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**AMERICAN TEA PARTY 1985**

The annual event in aid of the Post Primary School once again proved to be a very successful and enjoyable night. The Hostesses, generous and charming as usual, had everything prepared to perfection, and the Dance afterwards was very enjoyable.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this night such a success. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, P.P., for giving us the use of the Parish Hall for the occasion.

The P.T.A. hold their monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8pm. More parents, men or women, would be very welcome. P.T.A.

**MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank everybody who contributed so graciously and generously to our recent Church Gate Collection. The collection amounted to £72.82, which is a marvellous boost to our funds. We will keep you informed throughout the year how this money is spent.

We are planning our Easter Party at the moment. This is on Sunday 21st April in S.M.A. and we are looking forward to an elegant display of Easter Bonnets. Our final party for this season will be on Sunday May 19th in S.V.D. House at 3.30, and this will be followed by our Annual Outing in June. Further details will follow in June issue.

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# Editorial

Last month we commented on the punishment for crime, or rather the lack of it. Since then various views have been expressed in the daily papers, etc. for and against sterner punishment for crime. We feel, however, that we cannot subscribe to the scene of the pudgy little boy being told to 'Tell Mummy (or Daddy) you are sorry' and watch him running away with his nasty little smirk hidden behind his hand. We believe that a smack or two on the butt tends to put a bit of sincerity into the "Sorry Mum" part. The short sharp shock helps us all to keep ourselves in line, or the fear of it.

It is not 'punishment to suit the crime' that we intended to write on this issue but of the effect of crime on the victims. Apart from punishing the perpetrator, is it not time we spared serious thought for the victims? People left entirely disoriented, in dire straits mentally and physically. Are these not the people who are first in need of our attention and sympathy? These are the people on whom we should first be spending the money - not on central heating and videos for criminals in the first instance.

When ordinary people have been mugged, robbed or burgled, especially the elderly, life can become completely disrupted. They often lose confidence in everything and everyone. Their self confidence can be completely shattered, they do not know which way to turn and have even been known to die of sheer terror. Are these not the people who really require our first thought?

We have been told of a new society or organisation being formed to look after the victims of crime and who are presently looking for people to be trained in how to comfort and care for crime victims, help to allay their fears and, as far as possible, bring them back on the road to normal life. As can be imagined, one would require some training to be able to do this - hence the necessity for the new organisation. What more rewarding work could one do?

Can anyone in this area spare the time to take on such work? It is mostly a job for more mature people rather than the very young - although young people can help doing the more physical jobs, fund raising etc. We say fund raising in so far as there is that in-between time for a victim where a small donation or short term loan is more or less essential. This would leave the more mature available for counselling, etc.

If any individuals, or perhaps even the Community Council, feel they could give time for this good work, they can get details from Gay Byrne, R.T.E., Donnybrook who would put them on the track of the organisation being formed.

An organisation such as this in the area would fill a most important and growing need, and training now is essential to be ready when the need arises (Even as it is, a few elderly people, in particular, could avail of such service at the moment). Maynooth has never had a reputation for lack of Christian charity and it will certainly not, we feel sure, be lacking now.

## 8TH KILDARE C.B.S.I.

March 19th was a memorable night for Maynooth C.B.S.I. Forty cub-scouts and four scouts were invested. The investiture was held in the Scout Den, and we are very grateful to all the parents who came along and helped make it such a pleasant night for the boys. The "goodies" for the cuppa were really enjoyed.

We were delighted to have Fr. Cogan, our new Scout Chaplain, present to give the boys his blessing.

Bob-a-job week ran from April 3rd to 10th and a big thank you for your support for the boys in their tasks.

The Scouts are travelling to Kerdiffs-town the week-end 26th-28th April for the Regional Camp Craft Competition. They are also taking part in the National Quiz in Larch Hill on 25th-26th May.

Six Scouts from Maynooth worked at Fairyhouse Racecourse during race week to raise funds for the Regional campsite. They went there courtesy of Peter O'Brien Catering. The Regional campsite is at the Obelisk on a 4 1/2 acre site. The site is currently being cleaned

up, but unfortunately rubbish is still being dumped there. It would be appreciated if the offenders took their rubbish elsewhere.

The Venturers beat the team from Palmerstown in the Regional Debating Competition - Score 108 points to 65 points. The competing team were Ronan Barry, Capt., Sean Halton, Niall McCormack and Alan Downey. They are now through to the National Finals on 25th-26th May.

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## Social Employment Scheme launched by Department of Labour

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., has officially launched the Social Employment Scheme - an innovative new programme to alleviate the problem of long-term unemployment. At a press conference in Dublin (Friday, 22nd Feb. 1985) the Minister revealed the full details of the Scheme for which the Exchequer will provide £29 million during 1985.

The Scheme is targeted to achieve part-time, paid employment for 10,000 long-term unemployed persons in the current year. A sizeable number of projects have already been submitted for consideration and it is not anticipated that availability of suitable projects will be a limitation. In summary, the details of the scheme are as follows:

Long-term unemployed persons (those unemployed for a year or more and are currently in receipt of unemployment assistance) will be offered employment on approved projects on a part time basis.

Participants will be required to work an average 2 1/2 day week - which can also take the form of alternate working weeks - for which they will be paid a weekly wage of £10. The scheduling of the work is discretionary subject to a minimum of 40 hours work in a 2 week period.

During the period in which participants are not working within the scheme, they may engage in other employment for reward.

In order to ensure the maximum benefit for the largest number of long-term unemployed persons, individual participation on the scheme is limited to one year.

In general, qualifying projects must be seen as contributing to the welfare of the community but, in any event, cannot be geared to private profit and cannot displace existing jobs.

The scheme, therefore, has particular significance for local authorities, voluntary groups, community associations and, indeed, individuals who advance acceptable schemes to improve local amenities, provide youth services, restore historic monuments or provide badly needed social services to deprived sectors of the community.

### SAMPLE PROJECT AREAS

**Secretarial Help for Residents' Associations:** Residents' Associations can apply for Secretarial Help in the form of part-time administrators paid for under the Scheme.

## CLINIC COUNCILLOR G. BRADY

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

**Support Staff in Schools:** Schools without a provision or the resources to employ support staff i.e. ground staff, general maintenance people, may use the scheme to enhance services to pupils.

**Artistic Endeavours:** It is hoped to utilise artistic skills for the benefit of the community. Among the schemes proposed in this context is the employment by Local Authorities of town artists, the provision of public entertainment i.e. street theatre, hospital concerts, etc.

**Community Care Projects:** Unemployed people can gain a personal benefit and provide a community benefit through the application of their skills to community care projects. These might include renovation of the residences of the old and the infirm, services to the disabled and child minding.

**Sports and Youth Projects:** Sporting organisations are invited to examine the potential of the scheme for the provision of coaching and other support services. Projects of this nature have already been proposed and are under consideration.

