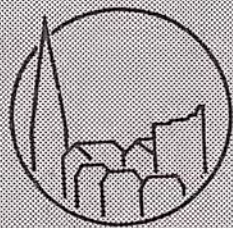


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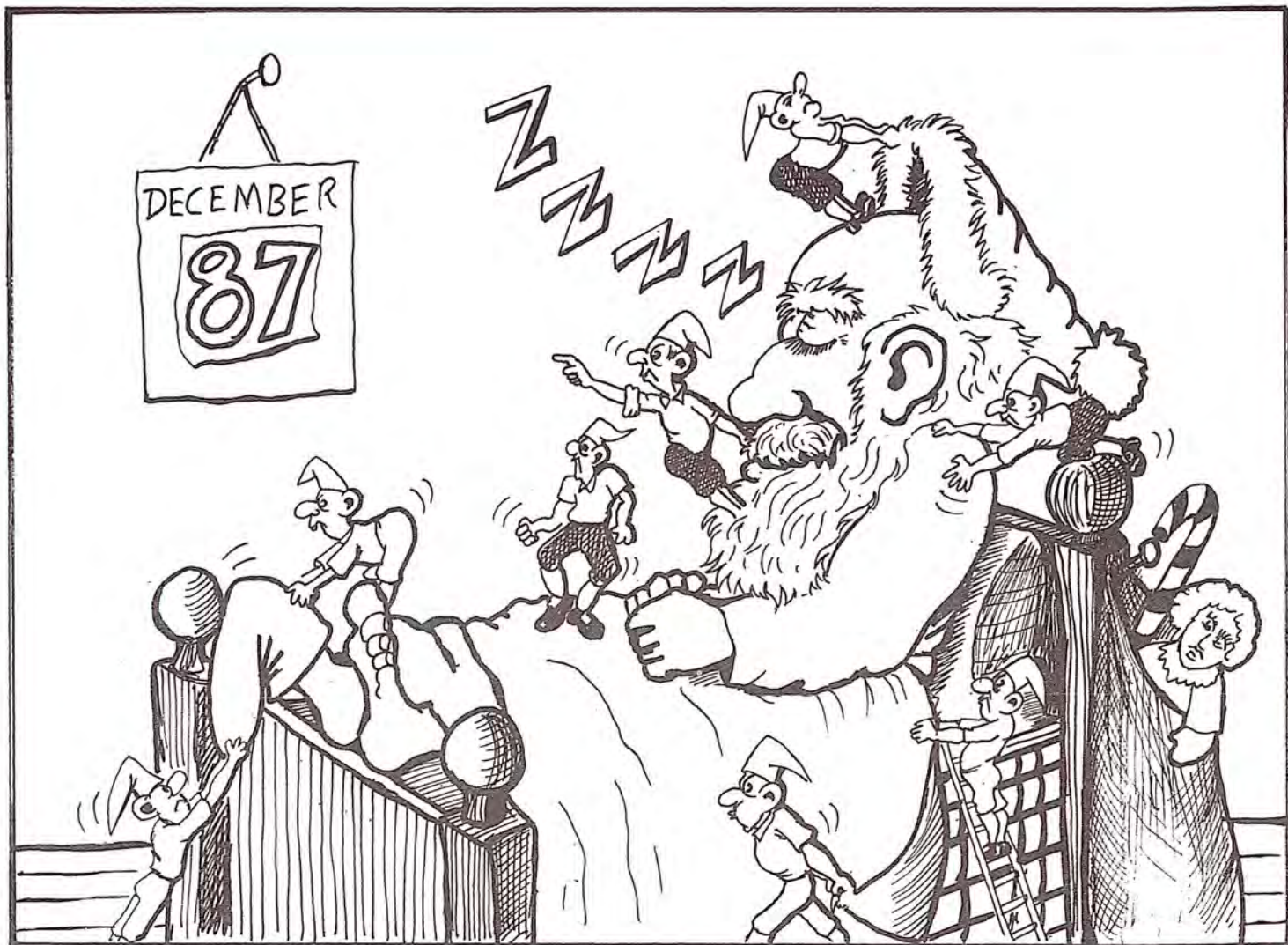


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## Editorial

For many years residents of Maynooth have been pressing for an extension of the 66 bus service to the estates. Some houses in Maynooth are well over a mile from the bus stop. Residents in Leixlip have also been waging a similar campaign. At least the roads to Kingsbry or Cluain Aoibhinn are flat — Leixlip residents, in addition to having to walk long distances, also face the mountainous slopes of Captain's Hill.

