many houses and gardens are very well maintained. Some open spaces are presented well but attention must be given to over-grown edges and weeds in roadside gutters.	15	11	11
PRESENTATION OF STREET FURNITURE	on roads, car parks, open spaces, including road signs Many litter bins are damaged or need freshening up. Some seats are suggested at the canal side opposite the station. The plant tubs on the roof of the public toilets only contain weeds.	15	10	9
	Maynooth has many natural and inherited assets that could be better highlighted by attending to the problem areas.	150	98	90

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Annual General Meeting of Community Council was held Jan. 14th in the Post Primary school. The meeting opened with Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31st. The Chairman thanked Peter for his work in preparing the report (which is included in this edition).

ction of Officers

Officers elected to serve on the Executive for the coming year are as follows:

Chairperson - Proinsias Breathnach
 Vice Chairperson - Tom Purcell
 Secretary - John McGinley
 Minutes Secretary - Kevin Murphy
 Treasurers - Peter Nevin and Ann McStravick
 P.R.O. - Colm Nelson

On behalf of the Community Council, I thank Madeline Stynes and Willie Mullins for their diligent work on the Executive since Council was formed.

For the remainder of the A.G.M., the Council divided into four discussion groups. The purpose of this exercise was for council members to discuss the activities, structure and direction of the Community Council so far. A chairman was selected for each

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group and reports will be made to the Executive as to how members see the Community Council working to date.
 Colm Nelson, P.R.O.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Belated best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Pat Hand, Main Street, Maynooth, who celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on December 26th.

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NOTES FROM BERNARD DURKAN, T.D.

Deputy Durkan received the following from the County Engineer re the continued presence of itinerants on the Moyglare Road.

"The construction of proper footpaths, drainage and landscaping on the Moyglare Road is, in my opinion, most desirable and would help to alleviate the problem referred to. However, due to the present extremely difficult financial situation for road maintenance, I see little prospect of being able to undertake this work in the near future and I feel the real solution will have to await the construction of an itinerant site in the area.

Regional Technical College, Kildare

Following an enquiry to the Minister for Education as to whether consideration will be given to the siting of a regional technical college in Co. Kildare, the Minister replied that the Regional Technical Colleges in this country were set up to serve designated regions. The southern part of Co. Kildare is served by Carlow Regional Technical College while the northern part including Naas is served by the City of Dublin third-level colleges. The Government has given a commitment to the establishment of new Regional Technical Colleges in the Greater Dublin area, one of which will be located in Tallaght. There are no plans to provide a Regional Technical college in Naas.

Enquiries re New Garda Sub-Division for Kildare and New Station for Leixlip.

Having been asked to consider the possibility of creating a new Garda sub division in Kildare with particular reference to north Kildare (Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth) and also the possibility of providing a Garda station in Leixlip, the Minister for Justice has replied that there are no proposals for either of the above at present. Both would require additional manpower on indoor duty, at the expense of outdoor operational duty. Therefore it is necessary to examine the possibility of improving the existing service by allocation of additional manpower and other resources before embarking on structural changes or establishing a new station in any area.

Since the beginning of 1984, one extra Garda has been allocated to both Celbridge and Maynooth. New communications equipment has been installed

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APPLY:- Vincent Doyle, 3 Pound St. Maynooth.

also, which should be in operation in early 1985. Lucan now have 47 Gardaí, compared with 37 at the end of 1981, and part of the area formerly served from the station is now served from the station at Ronanstown, opened in January 1984.

1985 Provision for Sport

Regarding the 1985 Provision for Sport, £1,085,000, the Minister of State has explained that this figure represents an increase of £139,000 or 14.6% over the corresponding 1984 provision.

MAYNOOTH BRANCH FINE GAEL

The last meeting of the Branch was held on Thursday, 10th January, in the I.C.A. Hall.

There was a large attendance and many local problems were discussed, including changing the 7.15 train to Connolly Station to 6.55 instead, which did not seem to suit most people. It was felt that there is a very inadequate bus and train service from Maynooth in the mornings. There was an all party Dail deputation

to Paul Conlon in C.I.E. recently about these services and we hope something will be done soon.

The Branch also felt that there should be lights on the Straffan Road near the entrance to Kingsbry, as this entrance cannot be seen at all as one approaches Maynooth on the Straffan Road. A child was badly injured there recently and unless something is done about lighting this area, it could happen again.

We would like to congratulate Vincent Kelly on his organising of the function held in the Hamlet, Johnstownbridge, to present Certificates of Merit to members of branches in the Clane area. It was a really great night which everybody seemed to enjoy. We would also like to thank the Hamlet for a very enjoyable meal.

Our A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday, 5th February, at 8.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall, and new members are particularly welcome.

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Recent Deaths

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Mr. Dominic Guest, Leinster Park, Maynooth, on the death of his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Guest.

The sons and relatives of the late Mrs. Kitty Moynan, Dunboyne Rd., Maynooth.

The wife, sons and relatives of the late Sean Kenny, Avondale, Leixlip.

The family and relatives of the late Mrs. Mary Valentine Cullen of Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

The Family and relatives of the late Margaret Mee, formerly of Leinster Cottages.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The members of Maynooth Flower and Garden Club wish to thank most sincerely everyone who helped at our recent Flower and Craft Festival in Castletown House: those who donated Raffle Prizes, gave Subscriptions, Clothes, Cakes, Plants, Flowers, Bric-a-brac, etc. etc., all those who exhibited their Art and Craft, and especially you the public who, by your presence at the Festival, made the whole weekend worthwhile.