**Environmental Projects:** A number of such projects put forward by Wexford County Council are indicative of the type of environmental project being proposed by Local Authorities.

They include:  
The development of a new town park in Wexford Town.  
The creation of an amenity area and access to the beach for residents of a new estate in Rosslare.

The further development of the Ferrycarrig Heritage Centre as a tourist amenity.  
Preservation and improvement of local beaches which are an important economic resource in the County.

## GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our AGM was held on the 4th March and the Committee has found itself returned - very much unopposed - to office for another year. Two new people joined the Committee, for which much thanks to them; we would like to have more ladies though to even the balance between men and women on the Committee.

Were we wise or were we not to choose the holiday weekend, Friday 15th, for our Supper Dance? About seventy people attended, which is really all the Setanta could hold in comfort anyway. We were able to offer lots of spot-prizes, thanks to the relentless efforts of the Committee and the generosity of most of our business people. Appended is a list of these businesses, to whom we owe our thanks.

We have handed round a TV-circular on behalf of the Community Council and we have asked you for your comments on television reception in a questionnaire on our own latest circular.

We have a number of projects in mind for this year and we will be looking either to you, the County Council or our Councillors, as the case may be, when the time comes for acting on these projects. Meanwhile we have our on-going yearly work of cutting the Greens coming up: please lend a hand so as to spread the work-load around.  
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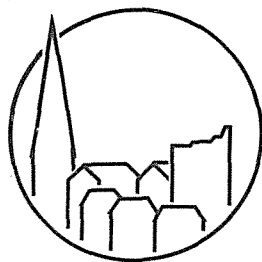
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## LOCAL TRADERS

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## GARDA SERVICE IN MAYNOOTH

Following enquiries by the Community Council's Planning and Development Sub-committee, it has been established that the hours of opening of Maynooth Garda Station are as follows: 10am - 1pm every day except Sundays and Holidays, when the station is open from 12 noon - 2pm. In addition, there will be Gardaí on duty in the town on each day from 9am to 1am. The Sub-committee has made representations to have the status of Maynooth Garda Station upgraded.

## YOUTH DRINKERS I.D. CARD SCHEME

The scheme, a project of the Community Council's Youth Affairs Sub-committee, is now in operation. The co-operation of the town's councillors and the people of Maynooth in general is sought in order to make the scheme as effective as possible.

## MUNICIPAL T.V. SERVICE

The Community Council's Residents' Associations Sub-Committee has recently circulated a leaflet concern-

ing the above service to all houses in Maynooth. All those pirating the service are urged to refrain from doing so; anyone aware of pirating should get in touch with their local Council representative, as pirating interferes with other people's reception. In particular, all those with complaints about the service are asked to contact their local Council representative in writing.

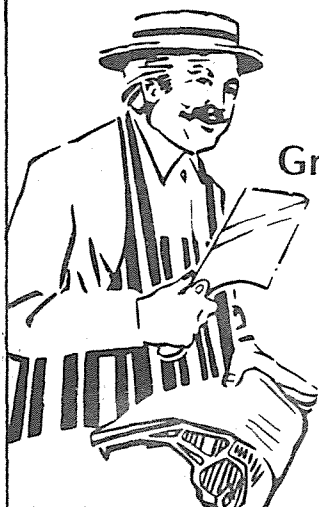
## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Community Council's Education Sub-committee is organising a series of lectures for the parents of school-children on the personal development of young people. Further details will be circulated through the schools.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

The training course for the Community Information Centre, under the

auspices of the National Social Services Board, is now under way, with forty volunteers enrolled. This is an excellent and gratifying response. The training course will last for twelve weeks. A steering committee has been formed from among the volunteers, and it is hoped to get the Centre into operation in a limited way during the summer, with full-scale operation following in the autumn. Further details will be provided in due course. The Community Council extends its best wishes to the venture: certainly, if the initial level of enthusiasm is maintained, the Centre should constitute a very valuable addition to the services available in Maynooth. The Community Council also wishes to express its gratitude to Gerry Colreavy of Maynooth College for all his help in getting the project off the ground.



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## FLAG DAY

The Community Council will be holding Flag Days on Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2, in order to raise much-needed funds to finance the Council's expanding range of activities. We appeal to the people of Maynooth to give generously to our flag-sellers.

## NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Unfortunately, due to pressure of other commitments, Colm Nelson has had to resign from the position of PRO of the Community Council. The Council extends its gratitude to Colm for his valuable work during the vital early days of the functioning of the Council. The new PRO is Pat Moynan, to whom we wish all the best in his new position.

## CHANGES IN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PERSONNEL

It is with much regret that the Community Council learned of the resignation of Es Heffernan from the Council, as he will shortly be leaving Maynooth to take up a new position elsewhere. The Council is grateful for Es's services, not only on the Council itself, but on the Sports Working Complex Working Party. He takes with him our best wishes for the future.

The Community Council welcomes new member, Jim Brady, Kilcock Road, to the Council.

## SPORTS COMPLEX

On its establishment, the Community Council adopted the development of a Sports Complex as its top priority. A joint working party, comprising representatives of the Council, Maynooth College, and the local schools, has been examining the possibility of a Complex to

be shared between these groups. A draft preliminary plan has now been produced, and has been placed before the various interests involved for their approval. More on this later.

## 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.

## BOYS' SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped us in our recent fund raising. Our very

successful Fashion Show, which was held in the Hitchin Post, was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

We wish to thank all those who supported us by advertising in our programme. Our apologies to those who gave us spot prizes and who were not mentioned in our programme - this was due to a printing error. These are as follows:-

Arlene (Hairdressers); F.M.K. Casuals; McCormack (Chemist); Aidans; P. Conroy (Chemist); Jude (Hairdresser); Rye River Books; Barry's Shop; Bernard Durkan; Two Guys; Leinster Arms; Moyglare Manor; The Roost; Barry Lyons; Claddagh Fireplaces; Hula Bou; Vanity Fayre; Patricia Rice; Donovan's Newsagents.

A special word of appreciation to Joe Farrell who was so helpful in supplying and delivering our ramp. To Proinsias Breathnach, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council, who arranged loan of carpet from St. Patrick's College and to Patsy Mooney who transported it. To our hardworking committee for all the time and energy used to ensure the success of this Fashion Show. Finally, a big thank-you to all who came along to the show and supported us. All proceeds to the Boys' School to provide equipment, books etc. for the benefit of all our children. We look forward to your continuing support.  
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## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The following is a list of environmental improvements required in the Maynooth area compiled by Maynooth Community Council. Copies have been sent to Kildare County Council and local county councillors.

### (1) Greenfield Estate

1. Ramps to prevent motorists from speeding.
2. Erect "CHILDREN AT PLAY/GO SLOW" signs at entrances to all roads in the estate.
3. Tarmac road at end of Greenfield Drive (opposite no.60) and rebuild wall there.
4. Erect bollards at end of road beside No. 19, Greenfield Drive.
5. Replace faulty street light.
6. Replace missing water mains covers on footpaths.
7. Repair road at entrance to Laurence Avenue from Celbridge Rd.