Recently Dublin Bus acceded to the demands of the residents and agreed to run a 66A service up Captain's Hill as far as River Forest. This service would increase the number of buses to Leixlip and the fare would be the same as the standard one already applying to Leixlip. "Well done, Leixlip" we might say and look forward to similar developments in Maynooth.

Not so, indeed. Didn't the Minister for Transport, John Wilson over rule this decision, and give a license to a private bus company to operate a feeder service to the village and railway station. Commuters would have to pay for this service and then pay again on the 66 or the train into town. This would actually increase the cost of travel and have no impact on the overall number of buses on the route. A feature of some interest to Maynooth commuters who must compete with Leixlip and Lucan commuters at the bus stops in Abbey Street. Leixlip residents are petitioning to have the minister's decision overruled.

Maynooth residents' should keep a watching brief on events. Do we want to be palmed off with a similar Kildare solution to a Kildare problem?

### Beware the dog catcher!

The council dog warden is operating in Maynooth these days. All dogs wandering around estates unattended will be released on payment of a fine. Residents would be well advised to keep Fido enclosed in the garden, to purchase a collar and lead, and of course a £5 licence at the Post Office. A number of Cluain Aoibheann canines spent a few nights in the lock up recently.

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

### Swimming Pool

The Community Council have attended three meetings to date with the committee of the Parents in the Post-Primary, to discuss the cost of our pool. The Community Council have agreed to distribute a questionnaire and call on the residents of Maynooth and surrounding areas. Mr. T. Ashe is presenting a report later in the magazine.

### Television Relays

The Dept. of Communications have confirmed that the £6.00 overcharges should be refunded.

### Geraldine Hall.

It has come to our notice that the above premises is not insured due to the loss of the lease. Any group wishing to use the Hall must provide their own insurance.

### 66 Bus

We have been informed that as a result of a meeting between Mr. M. Quinn, Greenfield Residents Association, Mr. Noone of Noone's Garage and C.I.E. that the 66 Bus will turn at Noone's Garage, Straffan Rd., if the road is resurfaced outside his premises. We are asking all residents to lobby their local Councillors to have this remedied by Kildare County Council.

### Royal Canal

Permission has been granted to the R.C.A.G. for the use of the Community Council office for the following:

— Trade Fair  
— 1/2 day per week for an S.E.S. worker.

### Tidy Towns

Only twenty people attended the last public meeting in October. It was decided to concentrate all efforts on our main street and the square. We would urge people to come and help in the cleaning up of the area.

### Enniskillen

Books of Condolances for Maynooth and surrounding areas will be placed in the Library and Churches.

### Cyclists

Will you please light up for your own safety and for the safety of other road users.





## Letters

Dear Editor,

As some readers of the Newsletter may be aware that the Community Council are pushing for a better policing service in Maynooth. However to date our efforts have been in vain and our latest letter from the commissioner of the Gardai echoes the point of his colleagues that "Maynooth is one of the best policed areas of the Carlow/Kildare division."

For obvious reasons we do not accept this abysmal answer and this is where we ask for your support. We will try to make a file on robberies etc. in the area and submit it to the commissioner. If you have had a need to call the Gardai lately we would like to know about it.

Confidentiality will be respected. You can contact the Maynooth Community Council offices in the Mall.

Your support is vital.

**Mary Murtagh. (Sec.)**

Dear Editor

I refer to Mr. Connaughton's letter in your last issue. I take grave exception to your views on women priests and the role of women in the church. As your intellectual equal if not your superior, I object to our role as church decorators — or 'decorations' might perhaps be a better phrase. I feel women have so much more to offer than their 'help-meet' roles. Our experiences of family life and even family budgeting gives us an edge on men in regards to organization and delegation of tasks. The church elders themselves agree that the task of handing down the faith rests mainly with the mothers of the world so surely it makes sense for us to be consecrated priests and assume our role with more authority. I do not doubt for one moment our capability to contribute to or even control the organized churches of the world.

**Carol Clifford.**

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## Maynooth Man Obtains Prestigious Technology Award

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Kevin obtained this award by submitting a Thesis on the Design of a Hospital in Saudi Arabia for which he was responsible and subsequently attending a professional review in London.