A very special thanks to all non-members who gave so much of their time Stewarding, Catering, Manning Stalls, Selling Preview Tickets, Collecting Raffle Prizes, and Car Park Attendants.

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A cheque for £3,695 was presented to Mrs. Vera Walshe on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis at our Christmas Demonstration in the S.V.D. Hostel.

Next meeting 19th February in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 pm. Demonstration by Mrs. Olive Hammlon.

Non-members welcome.

LABOUR PARTY ADVICE SERVICE

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

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

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

I.C.A. NOTES

At a meeting held in the ICA Hall on January 3rd 1985 the new president, Mrs. Madeliene Stynes introduced the new committee as follows:

Secretary: Mrs. R. Hanley
Treasurer: Mrs. Joan Grant
Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. Bridie Brady
Arts Promoter: Mrs. B. Brady
Crafts Promoter: Mrs. M. Gee
Contest Secretary: Mrs. Delaney
Youth & Sport Officer: Mrs. Ann Tyrrell
International Officer: Mrs. Betty Farrell
An Grianan Representative: Mrs. Curran
Produce Promoter: Mrs. McMyler
Chief Hostesses: Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Scanlan

Mrs. Stynes thanked the outgoing president Mrs. McMyler for all her hard work during the last three years and wished all members a very happy and prosperous new year.

The winner of the "Slice of Cake" competition was R. Hanley with Mrs. B. Brady second and Mrs. B. Cunningham third.

The raffle was won by Mrs. T. Bennett with Mrs. M. Brady second and B. Cunningham third.

Meetings are held each month on 1st Thursday in the I.C.A. Hall. New members always welcome.

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MAYNOOTH OLD FOLKS COMMITTEE

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Sale of Work in November such a great success. The sale realized a total of £1,800 profit which unfortunately is now spent - our Christmas Fuel bill used almost all of that amount.

The Christmas Party for our Old People was held on 9th Dec. in S.M.A. Once again this proved a most enjoyable evening. With visitors from Lucan and Dunboyne and our own guests we had over 100 people. Fr. John Dunne celebrated Mass which was followed by tea and plenty of entertainment and of course the evening would not have been complete without a visit from "Santa" himself, who took time out from his busy schedule to spend some time at the Party. He did plenty of "Kissing" and dancing in that order!

During the month of December members of the committee were approached by Mr. Bill Donovan, O'Briens Supermarket, asking their opinion for a special shopping night for Old People. We decided to put it to them at the party and it looked a very interesting proposition so Wed. 12th Dec. was decided upon. The Supermarket opened specially at 6.30 and more than 80 old folk arrived, where they were met by Mr. Eugene A. O'Brien and Mr. Bill Donovan. Upon entering the store, they were given a drink of their choice and then commenced their shopping at 10% discount. Each one received a gift of sherry, sweets or a tin of biscuits and this was

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followed by tea and sandwiches in the Coffee Kitchen. It was a beautiful and thoughtful gesture by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Donovan and their staff who gave their time free of charge to man the checkouts and the various counters in the store. Our sincerest thanks to all who made this special evening such a success.

Christmas really did not end this year for the Old Folk until the official day 6th Jan. This was the evening they were entertained to their Christmas Dinner by Mr. & Mrs. Peter O'Brien and their staff in the Post Primary School. Mr. Ashe had as usual put the beautiful library in the Post Primary School at our disposal for the afternoon. We had 140 guests attend the dinner and during the afternoon Mrs. Brady (our chairman) made a presentation to Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien on behalf of the Committee. We were entertained by members of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band who, as always, gave us so willingly of their time.

We are so lucky in Maynooth. We have so many kind and caring people who are so willing to help both financially and other ways with our Old People, bearing in mind the terrible things that have happened recently. We need a few more committee members, especially in the Carlton Court and Kingsbry areas, so if you have a little time to spare we would appreciate it. We promise you will not have to work too much nor spend too much time away from a family. It helps to have

committee members in the various areas of the parish. Please think about it - and you can get in touch with me or any other committee member.

Once again our sincerest thanks to all who helped us during 1984 and we look forward to receiving the same kind support during 1985. Carol Barton, Hon. Sec. (286664)

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W GREENFIELD RESIDENTS SOCIATION

h Christmas well behind us now, above association can look back a very successful period up to d during the holidays. The highlight s our Childrens Christmas Party d on Dec. 16th. Over 100 children om our estate attended and a er time was had by young and ! The committee extend their nks to all who helped with the rty. A special word of thanks Mrs. Brady and Mrs. O'Reilly the I.C.A. Also to Owen Byrne, e Costello Leinster Arms and to rry in Caulfields. An Oscar and cere thanks to Des Walsh for ying the Leading Role so well. e party was funded through the ekly raffles on our estate and ll done to all winners. Congratulat- is to Gerry and Emily Moen on air Hamper winning (again!).

or to Christmas a Social Night Residents was held in the Leinster ms. All present certainly entered o the spirit of Xmas. We thank n Kirby for preparing food and rry McDonnell certainly obliged providing music.

is committee wish to express air grave concern at the terrible ercrowding which occurs on their hool bus in the evenings. Parents e very worried indeed about this

matter and we just wonder are any other estates experiencing these difficulties, or would they be interested in meeting our committee to discuss the problem? We as a group feel that while parents are paying for their children they should not be subject to such gross and dangerous overcrowding.