### (2) Old Greenfields

1. Repair road through Old Greenfields from Straffan Rd. to Newtown.
2. Provide street light at corner of old Greenfields and McKenna's lane.
3. Extra street lights on the old lane in Greenfield.
4. Repair existing street lights throughout area.
5. Trim hedges in area.

6. Better cleaning service needed.
7. Repair footpaths throughout area.
8. Restore water pressure in area to normal. It was reduced six months ago due to maintenance work.

### (3) Celbridge Road

Preserve and improve presentation of Connolly's Folly, including fencing, cleaning and improvement of grounds.

### (4) Rail Park Estate

1. Prune trees on estate.
2. Provide pedestrian crossing on Celbridge Road at footpath leading to Greenfield Shopping Centre.
3. Relocate speed limit sign on Celbridge Road further out in more prominent position near bend.
4. Provide "MIND OUR CHILDREN" signs at access points to estate.
5. Install ramp at access to estate from Celbridge Road.

### (5) Straffan Road

1. Public light at junction with Kingsbry.
2. Footpath from Kingsbry to entrance to Greenfield Estate.
3. Pedestrian crossing at entrance to Kingsbry.
4. Junction of Straffan & Celbridge Roads is urgently in need of re-alignment in order to slow down traffic entering Celbridge Road

coming from town centre, and give better view to left for traffic coming from Celbridge. Also consider pedestrian crossing at this junction.

5. The footpath from the town centre to Greenfield Estate is very heavily used by pedestrians. Public lighting on this stretch is extremely inadequate and urgently needs improvement. Also, the poor road surface and absence of roadside drainage on this stretch means that pedestrians are constantly being drenched by passing vehicles in wet weather. The roadway here urgently needs draining and resurfacing.
6. Pedestrian crossing at junction with Old Greenfield.
7. Repair wooden fence at this junction.

8. Resurface and paint footbridge over canal.
9. The canal/railway bridge on the Straffan Road has always been hazardous, and has been rendered even more so by the re-opening of the station. Recommend prominent advance warning signs for motorists (including request to keep to own side when passing over crown of bridge). Also better lighting, and possibly pedestrian lights, on bridge.
10. Provide direction signs at either side of bridge indicating location of station, and provide direction signs

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL Contd.

leading from station indicating location of College and town centre.

### (6) Royal Canal

Provide park seats when present restoration work is completed.

### (7) Cluain Aoibhinn

1. Takeover of estate by County Council an urgent requirement.
2. Prune trees in estate.
3. Investigate sewerage pipes in area as blockages are a recurring problem.
4. Dividing wall between estate and Lark Homes Development.
5. Repair/restore street lights in estate.

6. Tarmac play area in estate needs to be improved (uneven surface, noxious weeds, open manholes).
7. Many walls in estate are cracked and could be dangerous.
8. Many front walls in estate are higher than regulations allow and obstruct motorists' view of small children.
9. Install "Children at Play" signs.
10. Ramps needed to slow down motorists.
11. Provide stone/sign at entrance to estate giving the estate's name.

### (8) Newtown Road

1. Straighten road to Ladychapel.
2. Clean up area at entrance to Cluain Aoibhinn.
3. Resurface road from town centre to Cluain Aoibhinn.
4. The footpath from Cluain Aoibhinn to the town centre is heavily used by pedestrians and is urgently in need of proper lighting.
5. Something urgently needs to be done with the bridge over the canal and railway to make it safer for both pedestrians and motorists.

### (9) Kilcock Road

1. Provide advance warning signs and direction indicators for entrances to New Library and Arts Block of Maynooth College.
2. Clearer markings of the entrance to the Arts Block (e.g. green roadside reflectors, black-and-white reflective barriers) need to be installed.

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3. In the interests of safety, road markings creating a right-turn lane for traffic entering the Arts Block from the Maynooth direction should be installed.
4. Consider installing a roundabout at junction with Moyglare Road.
5. Better parking control needed during mass times in front of church.

### (10) Moyglare Road

Better lighting and provide footpaths as far as G.A.A. grounds.

### (11) Main Street

1. Draw up plan for preservation/replacement of trees.
2. Traffic controls at Noone's corner badly needed.
3. Litter, mainly caused by take-away food outlets, is a major problem in the Main Street.
4. Prohibit shop fronts not in keeping with character of street, and get existing unsuitable fronts changed.
5. Repair damaged pavements.
6. Install direction signs for College (old and new campus) and station.
7. Install map of town and district (showing locations of housing estates, etc.) on wall of public convenience.

### (12) Mill Street

Install direction sign for College (old campus).

### (13) Market Square

1. Introduce a one-way traffic

system as a matter of urgency.

2. Replace the Public Conveniences or redevelop for alternative uses.

### (14) Leinster Cottages

1. Install public lights in the Lane.
2. Erect stop signs at Double Lane.
3. Install lockable bollards at entrance to Pound Park.
4. Remove rubbish being dumped in Park.
5. Exclude heavy traffic from Convent Lane and re-route via Blacklion, due to damage being caused to houses in area as well as road surface.

### (15) Carton Avenue

Install park seats.

### (16) Dublin Road

1. Clean up boreen opposite Live-stock Mart.
2. Develop lay-by at Blacklion as picnic area.
3. Raise kerb on left-hand side on way out of Maynooth Shopping Centre to prevent overtaking on inside when traffic is turning right, as this creates a danger for pedestrians and traffic leaving O'Neill Park.

### (17) Carton Estate

1. Do not allow redevelopment. Actively pursue acquisition for public and community use.
2. Ensure that road improvements on Dunboyne Road do not cause

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damage to the Estate perimeter wall, which is possibly the finest intact estate wall in the country.

#### 18) Taghadee

Repair wall of bridge over stream. This bridge is hazardous as it is very narrow and there is a bend as one arrives at the bridge. Something needs to be done about this.

#### 19) General

- Control movement of heavy vehicles on country side-roads in Maynooth area.
- Control dumping of rubbish on same.
- Acquire and restore/replace all derelict buildings.

The Community Council would welcome further suggestions along the same lines from the general public. Send suggestions to Jim McManus, Architect, Main Street, (beside Hula ou).

#### CLLR. GERARD BRADY'S NOTES

Cllr. Brady has received the following replies to representations made to Kildare County Council:

Re: Parents Association, Maynooth Girls Primary School - Safety Rail at Dublin Road/Main Street: Representations regarding above will be investigated at the earliest possible date.

Re: Maynooth Boy Scouts Troop - Application for Amenity Grant

The total provision for amenity grants for Kildare for the present financial year is £5,000. The Council cannot indicate what amount any project can be given until full particulars are received from all projects seeking grant assistance. When this information is available and funds are being allocated, the needs of the Boy Scouts Troop will be included for consideration.