It is interesting to note that Kevin is the first Irishman to receive this prestigious award in Electrical Engineering since its inception in 1965.

We wish to extend our best wishes to Kevin for the future.

Kevin is a son of Doreen and Sean Tracey, Greenfield.



## Local Man faces 100 mile Walk

Paddy Cummins, a well known local man, will be taking part in a 100 mile walk with Donncha O Dulaing through the Holy Land next March. The charities to benefit from this event will be the Irish Wheelchair Association and the Rehabilitation Institute. Paddy would be most grateful for any sponsorship, contribution or assistance as he must pay his own travelling expenses and raise at least £2,000 for the charities. Anyone who wishes to help with this worthwhile goal should contact Paddy at 848, Old Greenfield, Maynooth. Tel. 286587.

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Well, National Childrens' Book Week has come and gone, and the following are a list of prizewinners for the various competitions — In the painting competition, sponsored by the Bank of Ireland, first in the over 7 age group was Paul Moriarty and second was Liam Moriarty. In the under 7 years, first was Laura Eyres and second was José Lorenzo.

The A.I.B. sponsored the Short Story Competition. 1st prize was won by Jonathon Arthurs, for the over 7's and Enda Keane won second prize.

The Arthurs family featured again in the under 7's, with Christopher taking 1st prize. Niamh Mulready got a special prize for the beautiful poem she wrote.

Michelle Leckie wrote the best cartoon caption in the Cartoon Caption competition, sponsored by the Bank of Ireland.

The Ulster Bank sponsored the Book Quiz and also the Talent Competition. The Book Quiz was very hotly contested, and Fionnuala O'Donnell emerged as the overall winner, with Colin Cosgrove in second place.

The Talent Competition proved very popular — there is certainly no shortage of talent in Maynooth! The entries were all recorded — so the tape is available for borrowing, for those interested! The winners of this competition were in first place Meljoan Ryan and Laura McCabe, and second was Brid Ann O'Shea.

The Fancy Dress Competition, sponsored by Ulster Bank was won by Louise Loane, dressed as "Hilda" from Coronation Street. In second place was Master Hanley dressed by "Crocodile Donadea".

The spot prizes during the week were sponsored by Gerry Brady, and

the Teddy Bears' Picnic was sponsored by Quinnsworth. The latter proved a most entertaining and enjoyable picnic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the afore-mentioned sponsors, whose benevolence is greatly appreciated.

Some of the stories that were entered for the Short Story competition will be published in next month's issue. Most of the entries are currently on display in the library. Also there are entries for the short story competition that was run in conjunction with Active Age Week. This competition was set and judged by Mr. Ciaran Dockery.

Also on display are some oil paintings by Mrs. P. Kinsella. These paintings are for sale, and those interested should contact the above, at 11 Laurence Avenue.

**Margaret Walshe-Gannon.**



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## Maynooth Residents Against Local Charges

The first Protest March since 1916 took place through the streets of Maynooth on Saturday 14th November at 3.00 p.m. The reason which prompted such extreme action was the anger and disgust felt by the local population to Kildare County councils policy towards refuse collection in relation to payment of charges. Approx. 200 people assembled outside Quinnsworth, holding small, sealed bags of rubbish and set forth to the accompaniment of a very appropriate song — 'Money for Nothing'. This music was suggested by the R.T.E. Camera Crew who covered the whole Protest. The residents were led in the march by local Labour T.D., Emmett Stagg, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain, Chairperson of the Community Council, Michael Quinn and Margaret Clince of M.R.A.L.C., down the main street and into the Co. Council yard. The residents were then invited to leave their rubbish on the doorstep, which they enthusiastically did. M. Quinn outlined their reasons for the march and M. Clince read a letter addressed to the Co. Council and then posted it through their letterbox. R.T.E. interviewed Emmett Stagg, Colm Purcell and local residents. Emmett claimed the law was an "ass" in this case and should be changed — even if covering the Co. Council offices with rubbish and had to be done to achieve this objective. Colm Purcell stated that their policy against local charges had remained constant both in and outside of Government. Local resident Rita Thompson said she would go to jail rather than pay the charges. The March was conducted in an orderly and peaceful fashion and the residents feel that they have made their point.

The M.R.A.L.C. is a non-party political organisation and will welcome support from everyone in the community. The next step in the campaign is a town-wide petition calling on all local councillors to insist that the Co. Manager resume all refuse collections and vote out all local charges for 1988.