The Association are now planning ahead for 1985. We hope to have our summer outing for children in July, and possibly arrange a Supper Dance sometime in February or March. Finally, on behalf of New Greenfield Residents Association, may we extend our sincere sympathy to David and Pat Moynan on the sad passing of their dear mother. May she rest in peace.

Colm Nelson (Secretary).

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Community Games

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V. Chairman- Peig Lynch.
Secretary- B. Breslin.
As. Sec.- R. Sheehan.
treasurer- T. Bennett.
P.R.O.- K. O'Brien.

County Delegates- N. McDermott
& S. Breslin.

The next meeting will take place
on 18th February at 8.30pm.

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We can look back with a sense of achievement on 1984.

To commence with the Cub-Scout section, we are pleased to announce that there are now no eligible boys on the waiting list. Thanks to an increase in Cub Leaders a second Cub Pack was formed in October. There are twenty cubs in this pack with three leaders. The original cub pack has twentyfive cubs and four leaders. In August fourteen cubs spent a weekend camping in Donadea woods. They were accompanied by three leaders and two Venturers. A great time was had by all. The cubs also took part in all regional activities including a quiz and soccer tournament.

In the Scout section we have twenty Scouts with three Leaders. The highlight of the year for the Scouts was a two-week holiday in the Isle of Man in July. Sixteen Scouts, three Leaders and two Venturers had a wonderful time. The Scouts also took part in all the regional activities.

The Venturer pack reformed last January after a lapse of some time. There are eight Venturers with their Leader Loughlan Murphy. As well as help with the Cub camp and I.O.M. holiday, the Venturers look part in the regional debate and quiz. They also went on two hikes and two trips to the ice-rink. If there are any 14-18 year old boys who would be interested in becoming Venturers, Loughlan would be delighted to hear from you.

Our biggest project for the coming year is the repair of Our Den. We've had a surveyor's report and the den needs extensive structural repairs as a matter of some urgency. We will keep you informed of developments in this area. As well as the Scouts, the Girl Guides also use the den for their meetings.

We greatly appreciate all the support given to our various fund raising activities during the year and we look forward to continued support during 1985.

We hope to have our Annual Cake Sale in February. Details will be published later.

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The Association wishes to record its thanks to Kildare Co. Council for the completion of the road surface as promised in 1984. However, there are many outstanding matters to be dealt with which include:

1. Speeding on Cross Lane and Pound Lane. Stop signs have been requested from the Council to prevent this.
2. The provision of Bollards beside Tom Nolan's and Paddy Malone's and at the entrance to Pound Pk.
3. The resurfacing of Convent Road and the diversion of heavy lorries from this area.
4. Provision of Public Light at Back Lane.
5. The extension of the Speed Limit at Dillons Row.

The Association has requested Cllr. Emmet Slagg to pursue these matters on their behalf.

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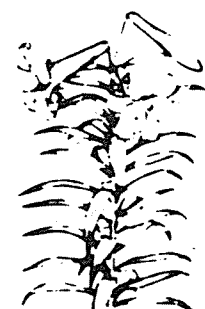
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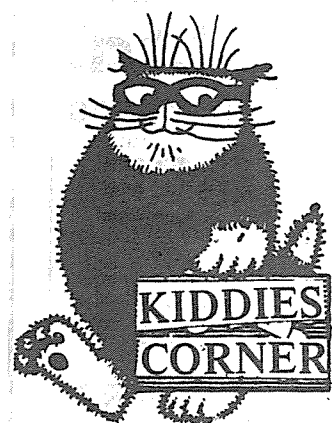
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Did you visit an old person in your area over the Christmas? This is especially necessary in the cold weather, as many of them are unable to get out to the shops or even to their neighbours. Why not do it now and at least ensure that they are safe and well.

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See you again next month. Cheerio and God Bless you all.

The winners of last months competition were:
Aoibhlann O'Sullivan, 6 Laurence Ave.
Padraic Quinn, Laragh
Shane Flynn, Kilgraique
Maria Bright, 845 Greenfield
Karen Corscadden, Bryanstown

and the runners up were:
Tracy Horan, 274 Greenfield
Stephanie Fortune, 11 Parson St.
Padraig Hogan, 70 Maynooth Park
Mary Lee, Pagestown
Derek Fleming, 87 Carton Court
Yvonne Nolan, 26 Maynooth Park
Stephen Corcoran, 44 Laurence Ave.
Damien Burchill, 846 Greenfield
Eddie Tyrrell, Barrogstown
Michelle Whelan, Newtown Rd.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

At its first meeting in 1985, which was very well attended and at which a number of new members joined the branch, the members resolved to continue to pursue its objective of taking Labour out of Coalition and of developing an independent and socialist position for the Labour Party.