Re: Serviced Itinerant Settlement Site at Maynooth:

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#### New Births

Congratulations to David and Catherine Heslin, Newtown on the birth of a baby girl.

#### CLLR. B. DURKAN, T.D. - NOTES

##### Re Other Works Scheme 1984

The Executive Engineer, Kildare Co. Council, replied as follows regarding the above:

"The distribution of your allocation as agreed on 25th June 1984 is as follows:-

£500 towards work at Horseshoe Green Lane, Leixlip.

£1400 towards work at Leinster Cottages Area, Maynooth.

£800 towards kerbing at the Square, Kilcock.

£500 towards piping of ditch at Rail Park, Maynooth.

£1800 to be divided among the following jobs:

a) footpath at Rail Park, £400

b) public lighting at Straffan Rd.

c) footpath renewal at Parsons St.

d) landscaping, Kilcock Rd. - £300

The above jobs, with the exception of No. 3, 5 a) and 5 b) have been completed and in the case of 5 b) an order has been issued to the E.S.B. for implementation. The outstanding work will be attended to hopefully within the next 4 or 5 weeks.

On the question of public lighting for the Main Street/Harbour area, I have checked the records and find that 2 No. lights have been recommended since 1982".

##### Re Landscaping at O'Neill Park

Following representations by Cllr. Durkan re the above, the Executive Engineer has replied that the area adjacent to O'Neill Park is included in plans for landscaping in the current year. It is proposed to attend to regular grass cutting, planting of trees and regularising of position regarding material deposited on roadside.

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#### RECENT DEATHS

We express sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of the late Benny McGarry, Ladychapel, Maynooth.

#### 21st Birthday

Congratulations to Elaine Bean, Rye View, who celebrates her 21st Birthday on May 4th.

#### NEXT ISSUE

All articles for inclusion in the June issue of the Newsletter should be handed in on or before the deadline date of 12th May.

#### RECENT BIRTHS

Congratulations to Tony and Ann Myles of Lucan on the birth of a daughter. Ann was formerly Ann Begley, Pound St., Maynooth.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings to the following:-

Gerry Quinn, Greenfield. Age 12 Apr.17

Eric Quinn, Greenfield. Age 8, Apr.19

#### May:

John Casey Jnr., Moyglare. 1st

Claire Barnwall, Newtown. 3rd

Mrs. Kelly, Ladychapel. 3rd

Joe O'Neill, Greenfield. 6th

Benny Farrelly, Kilcock Road. 12th

Stephen McCarron, Greenfield. 15th

Kathleen O'Neill, Greenfield. 28th

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We open the BULLETIN this month with the good news concerning our Majorettes. As the experiment in the St. Patrick's Day Parade proved so successful and generated considerable amount of interest among the local young ladies, our committee have given the green light to proceed with our own, our very own majorettes. Things are very much at the planning stage right now as we have to engage a suitable instructor and agree on overall numbers, fees, uniform, etc. and it will be all covered in detail in next month's BULLETIN. For the moment we are only talking about young ladies probably from the age of 9 upwards. While this might not meet the EC Regulations regarding equal rights for male and female, I think we would find very few boys willing to don a mini skirt and walk down the Main Street of Maynooth. Yes?

We are now in the early stages of planning a Sponsored Cycle to be run in association with the Boys School in June (the actual date has yet to be fixed), the proceeds of which will be shared between the two groups. It is hoped to make this Cycle something out of the ordinary, with some extra incentives and one or two attractions in the day to take it out of the ordinary run-of-the-mill sponsored events. Please keep your eyes peeled for the advertisements which will appear in all the usual places. This applies to the schoolchildren in particular.

Once again we find it necessary to remind those wishing to engage the Band that we must have adequate notice of upcoming events. It is impossible to give a definite acceptance to people who come to us at the last minute mainly because we depend so much on the availability of the band members. It has been said from time to time that "once there are a few in the band it will be all right" but unfortunately this cannot be the

case. It is our policy to turn out the best possible band for all engagements for the sake of the band as well as the organisers and we refuse to alter this no matter what the occasion may be. We hope this advice will be heeded because we do not like turning people down, especially for local functions.

The Summer programme is now taking shape and already we are booked for trips as far apart as Dalkey and Enniscorthy. One of the highlights of our year will be a commemorative massed band festival in the Phoenix Park on Friday 28th June, an event which is being recorded by RTE for future transmission. The event will consist of a fifteen minute recital by each participating band, with a finale of one or two pieces played by the massed bands. This is something which should not be missed by any local band enthusiast. In case you miss the event in the newspapers, we hope to remind you next month. This will give the junior members in the band a first taste of playing with other bands and should help to improve their own standard of musicianship into the bargain.

Speaking of standards of musicianship, may we once again remind parents that we will be starting classes for beginners in September and notices will be posted around the town giving dates and times around the end of August. As regards our own beginners well there are two Summer Schools of Music being held this year, one in Gormanstown, Co. Meath and the other in Killarney. Both of these are week long residential courses where the boys and girls get an opportunity to meet and play with other musicians. In addition they are allowed use the various facilities of the colleges concerned so it is not entirely a busman's holiday. The feedback from the people who have been on previous courses in Gormanstown has been positive and they had a wonderful time while improving their musical technique.

That about concludes the BULLETIN for this month, but we will be back next month with all those promised details.



Sports seem to be the "in" thing these days and every evening gangs of children and some adults can be seen practising at their own activities. Lets hope the weather will stay good all summer and that you all do well in your particular sport.

Community games are not far away and Maynooth has again to beat the great records we have set every year both in Kildare and in the All-Irelands. Won't it be great if the Community Council succeed in having a Sports Complex built in Maynooth and then you will really be able to practice with proper facilities. Are you all looking forward to the summer holidays? I know I am, even though the Editor says he has booked a place for me in Siberia as a reward for all the work I did during the last year. However we still intend to keep this column going, even from that distant place.

Until next month, cheerio and God Bless you all.

Send your entries for this month's competition to John Read, 86 Rail Park or Leo McGlynn, 85 7 Greenfield, on or before May 12th.

The winners of last month's competition were:

Johnnie Lee, Pagetown  
Cathy Grassick, 43 Carton Court.  
Patricia Noone, Laragh.  
Tanya Farrelly, 856 Greenfield.  
Elizabeth Christianson, 76 Rail Park.

and the runners-up were:

Claire Coakley, Old Carton  
Gerard Buckley, Skelligs, Kilgraique.  
Louisa Tew, 12 Rail Park.  
Tanya McDermott, Kellystown  
Ronan Buckley, Skelligs, Kilgraique.  
Mark Grassick, 43 Carton Court.  
Joanne Cunningham, 79 Maynooth Pk.  
Theresa McHale, 128 Rail Park.  
Marie Claire Nangle, 82 Maynooth Pk.  
Donal Smith, 34 Greenfield Drive.