On behalf of M.R.A.L.C. and indeed most of the residents of Maynooth we wish to protest in the strongest terms possible against your action in refusing to collect refuse from many residents. These residents have been penalised because they believe the charges to be unjust in that they have already been paid through P.A.Y.E.

deductions. We also believe your action to be irresponsible as accumulated rubbish could lead to a serious health hazard for all residents in our town.

Accordingly we now demand of you the following:

1) To immediately resume collection of refuse from all residents.

2) To consult with all County Councillors and insist that they demand from central Government sufficient funds to ensure that you are enabled to meet your obligations with regard to the provision of local services.

On behalf of M.R.A.L.C.

**Margaret Clince.**



## Maynooth, Ontario, Canada

Further to Mrs Marie Kelly's visit to Canada correspondence was started between Mr. Sam Regan of Ontario and Mrs. Kelly to try to find out the origins of Maynooth, Ontario. We publish Mr. Regan's letter below and we will keep you up to date on all further news.

Sam Regan,  
Rake St., Peter,  
Ontario,  
Canada.  
KOL 2KO.

Dear Mrs. Kelly,

Re your nice letter on Wed. 28th. I was glad to hear from you. Father Cass gave us your letter, he is home again and feeling much better.

We've been looking around trying to find out a little more about our Maynooth here. So far we find that it was first called Oxenden, then Tara, then Doyle's Corners and finally Maynooth. We think from what we can find out it was changed those times by the different Irish people that settled there.

We know the bell on our Church which is called St. Ignatius, was made in the State of Main, U.S.A. It was shipped to Maynooth, Ireland by mistake and it took nearly a year to find out what had happened to it. It was finally shipped back to Maynooth, Canada and we are still using it. That would be in the mid-1800's.

The reason there was so many Irish and many other nationalities that immigrated to Canada and to this Area was the getting of free grant lands. The numbers of areas varied in size from 100 acres up. All free. These deeds were tax free. (I saw one of the deeds. It had Queen Victoria's stamp on it which said no taxation forever.)

About 1914 this changed and there was no more free taxation.

I would like to have a copy of your history of your Maynooth. It would be most interesting.

Have a good New Year and health to you and yours.

Sincerely,  
Sam Regan.

P.S. If you have a cassette tape we could exchange news. We have a tape recorder here.

NOTE: Professor Smyth of St. Patrick's College, Maynoth ordered some books to be sent to the College here and eventually found that they had been sent to Maynooth, Canada. Marie T. Kelly. Maynooth.



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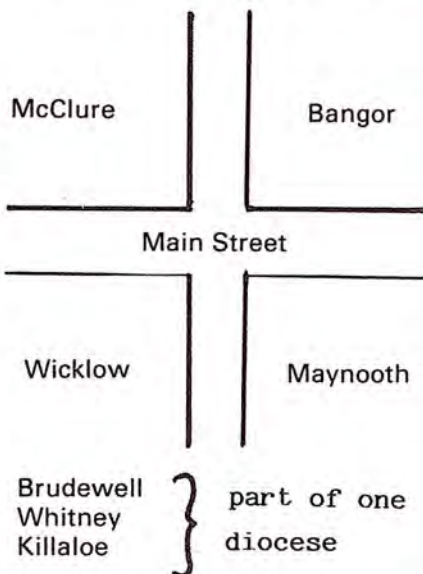


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# POLITICAL PARTY NOTES



## LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Transport Matters

Following representations by Deputy Emmet Stagg, Irish Rail (C.I.E.) have agreed to introduce a new suburban rail time-table at the end of November. This will mean that the 7.15 a.m. ex-Maynooth train will be advanced to 7.10 a.m. giving an arrival time in Connolly Station of 7.48 a.m., thereby enabling Maynooth commuters to connect with the 7.51 a.m. south-bound D.A.R.T. train.

Deputy Stagg has also learned that Dublin Bus (C.I.E.) are exploring the possibility of providing a bus service between Celbridge and Maynooth by extending the present 67 bus to Celbridge. It is understood that the proposed turning point at Noone's garage has been found to be unsuitable. The proposed extension of the 67 route will serve the residents on the Straffan and Celbridge Road and is welcomed by Maynooth Labour Branch.

### Library Charges Reduced

The £15 charge for library membership has been reduced to £2 for adults and £1 for children, with a 10p charge for each book borrowed.