A discussion on the 1985 Annual Conference took place and the following resolution was submitted by the branch for the Conference Agenda:

Annual Conference

Affirms that the National Plan 'Building on Reality 1984-87', which forms the basis of the Coalition's policies is in the main in direct contradiction to Labour's socialist policies as enshrined in the Party Programme and endorsed by successive Annual Conferences;

Affirms that the Programme for Government agreed at the Special Conference in Limerick in 1982 did not give a mandate to Labour Ministers for such a plan;

Directs therefore, the Parliamentary Labour Party to withdraw immediately from Coalition;

Resolves that in all future General Elections Labour shall campaign exclusively on its own independent socialist policies and shall not enter any electoral alliance with either of the two conservative parties, Fianna Fail or Fine Gael;

Further Resolves that Labour shall not participate in any Coalition or give support to any minority Government.

Conference believes that by standing independently on socialist policies and campaigning on behalf of working people, the trade union movement and young people on such vital issues as jobs, taxation, housing and defence of living standards,

Labour can rebuild electoral support and move toward achieving the ultimate objective of a majority Labour Government.

Conference will be held in City Hall Cork on 3rd, 4th and 5th May. Our Branch will have its usual strong delegation in attendance.

Kingsbry Estate

In response to requests from residents of this new estate, Cllr. Emmet Stagg recently tabled a motion at Kildare Co. Council requesting that a footpath from the entrance to the estate to the Crescent on Straffan Road and Public Lights in this area be provided from development levies collected from the developer.

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The Branch notes the very large number of pedestrians using this unlit section of roadway and are mindful of the near fatal accident there recently. Urgent action is now required.

Sewerage Improvements

A bill of quantities has been prepared for the required extension to the sewerage works in Leixlip which serves the Maynooth area and a draft advertisement for the contract has been submitted to the Dept. of Environment.

The sewerage collection system on the south side of Maynooth is now at full capacity and problems have emerged in the system, notably at Cluain Aoibhinn. The system has been surveyed by a company of consultant engineers and their report has been submitted to the Dept. of Environment for approval to the required enlargements.

Grants for Maynooth

Cllr. Emmet Stagg has informed the Branch that the following grants have been paid by the Co. Council:

1. £1000 for improvement work at the 13th lock on the Royal Canal.
2. Increase of grant to Maynooth Summer Project from £150 to £200.
3. Further grant of £200 to the Salesian Co-Operators and Bru Bosco towards restoration work at the Geraldine Hall.
4. Grant of £500 to Maynooth Development Association towards the cost of providing a tennis court.

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5. Grant for 1984 and 1983 to Maynooth Brass and Reed Band. A condition of this grant is that the band give a public recital at least once a year. We are glad to record that already in 1985 this condition has been ably met and we look forward to future renditions during the year.

Other Works Schemes

The Branch notes that the resurfacing of the roads in Leinster Cottages has been completed under the above scheme.

Cllr. Stagg has informed the Branch that a number of other projects are still outstanding and that he is pressing to have these completed at an early date.

Road Through Kingsbry Estate

Following representation by Cllr. Stagg the County Engineer contacted the Site Developers, Naughton & Glennon concerning the condition of the road through Kingsbry. The developers agreed that due to wet weather in November and December the roads in the estate had become

rather dirty. The County Engineer instructed the developers to have the roads swept as often as required to keep them reasonably clean, and this they undertook to do.

Public Light - Doctors Lane

Cllr. Stagg has requested the provision of a public light at Doctors Lane as a matter of extreme urgency. This lane is used by residents of Doctors Lane as well as those attending the doctor's surgery.

Derelict Site, Parsons St.

The Housing & Environment Section of Kildare Co. Council has replied to representations by Cllr. Stagg concerning the condition of the derelict site beside No. 2 Parsons St., stating that the matter is being investigated and whatever action seen necessary will be undertaken.

Completion of Carlton Court

Representations have been made by Cllr. Stagg concerning the unfinished estate at Carlton Court. In one part of the estate the roads and footpaths have not been completed and public lights have not been erected. The County Manager has replied stating that the matter is receiving attention.

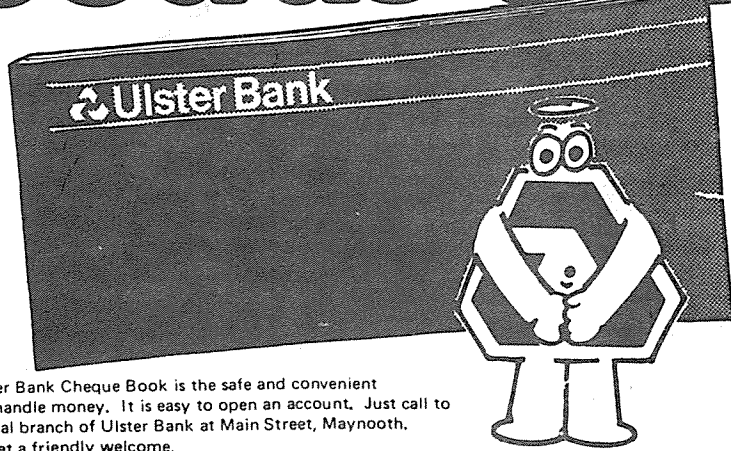
Planning Decisions

13/11/84 Ref. 720/84. J.J. McNeela has been granted permission for 2 storey Residential Development comprising 56 apartments at Moyglare Road, in accordance with plans received by Kildare Co. Council on 8/10/84.

Loan for Fire Tender

On the proposal of Cllr. Stagg it was resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, a loan of £8,000 be raised for the purchase of a Fire Tender at Maynooth.