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this month, by way of introduction, should like to pay tribute to our leaders. These are a quiet, hard-working and unselfish bunch who nightly man or woman the club as the case may be. The role of leader is always rewarding and, as all of our leaders will readily admit, we can all learn something from our "kids". In future issues we will devote an occasional article to one or other of our leaders. Suffice this time to just name the gang to you.

Reader-in-charge: Gerry Myers (phonetically):-  
Auline Burke, Marie Cashen, Alice and Pat Clery, Jim Conway, Jim Burnyan, Ciaran Dallet, Michael Dillon, Johnny Dowling, John Goggin, Michael Gormley, Paddy Hennessy, Eileen Lynch, Nora McDermott, Dominic cEvoy, Catherine Moynihan, Kevin Connor, Brian and Eilis O'Malley, sisters Teresa O'Neill, Patricia and Mary Prendergast F.M.A., Eileen and Fintan Ruddy, Ann Stewart, Del Villa, Delma Walsh.

Considerations of space prevent me naming our various helpers in this issue - hopefully this omission will be rectified later.

**12th March:** In brilliant spring sunshine our Float participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. A first, in that this year the Junior Leaders (Johnny and Una) and members committee and members organised and decorated the float. At this point Mark Cummins deserves special mention for his efforts. We may not have won a prize, but everyone who participated enjoyed themselves hugely, particularly "Don Bosco".

**Not To-night Jonah:** On 20th February our performance took place. As you are probably aware our efforts were successful and culminate in the final to be held in St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra on 13th April. Congratulations therefore to Jim, Mary and our super-stars and helpers. We wish them good luck and every success on the night.

**Late news extra:** On Saturday 23rd March forty of our members and leaders travelled to Ballinakill to take part in an inter club sports day organised by Salesian Sisters for all clubs associated with Salesians for the "International Year of Youth". Despite an early morning start by bus and some depletion in our ranks, a creditable performance was turned in. Some of our twelve year olds were pressed into service on our over sixteen soccer team and by all accounts acquitted themselves well. In the final of the boys under sixteen basketball, we went down by only one point to Don Bosco Limerick. Our girls were unfortunate in the over sixteen basketball to meet the eventual winners (Caherdavin) in their opening round. Our members also gave a good account of themselves in Pool and Snooker. Best news of the day, however concerns Gordon Read, who triumphed in the Chess (over sixteen) competition. Not alone did Gordon win, but he single-handedly represented three players for our Club and probably deserved three awards! More about Gordon in the Youth Profiles following on.

#### YOUTH PROFILE

##### Johnny Dowling

To live in our fair town and not to know (BIG) JOHNNY is equivalent to an avid western movie fan asking who was John Wayne! You just couldn't miss him if you tried. John also has acting ability - witness his St. Patrick's Day role as Don Bosco. I also seem to remember his colourful portrayal of the "Incredible Hulk" some time ago. A performance that would have made Lou Ferrigno turn green with envy .... sorry about that!

He is twenty one years old and an AnCo worker. In addition John spent three and a half years in the F.C.A. 2nd Battalion Eastern Command. He is to quote himself a "Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pud" fan whose favourite singer is Elvis Presley. Enjoys watching wrestling on T.V. - also the "A-Team". As film personalities he considers Jerry Lewis, Lon Chaney and Mgt. Rutherford to be great. The person Johnny would most like to meet is Erwin Rommel (Field Marshal) for his brilliant battle strategy in the Afrika Corps during World War II. John has developed quite an interest in this period. He tells me that while on a visit to England he met ex French and Polish resistance fighters in Birmingham and Sheffield. The French veteran took part in an ambush in Occupied France, losing his left arm and spending the duration of the war in Stalag 17. The brave Pole survived the horrors of Auschwitz. Both men had his unstinting admiration.

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In the hierarchy of the Club Johnny (nick-name Bosco, what else?) is a Junior Leader, liaises with both management and members committee and is also a member of the management committee.

##### Gordon Read

Affable and genial, our Gordon is. Aged 18 years and an AnCo worker he possesses the nickname "Flash" - a tribute to his speed, I am assured. Resemblance to the comic strip character ends there, however. Gordon's favourite school subjects were Metalwork and Computers. In matters of cuisine anything edible will do and he is just not fussy.

Favourite sport is Basketball. Also he likes Soccer as practised by the Reds [Liverpool, not Moscow Dynamo] and in the Club he relaxes with Snooker. No mean hand at Chess either, or so my spies tell me. "Flash" is a compulsive T.V. watcher who revels in programmes like Night Raider, Tomorrow's World or Street Hawk. Incidentally, Eddie Murphy is both his favourite actor and the one he would most like to meet.

Niagara Falls is a place Gordon would like to visit and, in the event of his striking it rich, he would invest in a totally computerised house. Dislikes extend to, well, reading - probably won't bother to read this [pull the other leg, please!] He would like Athletics as Club activities ..... for other members, like say Johnny, also eating competitions to which he extends an all-comers challenge. Provided that the loser pays for the grub - that won't be him he says.

##### Una Clery

Aged 18 years, Una is a Junior Leader. She works part-time with Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. Una likes plain food - well cooked and admits to being a fair hand at cooking fish dishes, baking cakes and making curry. She enjoys Bruce Springsteen, U2 and Eric Clapton. Her favourite sport is Basketball. Una however also likes Rugby and has great admiration for the current International Irish fifteen. Not to mention the Burgerland Basketball Team, particularly the tall American guy! (Sorry Jim Currynan, it's not

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## LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Local Elections

Members of Maynooth Labour Branch have expressed satisfaction that their nominee for the Local Elections in the Maynooth/Leixlip/Celbridge area was unanimously selected to be the Party's candidate for the Co. Council elections on June 20th, and that he is now ratified by the A.C. The Branch members are confident that Emmet Stagg, on the basis of his work for the public in Maynooth, will get a greatly increased vote on this occasion.

The Nth. Kildare Selection Conference also selected David Moynan, Convent Road, as Director of Elections for the two electoral areas in North Kildare. With his unlimited zeal and undoubted organisational ability our campaign is bound to be successful.

### Traders Invited In

The Branch have learned with dismay that a motion tabled and pursued by Cllr. Bernard Durkan at a recent Co. Council meeting will have the effect of issuing an unlimited invitation to Street Traders from outside the area

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(including Dublin) to invade and set up for business in Maynooth. The motion runs as follows:-

"That this Council would consider designating specific street trading areas in the various towns throughout the county where there is such a requirement".

The motion was moved by Cllr. Durkan who said that it was timely for the Council to designate specific street trading areas in order to regularise matters in this area. A report from the Council's planning section advised that the County Development Plan should set out the Council's general policies in regard to casual trading, and it recommended that the plan should contain a statement to the effect that the Council would use its

powers under Section 7 of the Casual Trading Act to designate areas in Athy, Kildare, Droichead Nua and Maynooth. The report indicated that at the conclusion of the development plan review, specific sites in these towns could be designated.