The reduction of the £15 charge, which has drastically reduced membership of the library, is welcomed by Maynooth Labour Branch. This tax on knowledge was one of the most regressive measures ever introduced by Kildare Co. Council. We will continue to campaign until the charge is totally abolished.

### Moyglare Road

At the request of the school authorities and residents of the area councillors Emmet Stagg and Colm Purcell, have made representations to Kildare Co. Council, to have the surface of this long neglected road properly and permanently surfaced and drained. Developments are awaited.

### Education Cuts

The savagery and stupidity of the 'Education Cuts', particularly in the primary sector have been condemned by the Labour Party at local and national level. Parents are urged to lobby the F.F. and F.G. T.D.'s in Kildare to get them to withdraw their support in the Dáil for these totally unacceptable and unnecessary measures.

### Swimming Pool

Deputy Emmet Stagg has tabled a Dáil question to An Taoiseach requesting him to provide the necessary funding, from the National Lottery, to provide a swimming pool on land available beside Maynooth Post Primary School. Such an amenity would not only serve our community but others such as Kilcock, Celbridge and Leixlip.

### Public Protest

The Maynooth Labour Branch fully support the protest by residents of Maynooth on Saturday 14th Nov. against the policy of Kildare Co. Council, who left refuse uncollected in estates in the town. The only public representatives to join the marchers in their protest were Deputy Emmet Stagg and Councillor Colm Purcell. Now we know where the others stand.

### Flag Day Success

The recent fundraising flag day organised by The Labour Party was highly successful and we wish to thank the generosity of the many who contributed. The proceeds will be used to finance an even better service to the public. The branch take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Maynooth a happy and peaceful Christmas.

We also wish to thank the Newsletter Committee for the valuable service they provide to the town and wish them continued and deserved success in the future.

## LABOUR STUDENTS

There will be a meeting on education in the New Arts Block on Wed. 2nd December at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting will be addressed by Michael D. Higgins — shadow spokesman for Education, and a representative from U.S.I. It will be chaired by Muireann Ní Bhrolachain.

## MAYNOOTH BRANCH OF PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS

The County Manager is bringing in his estimates for 1988. They contain a reduction of 14% in the rate support grants from the Government, which amounts to a loss in revenue amounting to £764,000. The total amount to Local Authorities has been reduced by 11% while Kildare has been reduced by 14%. The main consideration of the estimates is to increase the commercial rate by 17% over last year and to increase the charges to £100 for water and refuse collection. There will also be increases in the charge for non-domestic water to 1.60 per thousand gallons. There will be a reduction in the opening hours for the disposal depot in Kilcullen, there will be the elimination of domestic refuse collection in country areas, there will also be a closure of small branch libraries and the termination of the mobile library service.

The Progressive Democrats are against the increase of water and refuse charges to £100 as it represents a 100% increase since 1985. This at a time when the service Kildare County Council is offering to the public is decreasing. The public are being asked to pay more for less service. The employee is getting no reduction in the level of PAYE.

The effect on businesses in the county which are expected to pay a further 17% on an already high rate is

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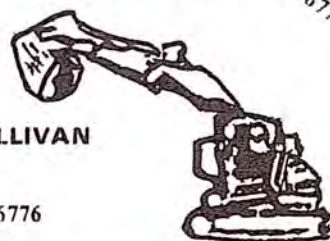
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unsustainable in a climate of downturn in the commercial life in Kildare. This represents a 54% increase in rates since 1985 and we strongly feel that it will cause many businesses to fold with further losses in employment in Kildare and result in severe hardship on the business community. In Maynooth a large public house will pay £5,766 rates against £3,769 in 1985 and a business will be asked to pay £14,000 against £9,156 in 1985. These increases cannot be justified. The Progressive Democrats are in favour of a complete restructuring of Local Authorities.

It should extend the collection of refuse to private contractors throughout the county. It should establish a management committee to look after the swimming pools to encourage a greater use of these pools and make them self-financing. It should examine the possibility of establishing the library service in the local schools in the rural part of the county. Road maintenance should be handed over to small private contractors to fill pot-holes and make the roads at least passable. The house maintenance should be handed over to small contractors and in some cases the money paid direct to the householder to carry out repairs.

We welcome the use of the Social Employment Scheme and agree that the Council should use this scheme in a more effective way to help the participants of the scheme as well as providing a service to the public.