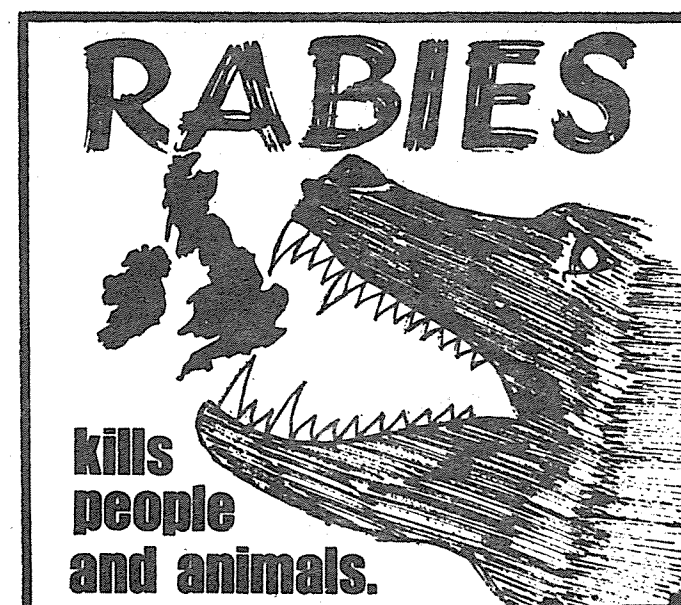
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BRU BOSCO NOTES

In this "International Year of Youth" we wish you all a happy 1985 from our members and leaders. Forget about recessions, post Christmas blues and pre-budget jitters. Our Club is a small beacon of hope that is steadily growing. Let's look forward to the new year, confident in the support of our powerful patron, Don Bosco.

A.G.M.

Our first A.G.M. was held on 19th November in the Geraldine Hall at 8.45pm. The out-going officers (Des Walsh Chairman, Eilis O'Malley Secretary, Ann Power Treasurer) presented their reports with their customary efficiency and style. Lest I forget, a word of thanks now, to my predecessor and P.R.O., the ubiquitous Peig, whose shoes I will try to fill. Des expressed his gratitude to the committee, fellow officers and community for its support. A three tiered administrative structure has been adopted for the Club.

- (a) Management Committee, concerned with policy making and financial affairs.
- (b) Leaders Committee (composed of all leaders) involved in the day-to-day running of the Club.
- (c) Members Committee, one of whose initial functions is the running of the Club shop.

Elected to the Management Committee were Des Walsh, Delma Walsh, Peig Lynch, Paddy Power, Pauline Burke, Brian O'Malley, Eilis O'Malley, Nora McDermott, Johnny Dowling and John McGarry. Following the inaugural meeting, the following officers were elected:- Chairman, Des Walsh; Vice Chairman, Peig Lynch; Secretary, Eilis O'Malley; Treasurer, Paddy Power; P.R.O., Brian O'Malley.

Current News

(i) We are saddened and gladdened at the departure of John McGarry. From the hundreds interviewed, John was one of thirty chosen to go to Louvain with AnCo as apprentice electrician for restoration work on the Franciscan Friary. He will be absent for about six months.

(ii) Following a fruitful meeting in December with our friends in the M.D.A. at which our financial plight was discussed, the M.D.A. kindly came to our rescue by raising a loan of £2,500. We are deeply indebted to them, not just financially.

(iii) On 18th December our Christmas Mass for Club members took place, celebrated by Fr. Flor McCarthy S.D.B. who is the well known author of "Let the Light Shine" and other publications. The gospel was acted out by Club Members.

(iv) Competitions (C.Y.C.)

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Indoor Soccer Competition: We are represented in the Boys under 14, under 16, under 18. Chief slavedriver, Liam Caddel. Assistant, John Goggin. Young Entertainers Under 13. Lots of new talent surfacing under the direction of Jim Curnyn and Mary Burke. "Jonah Man Jazz" is their production. More about these competitions later.

Youth Profile

In each issue it is intended to introduce Club Members to our readers. After all, a Youth Club is about Youth, not adults!

Profile (1) Barry Farrell

Barry is nineteen years old and is an AnCo Bricklayer studying for City & Guilds exam. This last sentence is an understatement! A more useful parallel might be - What Michelangelo was to the Vatican, Barry is to the Geraldine Hall!! Monuments to this young and gifted worker in the Hall project include fireplaces in the Committee and Billiards rooms and pointing on all stone work. His favourite food (wait for it!) Mother's Stew. Take a bow Mum! Top Group: U2.

Passion: Man. Utd. and Bryan Robson. Birds? What are they?

Club Activity: Table Tennis, at which he is no mean hand.

Barry also likes - "Hill Street Blues", Macho-actor Charles Bronson. Would like to visit the Big Apple, New York, sometime. If he had a few quid left for himself, might buy

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Barry would like to see more outdoor Club activities, for example trips. In a later issue we may print more of the thoughts and facets of this good-humoured outgoing young person.

Profile (2) Mark McEvoy

Mark is aged 15 years, and is a third year student at the Post Primary. He enjoys Metalwork but dislikes P.E. Ebullient is one description for Mark, has a hint of mischief in his infectious grin. Large and lovable (well, most of the time). Enjoys eating "Marathon Bars". Favourite group, Queen.

T.V. Programme, Bosco (I kid you not!).

Favourite actress, Bo Derek.