Cllrs. Stagg and Brady expressed concern about the obstruction by casual traders of footpaths in Maynooth. Cllr. Stagg also pointed out that casual traders would be attracted into Maynooth, an area in which he felt there was no requirement for street trading. He also referred to the fact that Maynooth was not a traditional area for street traders.

Cllr. Brady proposed an amendment to the effect that designation be confined to traditional trading areas. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. Stagg. The amendment (which in effect would have excluded Maynooth from being designated) was strenuously opposed by Cllr. Durkan.

The County Manager indicated that it was not clear, in the absence of amending legislation, that overflow of casual trading outside designated areas could be controlled. An earlier High Court decision had established law in this matter in favour of the casual traders.

Cllr. Brady's amendment was put to the meeting and defeated on a show of hands. Cllr. Durkan's motion as originally tabled was put to the meeting and carried on a show of hands.

Maynooth Labour Branch have now sent a circular to all business people in Maynooth advising them of the very serious consequences for the commercial life of Maynooth which will have a detrimental effect on the livelihoods of proprietors and on the employment content generated by the services they provide.

The point was also made of the Environmental consequences as evidenced by the litter strewn streets of Athy and Kildare.

The Branch has formally lodged an objection to any inclusion in the County Kildare Development Plan to have Maynooth named as a town where a "Designated Trading Area" will be established.



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### Taking in Charge of Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green

At a meeting of the Clane Area Committee of Kildare Co. Council held on 15th March, it was decided on the proposal of Cllr. A. Groome, seconded by Cllr. E. Stagg, that the estates of Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green should be taken in charge by the Council.

### Piping of Ditch, College Green

The acting County Engineer informed the above meeting that advice from the Council's solicitors had confirmed that no liability attached to the Council regarding the open drain at College Green. He went on to say that the Bond deposited by the developer of Cluain Aoibhinn would be checked to ascertain if there were sufficient funds remaining to complete outstanding works in Cluain Aoibhinn and to pipe the ditch at College Green.

### Disregard to Trees

Cllr. E. Stagg has made representations to Kildare Co. Council concerning the damage being caused by the erection of a signpost for "Manor Court" on the tree at Flood's house. The sign is fastened to the tree by "four bolts". The continual damage being caused by building contractors to the trees on the Main Street must stop. They should be fined a considerable sum of money for this total disregard of public property.

### Acknowledgements to Representations by Cllr. Stagg

The County Secretary has acknowledged representations by Cllr. Stagg on the following matters:

- Sign indicating "Connolly's Folly" at Barrogstown, Maynooth.
- Ditch at rear of new council houses at Greenfields.
- Footpath to the football field at Moyglare Road.
- Speed limit signs on Moyglare Rd.
- Speed limit sign to be extended at Dillons Row.

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#### I.C.A. KNITTING COMPETITION

A special congratulations to Breda Cunningham, Maynooth Park, for her prizewinning entry in the Tivoli/Brother/I.C.A. Knitting Competition,

particularly as the standard for the competition was exceptionally high. The Rayon sleeved, two tone sweater and gloves as shown below speak for themselves.



**This handknit rayon-sleeved two-tone sweater and gloves was the prizewinning outfit by Breda Cunningham from Maynooth.**

## SPORTS PAGE

#### MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB N.A.C.A. 24/3/85

The final curtain came down on this season's cross country championships at Bohermeen in Co. Meath on Sunday last, and once again the Maynooth Vets were to the forefront. Due to the lateness of the season, the provincial and All-Ireland Championships were run as one, and Maynooth took the individual gold in both O/40 and O/45 events per Pat Maher and Peter Keegan. Add in Brian Redmond, who finished second in the O/40 event, and the final placings were good enough to make Maynooth winners of the team prize for O/35 as well. Looking at the times it can be seen how well Maynooth packed, as Maher recorded a time of 22:24secs, Redmond 23:38 secs and Keegan 25:56 secs, and in a large field of runners they finished in 25th, 26th and 27th places respectively. Several of the Club members took part in the Straffan 10K event, and indeed were rewarded by being winners of the Girls U/16 event, and second and third in the Ladies Vets per Grainne Farrelly, Patsy McCluskey and Mary Farrelly.

7/4/85

Easter Sunday in NACA athletic circles is the day for the Dunboyne Road Race Festival, and so it was this year, and even if the weather was against running, all who took part can be well pleased with their performances, several individual trophies being won together with team prizes for both Vet. men and women.

The Mens International Race was the feature event on the programme, and here Maynooth had seven runners, Pat Maher (61st), Peter Keegan (62nd), Tony Callaghan (86th), Mick Gleeson (120th), David Jolly (133rd), Noel McCluskey (187th) and Pearse Breslin (197th). The placings of the first three named, Maher, Keegan and Callaghan were

sufficiently good to make Maynooth first club in the O/40 section, and in the various age group listings, Pat Maher was second individual O/40 and Peter Keegan first ind. O/45. This was a good performance from these men as the opposition was very strong and included runners from all over Ireland.

In the Ladies Vets section, Patsy McCluskey was placed 20th overall, and was third in the O/30 section. Helen Redmond was 40th overall and Marie Gleeson 49th. These placings made Maynooth second team O/30.

In the Juvenile section of the day, Grainne Farrelly had her usual win, and indeed can always be relied upon to give of her best on all occasions. Enda Gleeson was 5th in the same race, the Girls U/16 event.

Dara Callaghan was placed sixth in the Boys U/16, Enda Breslin 10th in the U/14, Gavin Callaghan 8th in the Boys U/12 and finally Austin Noonan 3rd in the U/10 race.

For the girls, Michelle Ennis once again proved too strong for the opposition, and good runs too in this U/12 race from Carmel Noonan and Catherine Gleeson. The U/14 race had Emer Farrelly in 3rd place, Paula Kelly 7th, and Sharon Ennis 19th, and finally both Fiona Redmond and Emma McCluskey ran very well in the U/10 race, this race being run in a downpour of rain.

#### CLINIC BERNARD DURKAN T.D.

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

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#### Aintree Grand National Draw Results

**£100:** Bernadette Farrell, Loughrea, Straffan. **£50:** Pat Ward, 57th, Patrick's Park, Celbridge. **£25:** Fear Redmond, 481 Straffan Rd., Maynooth. **£10 each:** B. McDonnell, 40th, Lane, Maynooth; Danny Fitzpatrick, 8 Maynooth Park; Nora McDermott, Kellystown, Leixlip. **£5 each:** Jacqueline Redmond, Straffan Road; P. Fahy, Kilgrague, Dunboyne; Ruam McElbhan Cill Barraigh, An Uaimh; Mark McNamee, Cluan Aobhinn; Bobby O'Connell, 11 IMP Leixlip; Mary Bennett, Old Railpark.