**M. Kelleher, P.R.O.**

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## FINE GAEL NOTES NOVEMBER 1987

The October Meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael was held on Tuesday 27th October 1987 in the ICA Hall Maynooth.

There was a good attendance at the meeting and lively discussion took place on the spending cuts namely in health and education areas.

Deputy Bernard Durkan in addressing the meeting informed all present that:

### 1. Pupil/Teacher Ratio in Primary Schools:

The Minister for Education, following representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan informed him that:

"My Department has recently notified Boards of Management of national schools of revisions which have been made in the schedule of figures for the appointment and retention of teachers in national schools.

The appointment and retention of teachers is made by reference to the schedule of averages and not to a specific pupil/teacher ratio. The current average pupil/teacher ratio is 26.8 : 1."

### 2. Future of Naas Hospital:

Dr Rory O'Hanlon, Minister for Health informed Deputy Bernard Durkan following his continuous representations regarding the position of Naas Hospital that:

"The question of the provision of services at Naas Hospital is a matter for the Eastern Health Board in the first instance. I can assure the Deputy that there are no proposals before the Board or in my Department to close the hospital or reduce services further at the hospital in the foreseeable future. Tenders have now been received in my Department for the development of a new psychiatric unit and boiler house at the County Hospital, Naas. These are being examined at present with a view to scheduling the provision of these facilities having regard to the availability of capital funds."

### 3. Carton Court:

Deputy Bernard Durkan, following many representations, has received the following reply from Mr J G Ward, County Manager, Kildare County Council regarding the taking in charge of the Estate:

"I regret that I am not yet in a position to indicate when the Estate can be taken in charge. I have tried to arrange a meeting with the Lombard & Ulster Bank in connection with the completion of this Estate but representatives of the Bank have indicated that they are not willing to discuss the case with me and consequently, it will now be necessary to decide how best

the outstanding work can be completed in conjunction with the Residents' Association. I will write to you again shortly when I have considered the matter further."

### 4. Motorway from Leixlip, Maynooth, Kilcock:

The Minister for the Environment has informed Deputy Bernard Durkan that:

"The timing of this motorway is being considered in the context of the preparation of a Blueprint for Road Development which I intend to publish within the next few months. The cost of the Scheme is tentatively estimated at £39 million (at 1987 prices)."

### 5. Bus Service Maynooth to Celbridge:

Deputy Bernard Durkan has received the following reply from the Minister for Transport & Tourism regarding the above service:

"An application has recently been received from a private bus operator for a road passenger licence to operate a Monday to Friday bus service on the route between Maynooth and Celbridge.

A decision on the application, which is at present under consideration in my Department, will be taken as soon as possible."

### 6. Ard Fheis:

The Ard Fheis took place this year in Cork and was a great success. Many delegates travelled from Kildare to hear the Leader of the Party, Alan Dukes, T.D. give his first speech as Leader in the Neptune Stadium.

Our congratulations to Alan for a successful first Ard Fheis as Cean-naire, and also to Vincent Kelly on being returned once again to the National Executive.

### 7. Fundraising Activities:

A number of fundraising activities will be held during the coming months and we would ask members and supporters to continue with all their good work. Watch out for details of events. . .

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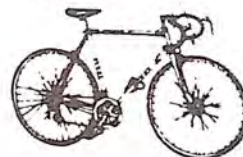
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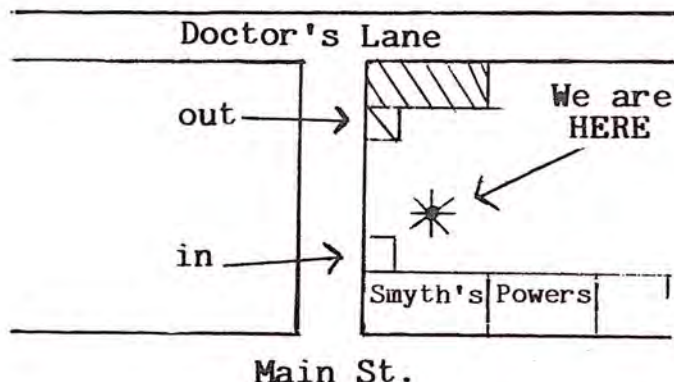
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## COLLEGE NEWS

Nothing too exciting is happening around the college at the moment. The Conferring of the N.U.I. degrees last week has been the highlight of the month. Congratulations to all who graduated, we hope you had a wonderful day and NIGHT! The town was set ablaze by the dazzling evening dresses and the striking dickie bows. The usual dreary pubs were on fire with excitement. Hopefully there were not too many sore heads the following morning. Although it did come to our attention the lack of students roaming around the next morning. The ones that were spotted looked rather green.