Would like to have met Elvis and current ambition is to visit Kerry. Favourite Club activity is Pool, would like Rally Driving and, wait for it, Showjumping introduced as Club Activities. If he had the money, Mark would invest in a motorbike. His nickname incidentally is "Larry".

On a more serious note he would like to see Identity Cards introduced to curb under age drinking.

Profile (3) Eric Leavy

Eric is something of a "soul brother" of Mark McEvoy. Same zany sense of humour. Aged 15 years, Eric is a Post Primary third year student nicknamed "Smock". Likes Art but

not gone on Maths. Would eat Chicken & Chips any hour of the day or night. As a group he likes Frankie goes to Hollywood. Eric enjoys cycling and is rather good at cycle repairs, also "Pool". He admires Sean Kelly (cycling). Favourite T.V. show - Automan.

He would like some day to meet Bob Marley and visit Ethiopia. Would like to possess a Porsche Turbo. Enjoys Pool, but not too sure if Leaders would approve of Shark Fishing as a Club Activity.

Biggest dislike: a member nicknamed Larry. Like Mark, sorry I mean Larry, he would like I.D. cards for youths in local pubs.

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Congratulations of a different kind are due also to our senior Gaelic football team. They had a magnificent win over Newbridge in the final in Clane. This is the second successive year that our senior Gaelic football team has won the coveted trophy. Right throughout the campaign the team, expertly coached and trained by Mr. Holt and Mr. Griffin, played an attractive brand of fast and open football. They are a credit to the school and trainers. Well done lads!

Our badminton teams have had their share of successes also and are proceeding nicely through their respective leagues in the Leinster schools badminton tournaments. The U/14 boys team had victories over Edenderry, Carmelite Moate, Kings Hospital, while U/16 won against Wesley College, Drimnagh Castle and drew with Moate.

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The Girls U/18 team beat Mercy Convent, Naas, 4-2.

The cross-country season opened with the V.E.C. county championships in Prosperous and again the Post Primary came home with the major share of medals.

1st Year Boys

Team Prize: Maynooth Post Primary 1st
Individual: Enda Breslin 1st.

1st Year Girls

Team Prize: Maynooth Post Primary 1st
Individual: Emer Farrelly 1st.

2nd and 3rd Year Boys

Team Prize: Maynooth Post Primary 2nd

2nd and 3rd Year Girls

Team Prize: Maynooth Post Primary 1st
Individual: Grainne Farrelly 1st.

Senior Boys

Team Prize: Maynooth Post Primary 3rd

1984 began with a project win in the Young Scientist Competition last January, and finished with a win in another project. Sarah McMyler won 1st prize for her project on places of historical interest in the locality organised by Kildare cycling touring club and sponsored by the Bank of Ireland. Congratulations Sarah!

Once again the Post Primary School is delighted to play host for the Old Folks Christmas Party. The use of a well heated and comfortable school for events such as this is just one example of the importance of having a school locally and the role it can play in the community. Like the local Church, the school should also be an integral part of community life.

We were glad also to be able to assist Fr. Ross, Chaplain of the College

with his retreat by providing him with the overnight use of the school. For events such as this the school is always available.

The Kildare regional Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Annual question-time was held recently in our school with teams from all over the county competing. Maynooth did well to come second - but more important an enjoyable night was had by all. Our debaters are through to the 2nd round of the prestigious Bank of Ireland/N.U.I. debating competition. Our victory in Trinity college against top class competitors saw us through to the quarter finals. Well done Elizabeth Dunbar, Eoghan O'Donnchadha and Donal Dockery!

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FOR QUALITY MEATS

Our public speakers have reached the regional final of the public speaking competition for schools. Again congratulations to Bernard Mulleady, Thomas Ashe and Carmel Harrington!

Our visit to the National Concert Hall was an outstanding social and cultural success and will no doubt be an important part in next year's Christmas calendar.

By the time you read this the schedule of night classes for the second term will have been posted. Those interested in the various activities please contact the Adult Education Officer of the County or the Principal of Post Primary School, Maynooth.

Our Limited Co. Designs Promising had a busy Xmas - indeed had to work overtime - and are looking forward to a busy January and February.

Again the tradition of collecting food for those who would otherwise have a hungry Xmas was upheld by the students of the school under the guidance of our Chaplain Fr. Eoin Thynne. The students in the school once again rose to the occasion and brought in the makings of several hampers which were distributed to the needy.

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The dishes cooked at the Demonstration will be raffled on the admission ticket with the compliments of Messrs.

McDonald, of Drogheda.

Paula Daly's Good Food Cook Book No.3 will be on sale at the Demonstration.

Birthday Greetings

Belated birthday wishes to Bridie Howard, Presentation Convent, Maynooth - December 19th '84.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our Christmas Bazaar was held this year in the Parish Hall on Saturday 1st December. Despite the change of venue and time it was a great success. We are certain that it was the bargain centre of Maynooth for 1984. To prove this point, we had cleared everything by 4.15pm, yes, even those bags of rug wool! Nora McDermot was unable to do the Wheel of Fortune as the froggies were in her throat. Congratulations to Paul McCarthy on his debut at the wheel.