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Peter Keegan and David Jolly made the long journey to Armagh for the local 10K Road Race, and made the trip worthwhile with a good victory for Peter in the Vets O/45 event. David Jolly finished in third place in the Vets O/40 event. Peter's time was 30m.55s and David's 35m.46s.

The following is a list of NACA events for the next few weeks:

May 5th: Fr. Murphy's Sports in Athboy.

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 10m and 800m events, together  
 ith mixed medley relays and a  
 JK race for Seniors and Vets.  
 the Juvenile events, we had  
 od runs from Nuala Noonan,  
 cond in the U/16 100m, Paula  
 elly, 1st in the 100m for U/14  
 rls, Michelle Ennis, 2nd in the U/12  
 10m and Austin Noonan who was  
 uth in the Boys U/10 100m race.

the 400m race for girls U/14  
 aula Kelly was a very good second,  
 nd Fiona Lawlor third.  
 uala Noonan came third in the  
 irls U/16 800m and Dara Callaghan  
 as second in the Boys U/16 800m  
 ace.

n unusual event was the mixed  
 edley relay, and Maynooth recorded  
 first and third here via Austin  
 onnan, Michelle Ennis, Enda Breslin  
 nd Helen Tracey who were placed  
 irst, and Fiona Redmond, Gavin  
 allaghan, Paula Kelly and Dara  
 allaghan who were third in their

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event. These relays were run over  
 distances of 100m, 200m, 400m  
 and 800m.

The 10K Road Race also provided  
 some compensation to the Maynooth  
 athletes taking part, and a good  
 run here from Peter Keegan who  
 finished third in the O/35 section,  
 and Pat Maher who was fourth  
 in the same event. The Maynooth  
 team was placed second overall,  
 via P. Keegan, P. Maher, Tony  
 Callaghan and Mick Gleeson.  
 In the Ladies O/30 section, Patsy  
 McCluskey was a good winner,  
 with Helen Redmond second and  
 Marie Gleeson third. These three  
 ladies were also first senior team  
 on the day, and Patsy McCluskey  
 and Helen Redmond were joined  
 by P. Keegan and P. Maher in  
 the mixed team, and finished a  
 very creditable second.

Whilst all this action was taking  
 place in Newbridge, Emer Farrelly,  
 Grainne Farrelly and Frank Desmond  
 headed to Summerhill in Co. Meath  
 for a road race festival, and here  
 Grainne really cleared the decks

**MAYNOOTH A.C. 300 CLUB DRAW**  
**Result: Wed. 17th April**

Barbara Walsh, c/o Moyglare Stud,  
 Maynooth - £100  
 Margaret McLoughlin, Smithstown,  
 Maynooth - £50  
 Mrs. Mona Murphy, Leinster Park,  
 Maynooth - £20  
 Kevin Corr, Smithstown - £5  
 T. McGovern, Sen., 818 Greenfield - £5  
 Tom Deane, Moyglare - £5  
 Paddy Healy, Smithstown - £5

as far as prizes were concerned.  
 This girl, who seems to improve  
 with every outing, won the Girls  
 U/16 1500m race and then went  
 out and had a magnificent win  
 in the Senior Ladies section of  
 the 10K race. Emer Farrelly finished  
 in third place in the Girls U/14  
 1500m race, and Frank Desmond  
 was fifth in the Boys U/14 road  
 race. Frank also took part in the  
 10K race and finished in 33rd place.  
 These were very good performances  
 from these athletes as all the races  
 in Summerhill were open to both  
 NACA and BLE athletes. Two former  
 members of the club, Mary and  
 Noel Farrelly, also took part in  
 the 10K race, Noel winning the  
 Vets section and Mary winning  
 the Ladies Vets.

Finally, the Club would like to  
 congratulate those selected for the  
 recent coaching course in Antrim,  
 and hope that they and their chaperone  
 will be passing on all they learned in  
 due course. Those attending the  
 course were Paula Kelly, Helen  
 Tracey, Mairead and Nuala Noonan,  
 Enda Gleeson, and Fiona Lawlor, to-  
 gether with Margaret Noonan.

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you). Eddie Macken and Gerry  
 Mullins of the show-jumping world  
 also appeal to Una.

What Una particularly likes in the  
 Club is the chat and the crack!  
 When not playing basketball she  
 enjoys watching T.V. shows like  
 Glenroe, Robin of Sherwood, Tom,  
 Dick'n'Harriet. Una enjoys films  
 too and was quite impressed by  
 Neil Jordan's "Company of Wolves".  
 Its special effects were stunning.  
 Tom Selleck of Magnum is an actor  
 she also gets a kick out of watching.

Una would most like to visit Paris  
 for its elegance and sophistication  
 and also nurtures a desire to learn  
 how to drive and own a car. Her  
 one dislike seems to be dentists -  
 as a profession. Finally, Una hopes  
 that some day our Club will twin  
 with another Club to both our  
 mutual benefit. Una also acts in  
 a liaison capacity with the members  
 committee and management committee  
 and in addition is active in the  
 members committee.

## John Kearns

Aged 16 years and is a third year  
 Post Primary School student. Nick-  
 name is "Kerro". Would eat shepherds  
 pie till the cows (or should it be  
 sheep) come home. John is fond  
 of listening to Bruce Springsteen  
 and thinks Indoor Soccer is really  
 great. Favourite team is Liverpool  
 and player is Ian Rush. In the Club  
 John also goes for ball-games,  
 such as Pool and Snooker. On T.V.  
 he goes for Miami Vice and was

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most impressed by the film "Electric  
 Blue". His favourite actor is Clint  
 Eastwood.

For holidays John feels that he  
 would like to visit Russia and see  
 this vast country at his leisure.  
 Of course if John had that much  
 money he would also buy an R.D.  
 350 motorbike and all the gear  
 that goes with it. He would like  
 to see Swimming as a Club activity,  
 also hunting. Hunting?? What? He  
 feels that the opposite sex is under-  
 represented and would welcome  
 more girl members, particularly  
 good-looking ones.

## David Thompson

Vibrant, nickname "Tozzie". Is aged  
 15 years and again is a third year  
 Post Primary student. David or  
 Tozzie is a French Fry (chips)  
 addict and proud of it. Queen and  
 Freddie Mercury sounds are what  
 he likes to listen to. Like other  
 male members Soccer is a passion  
 in the shape of Man. Utd. and  
 Bryan Robson. Tabletennis, according  
 to him, is his favourite club activity.  
 T.V. show he favours is Magnum.  
 Naturally his favourite actor is

Tom Selleck. Olivia Newton-John  
 he rates highly too. Would most  
 like to meet Freddie Mercury.

On world cruise Tozzie would visit  
 Hawaii and (ugh!) Antarctica, home  
 of the penguins (or nuns). If he  
 could afford it he'd buy a Porsche.  
 His biggest dislike, he said, in a  
 not too serious vein, is - Johnny  
 Dowling! After all there is none  
 bigger! As regards Club improvements  
 Tozzie would like a greater range of  
 eats in the shop and send the members  
 committee on a course in tea-making.

## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our thanks to Mrs. Marie Kelly  
 of Main St., Maynooth for the  
 beautiful collection of books she  
 recently presented to the school.  
 They will adorn the shelves of  
 the library for many years and  
 will I'm sure bring much pleasure  
 to the many who will read them.  
 While on this line if there are  
 any other parents out there who  
 have any books lying around why  
 not consider presenting them to  
 the school library.

On behalf of the committee of  
 the P.T.A. and indeed all who  
 are and were associated with the  
 school - many thanks to Owen  
 Byrne and Mairead Bean for all  
 the work and help they unselfishly  
 gave over many years to the Post-  
 Primary School. When volunteers  
 for work were called for, Owen  
 and Mairead were never hesitant  
 in giving of their time and energy.  
 Both were an example of what co-  
 operation should be between parents  
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# SPORTS PAGE

## COMMUNITY GAMES

The arrival of the long evenings once more means that it's time for that annual organisational marathon more commonly known as Maynooth Community Games. The bad news is that you will once again be greeted by that almost extinct species called the Community Games Collector, who will be looking for the wherewithall to do it all until the campaign ends in Mosney next September. We hope you will treat this creature with open arms as there are only a few of them left. The Collectors will be calling between 4th and 10th May.

On to more serious things now with the list of things which will be taking place in the lead up to the finals, which should be completed by the end of July. I hope you will bear with me as the list is quite long, but we can't really leave anyone out as the spirit of the Games is to encourage all children to take part, no matter where their allegiance lies. Competing is the name of the game.

## Draughts

The under 10 team, which consists of Miriam Gormally, Ciara Farrelly, Tanya McDermott, John Higgins, Paul Flood, Raymond Fleming and Patrick has been drawn to meet Nurney in the preliminary round and if they successfully cross this hurdle, they come up against Rathangan in the first round proper. The under 14 side is made up of John Gormally, Damien Carroll, Derek Fleming, Peter Cassells, Enda Carr, Darren McDermott and Robert Shiel. They too compete in the Preliminary Round, this time against Crookstown and go on to meet Athy in the next round if they succeed.

Training for the Draughts Teams has been taking place in the Boys School since early March.

## Badminton

The draw this year pits the Maynooth Under 15's against Rathangan. The team is being looked after by the Badminton Club who selected the following players following a Blitz Competition run before Easter: Siobhan Kearins, Catherine Ashe, Catherine Fox, Ciara Coughlan, Dudley O'Donnell, Fergus Ashe, Keelan Loughnane and Ian Cosgrove.

## Chess

The Team have successfully escaped the Preliminary Round, getting straight through to meet Clane in the Quarter Finals. Training takes place in the Post Primary School between 4 and 5pm under

the guiding hand of Mr. Des Madden. Any boy or girl under sixteen who can play chess will be most welcome at these sessions.

## Table Tennis

Details of teams, training, etc. are not available at time of writing but we do know that the Boys U/16 will compete in the Blitz in Monasterevin on Sun. 12th May at 10.30am, while the Girls' venue and date have yet to be agreed.

## Basketball

Again no news on teams but training is in progress (for those who already know how to play) in the Post Primary School on Wednesdays from 6-7.30 for Girls U/16, while the Boys U/16 train on Fridays from 6-7.30. Those U/16s who feel they may be good enough to make the teams are welcome to attend at these training sessions. The Blitz for the Girls will be held in Leixlip on Sat 4th May while the Boys Blitz takes place in Newbridge on Sat 11th May.

## Soccer

This is an under twelve event and those wishing to make the team, which is under the wing of the Soccer Club, should contact the team manager, Mr. J. Thompson.

## G.A.A.

As with the Soccer, the Gaelic Football and Hurling teams are being looked after by the G.A.A.

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## COMMUNITY GAMES Contd.

Club and the people to contact here are Michael Gillick and Tommy Flaherty.

## Judo

Training for Judo is held in the Post Primary School on Mondays after 4pm and any of those interested who already have a knowledge of the sport are asked to contact Mr. W. Coughlan.

## Cycling

Maynooth Cycling Club are taking care of this sport and the Manager is Mr. L. Cannon. The Maynooth cycling competition will be held on Sat. 11th May at 3pm. If you are interested you can contact the Manager for further details.

## Gymnastics

The team is being managed by Mrs. Betty Murphy and the local Competition will be held in the Post Primary School on Wednesday 6th May at 6pm. Please contact Mrs. Murphy if you are interested.

## Art and Modelling

Competition will be held in the Post Primary School on Sat. 25th May from 10am to 1pm. Age for Art are Boys and Girls U/8, U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16 and U/17 and for Modelling Boys and Girls under 14.

## Athletics

Athletics for Boys and Girls U/8, U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16, U/17 as well as Tiny Tots and Mums and Dads will be run by the Athletic Club on Sunday 12th May starting at 12.30pm.

## Swimming

Swimming is for Boys and Girls U/8, U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16, U/17 and U/20 and is being organised by Mrs. Ann Cotter and Mrs. Susan Igoe. You may contact these ladies for further information.

## Rounders

Rounders will be open to Boys and Girls U/12 and U/15 and the team will be managed by Paddy Lynch. Training should have commenced by the 22nd May and anyone keen on this game should watch for notices in the usual places or contact Mr. Lynch directly.

## Rugby

The rugby team, which is open to Boys U/11, will be handled by Mr. Tony Hayes. North Kildare Rugby Club are also co-operating in this venture and any boy who can play the game should contact Mr. Hayes or Mrs. B. Breslin for details.

## Variety

Paddy Boyd will again be looking after the Variety and by the time you read this the auditions will have been held and the team selected.

## Lawn Tennis

Mr. W. Coughlan is the Team Manager here and you should watch out for the official Tayto Posters which will appear in the schools and shops for further details.

The dates and venues for the County Finals are as follows:-

Art & Modelling: Curragh, 14th July.  
Athletics: Newbridge, 6th/7th July.

Variety: Kilcullen, 15th or 16th June.  
Swimming: Athy, date to be confirmed.  
Gymnastics: Newbridge, 22nd June at 10 a.m.  
Cycling: Maynooth, 20th July.

We would like to thank all those who joined the Community Games Entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and also those who supported the Cake Sale so well.

Finally, could we once again remind you of the Annual Collection from 4th to 10th May and ask for your full support. The monies go towards the cost of Transport, Medals, Entry Fees, Training Facilities and Insurance Cover and I suppose one could see your contributions as an investment in your children

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May we remind you that the next meeting of the Community Games Committee will be held in the Post Primary School on May 20th at 8pm. We invite all interested parents to come along and see how the Games are organised and perhaps take an active part in the children's recreation.

We shall keep you up to date on progress in all competitions over the next three or four months. Until then please be kind to the Collectors.

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