Frank McGuinness the playwright and lecturer in English in the college has featured a lot in the media over the last month. What with his interview with David Hanly on Hanly's People on the 16th and on Bookside the week before that. He is certainly a highly spirited young man with a talent he excels in. Hopefully his next play is well under way and we'll be seeing it soon.

Winter has devastated the college. The beautiful browning leaves are dead and rotting on the ground (which by the way are quite dangerous to cyclists). The bare trees and lifeless nests scattered throughout the college look pitiful. Oh well, what's new for Winter!

The Parent Teacher Association of the Maynooth Post Primary School would like to remind parents that the yearly subscription of £5 per family is now due. It may be sent in directly or can be given in at the Intermediate Certificate and Leaving Certificate meetings coming up shortly. As this is a voluntary subscription, your support is very much appreciated.

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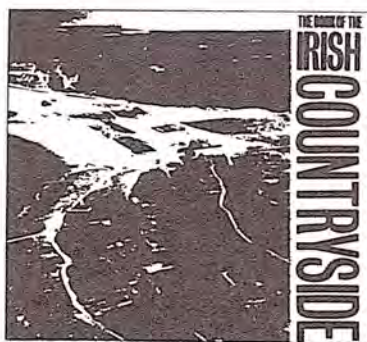
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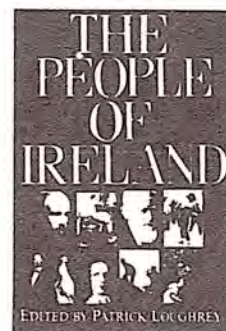


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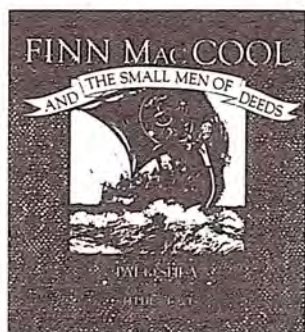
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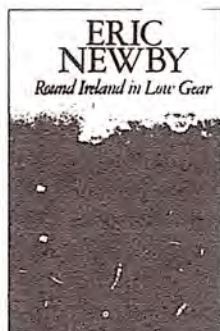
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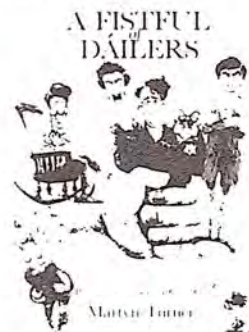
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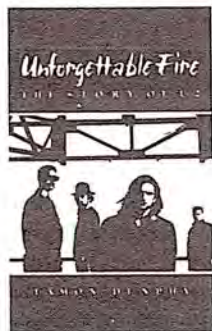


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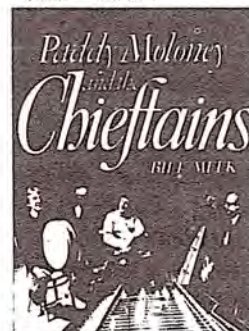
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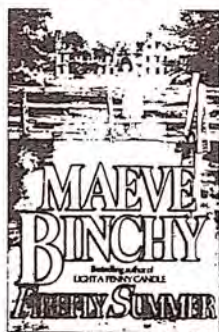
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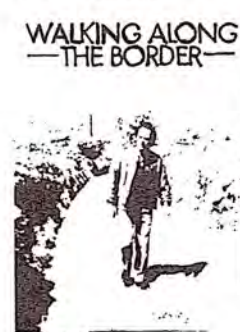
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Chuttering as loud as it could  
It seldom felt no danger  
A tiny creature feeling so good  
Never minding any stranger.

A songster of many it is indeed  
As all birds are of plenty  
Once it had its daily feed  
Its tiny stomach was never empty.

Fly with me my little one  
To a place thats full of holly  
Until your berries are all gone  
On your Christmas time so jolly.

Patrick Murray.  
Celbridge 271288.