Nobody guessed the name of our dog - Lady - so we held a draw of the participants which was won by Niamh Mulready. There were 320 sweets in the jar. Stuart Murray guessed 310 so they were his to take home. The results of the Christmas draw were as follows:

1st (Ham) M. O'Keefe, 78 Maynooth Pk.
2nd (Turkey) Caroline Dunne, 860 Greenfield.
3rd (Cake) Andrea Brown, 18 Maynooth Park.
4th (Whiskey) Vincent Mulready, 752 Greenfield.
5th (Teddy) Damien Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.
6th (Vodka) Tarlach O'Keefe, Ashleigh, Greenfield.
7th (Doll) Valerie Rafferty, Moyglare.
8th (Gift Voucher) Michael Dunne, Dowdstown.
9th (Cosmetic Set) Adrian Boylan, Leinster Park.
10th (Box Chocs) Barbara Doyle, 26 Rail Pk.

Finally, a sincere word of thanks to everybody who supported us in any way last year. Wishing everybody a very happy and prosperous new year. Patricia Rice (Sec.).

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In reply to representations made by Cllr. G. Brady, the following letters have been received from Kildare Co. Council and from the Area Manager of C.I.E.

From the County Manager,
Kildare County Council.

I have received your letter regarding complaints about correspondence not being dealt with by the Council's staff and I am to inform you that I am surprised that this is happening, in view of the instructions which have been given to all sections to respond to correspondence promptly. I have again repeated my instructions to the various sections but I would be glad to get details of specific instances where correspondence has not been dealt with, so that the matter can be further investigated.

From County Secretary, 20/12/84.

Further to your representations on behalf of the Salesian Co-operators and Bru Bosco regarding their application for grant assistance towards the restoration of the Geraldine Hall, I wish to inform you that Kildare Co. Council has approved a further payment of £200 towards the project and paying order will issue shortly.

From Area Manager, C.I.E. 20/12/84.

I refer to your letter of 6th December to our Secretary, which has been passed to me for attention. Maynooth station is served daily by all of the mainline trains operating between Connolly station and Sligo in both directions. From Monday, 26th November last due to lack of support two of the evening commuter trains, Dublin/Maynooth, were withdrawn. We have had some adverse reaction from public representatives about the reduction in service who

contend that the provision of new stations at specific areas on the Dublin/Kildare border is essential in order to enable the Maynooth line to reach its full potential. We accept this line of thinking but simply the capital is not available to build new stations or re-furbish existing ones.

Regarding the possibility of introducing a cross radial bus service from Clonee/Maynooth/Naas, this has been considered in the past but was not economically feasible. However, in view of your representations the matter will be considered again and if possible the service will be introduced, even if only for a trial period.

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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

2nd December, 1984

Athletics can in a way be described as a great travelling circus, and much like the Golf or Tennis circuits, one is inclined to meet the same people over and over again during the season. So it was on this Sunday, with the Leinster Championships (part of) being held in Enfield, Co. Meath, and even if numbers have decreased among the juveniles taking part, the enthusiasm of those who remain is unabated.

Fiona Redmond, Emma McCluskey and Geraldine Breslin were our first competitors, and although not figuring in the medals, can be proud of their efforts. Indeed Geraldine manages a smile to all as she makes her way round this or any other course. Austin Noonan, who seems to be running for an eternity, was our lone runner in the Boys U/10 event, and did us proud by finishing in 5th place, and also being a member of the Kildare team which was placed second overall. This was a good run from Austin, who can always be relied upon to give his best on the day.

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The Girls U/14 are probably the strongest unit in the Club, and here not alone did Maynooth become winners of Gold for the team, but several members of the team were also included in the Kildare County team which finished in third place overall. Emer Farrelly ran her usual plucky race, grilling her teeth when the going became tough, and refusing to concede to anybody, and was our first home when finishing in 4th place. Sandra Stewart was 17th, Paula Kelly 20th, Sharon Ennis 39th. All of the above named, with the exception of Sharon Ennis, were also members of the Kildare team.

The Boys U/14 had only two runners, but Enda Breslin and Frank Desmond were well placed at most stages of the race, and in finishing 7th, Enda can be proud of his effort, as he was up with the leaders at all times, and can look forward with confidence to the remaining months of the season.

Gillian Deane, now resident in Limerick, was our best placed in the Ladies novice, and finished in 6th place, followed home by Shelly Breslin 10th, and Patsy McCluskey 12th. Gillian in fact was a winner of the Kildare team which took gold.

The Mens Novice was the last event on the programme, and here John Gahan was best for Maynooth, finishing in 16th place, followed home by Pat Maher 38th, Tony Callaghan 48th, Mick Gleeson 62nd, and David "Sub Four" Jolly in 75th place. A pity here that so many members who, having entered, did not take part, as more team successes may have been recorded had all turned out. So ended an enjoyable day's sport, and although the weather was cold, it was bright and dry, and surely cross country sport must be as good a way of keeping fit as any.

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16th December, 1984

Carton Estate, by kind permission, was the venue for this section of Leinster Championships, and although the weather had not been good in the run up to the event, it was a nice dry day in the end, but fog which came down in the late afternoon ruined visibility of some events, and indeed left the spectators peering through the mist looking for shadows.

Indeed, speaking of "shadow seeking", the last event on the programme was the Mens O/35 5000m, and here a great battle was always in prospect between the Kildare three Liam McNamee, Bobby King, and Jim Clancy, together with Brian Redmond, Val Ledwith and several more from Dublin, Louth, Meath, etc. Viewers were not disappointed in the race as Bobby King took up the running from the start, being closely attended by Clancy and McNamee, with Brian Redmond a few places further back. The order remained the same all through until about 100m from the line where McNamee surged past King as he had done in the Kildare Championships, and duly won the Leinster title for the second year running.

Whilst all the excitement of Maynooth was concentrated on McNamee, Brian Redmond came with a great burst and got up to be fourth. Pat Maher was 8th, Tony Callaghan 16th, and Mick Gleeson 23rd. These good placings made Maynooth winners of the Club section of the race and McNamee Redmond and Callaghan were also on the victorious Kildare county team.

In the Ladies O/35 event, Patsy McCluskey was the best of the Maynooth ladies, and was followed home by Helen Redmond and Marie Gleeson. These three ladies made Maynooth third club overall in Leinster.

The Juvenile events had started the programme, and in the opening event, Michelle Ennis made light of her task, started off in front, and like the good runner she is, was never subsequently headed. Indeed Michelle was chased home by Carmel Noonan in 14th place, Lisa McCluskey 17th, Catherine Gleeson 29th and Ashling Kelly 46th. These placings were good enough to give Maynooth second club title.

In the Girls U/16 event, Enda Gleeson 4th and Nuala Noonan 14th were our only competitors, and right well they did too. In fact their placings helped the Kildare team to third county title, and it was good to see Enda running on so strongly at the end of this race.

The Boys U/12 were not strong enough to challenge for any titles, but good runs here from Brendan Lawlor, Gavin Callaghan and Shane Hyland.

Daragh Callaghan was the only runner we had in the Boys U/16 race, and he finished in the middle of the field.

In the O/45 race, Peter Keegan and Pearse Breslin were our standard bearers, and Peter took bronze for his effort, with Pearse finishing in 22nd place. Both were members of the

Kildare team which took third place overall. With nine races overall on the programme, it was a credit to the organisers that it ran off so smoothly, and the pity was that the fog so reduced visibility at the end, but over that at least Maynooth A.C. cannot exercise any control.

The Kildare Cross Country Championships came to an end on December 23rd at Leixlip, and on a bitterly cold but dry day, some good performances were recorded by Maynooth athletes, and although successes were not attained in any event, all could be pleased with the overall results of this years championships.

In the Ladies Junior event, Mairead Noonan, making one of her all too rare appearances in cross country, was fourth and in the Senior Mens event, Liam McNamee was the best for the club, and finished in second place overall. This was a good performance by Liam, who almost added the senior title to the Kildare and Leinster Vets title which he has already won, and here in the Leixlip race his best support came from Pat Maher 29th and Colm Lawless 33rd. Unfortunately these placings failed narrowly to give Maynooth a team prize.

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It seems incomprehensible that with all the days in the year on which to have races, the Leinster Council should pick the last Sunday of December for some of their cross country events, as juveniles in particular are more interested in TV and larking about at that time of the year, but be that as it may, a good group of Maynooth runners headed off to Lusk in Co. Dublin on this date, and can be proud of their achievements.

Only two runners from the Club faced the starter in the Girls U/9 event, and Emma McCluskey 29th and Ashling Redmond 50th both ran well.

In the Girls U/13 event, Emer Farrelly started off with a great rush, and had built up a fair lead at the end of about 500m. However, the soft ground and hilly country was her undoing, and she was caught in the latter stages of the race and finished in 8th place. Michelle Ennis finished in 14th place, Carmel Noonan 35th, Lisa McCluskey 35th and Catherine Gleeson 60th. Most of these girls were on the Kildare county team which was fourth county overall.

Maynooth had only one runner in the Girls U/17 event, Grainne Farrelly, and she finished in third place. This was a good run from Grainne who has missed most of the season through injury, and is only now making her way back, and she was in contention here for the major honours until the last 500m of the race. A sad fact here was that no other Kildare club entered runners for this particular event, and the Maynooth girl had no support from any source. The Ladies Intermediate event was better supported, and not alone had Maynooth a team, but Kildare also, and here with good runs from Patsy McCluskey 6th, Helen Redmond

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9th, Margaret Noonan 14th and Marie Gleeson 14th, silver medals were secured.

The final event of the afternoon was the Mens Intermediate race, and here Maynooth not alone finished up as third Club, but also assisted two Carbury runners in making up the Kildare team, which also took third place, beating Dublin for the honour. For Maynooth here, Liam McNamee 6th, Brian Redmond 17th, Ml. Gleeson 38th and Pearse Breslin 45th were the heroes.

The juveniles were short some of the regular members of teams, and so had their chances of further glory lost, but in the Girls U/15 race Enda Gleeson was best for the Club, and finished in 25th place. Paula Kelly was 26th, Nuala Noonan 27th and Helen Tracey 36th.

In the Boys U/15 event, both Daragh Callaghan and Enda Breslin were always up with the leaders, and finished in 10th and 11th place respectively. This was another great performance from both lads, particularly Enda, as he was conceding at least a year in age. Frank Desmond was 44th.

Fiona Redmond was our only runner in the Girls U/11 event, and finished in 66th place.

So ended the Championship, and the next outings will be to Cork for the All-Irelands, and to Navan and Dunleer for the Ras na nEireann events in a few weeks time.

CLINIC BERNARD DURKAN T.D.

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