## Keep the Home Fires Burning

Allen blew its top  
Sometime near nine (a.m.)  
That single hammer thud validated  
the Saint's publisher  
Old Moore, when Hino and Hino  
Disseminated that hill — almost  
nationwide  
Hardly a Studio Setting  
For the Marino Waltz  
Like footing turf  
On the Moon.

D. O'Connor.

## A CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC

Catch him harnessed to the great wheel,  
Heaving with blinded eyes;  
Ruthless foremen lash his flesh,  
Instilling obedience in their slave.  
Scarred hands and feet must swell  
Turnover and salvific profit.  
Mangers of cakes;  
Assloads of turkeys;  
Streetfuls of sated shoppers.

Gabriel Martin  
Leinster Park

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Hurry up, authors! Time is running out. Closing date is 15th December for all entries. Remember there are cash prizes and the joy of seeing your efforts in print.

## I.C.A. NOTES

The Annual General Meeting was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 5th November. Mrs B. Brady presided and welcomed everyone. Mrs Brady was returned as President unopposed. The Committee for the new term are as follows:

President: Mrs B. Brady.  
Vice President: Mrs. B. Moore.  
Secretary, Mrs H. Mullally; Assistant Secretary and Sports Officer, Mrs M. Souhan; Treasurer, Mrs M. Gee; Assistant Treasurer and Hostess, Mrs M. McInerny; Grianán Teachta, Mrs H. Doyle; Contest Secretary, Mrs T. Mooney; Arts Promoter, Mrs P. Lavin; Produce Promoter, Mrs R. Hanley; Crafts Promoter, Mrs M. O'Gorman; An Timire and Hostess, Mrs M. Scanlon; International Officer and Public Relations Officer, Mrs K. Burns. Mrs Brady thanked her Committee and everyone for their help during the year and she paid special tribute to Mrs R. O'Reilly and Mrs M. McMyler for their help during the year. The overall competition winner for the year was Mrs B. Farrell. 2nd Mrs McMyler, 3rd Mrs B. Brady.

We wish the Ladies in the Set Dancing Competition every success on November 28th in Newbridge.

Crafts continue every Monday night 8 p.m.—10 p.m. Badminton every Tuesday and Thursday mornings 11 a.m. — 12.30. Set Dancing every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Our next meeting will be on 3rd December at 8 p.m. The Competition will be a Christmas Table Decoration.

M. O'Gorman, P.R.O.

## BAND BULLETIN

Well Friends, its once again the end of another year and 'MIRRORTIME'. Yes its time for reflection (get it?) to see where we have improved or dis-improved over the past twelve months.

By and large I think it has been one of our most successful years for some time. The highlight was that marvellous success in Limerick last

March when we overcame stiff opposition to take the Junior Marching Band Title, our just success in competition since the 60's.

This was followed by a successful concert and a more than successful sponsored cycle but perhaps our greatest success over the year has been the progress of our junior members. They have really hung in there through the earlier theory and recorder classes when it seemed that Band Instruments were a million miles away. Their persistence and dedication has at long last been rewarded and they have taken like ducks-and-drakes- to water. We are very happy for them and feel it won't be very long until you the Public can see the fruits of their labours. At this point I think it appropriate to commend the Senior Band members who have given so much of their time to impart the knowledge they have gained over the years to the children. Their dedication can serve only as an example to the Junior members who we hope in future years will help to maintain the tradition of St. Mary's Band in the Town.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Fr. Supple for his continued interest in the Band which is expressed in particular through the annual Mass for our deceased members. His in-depth knowledge of the Band and its history is an excellent example of his love for one of the Institutions of the town. It is the awareness of his support and the support of Maynooth people in general which gives our Committee the spirit to ensure that there will always be a Band in the town.

Speaking of support we hope as many of you as possible will come alone to the Hitchin' Post on Thursday 3rd December when we organise a SIXTIES NIGHT to raise some 'EIGHTIES' money for the new instruments for our juniors. The cost is only £2 each and if you 'root out' your sixties gear you could very well win yourself a prize. Tickets can be got from Kiernans Shop in the Main Street.

During the month of December we shall be giving our Carol Recitals but the dates are not available at time of writing. What is a definite date though is our Christmas Morning Parade to 11 a.m. Mass. Here's hoping for a mild morning!

Finally on behalf of everyone connected with the Band may I thank you for your continued support and wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Prosperous and Peaceful New Year.







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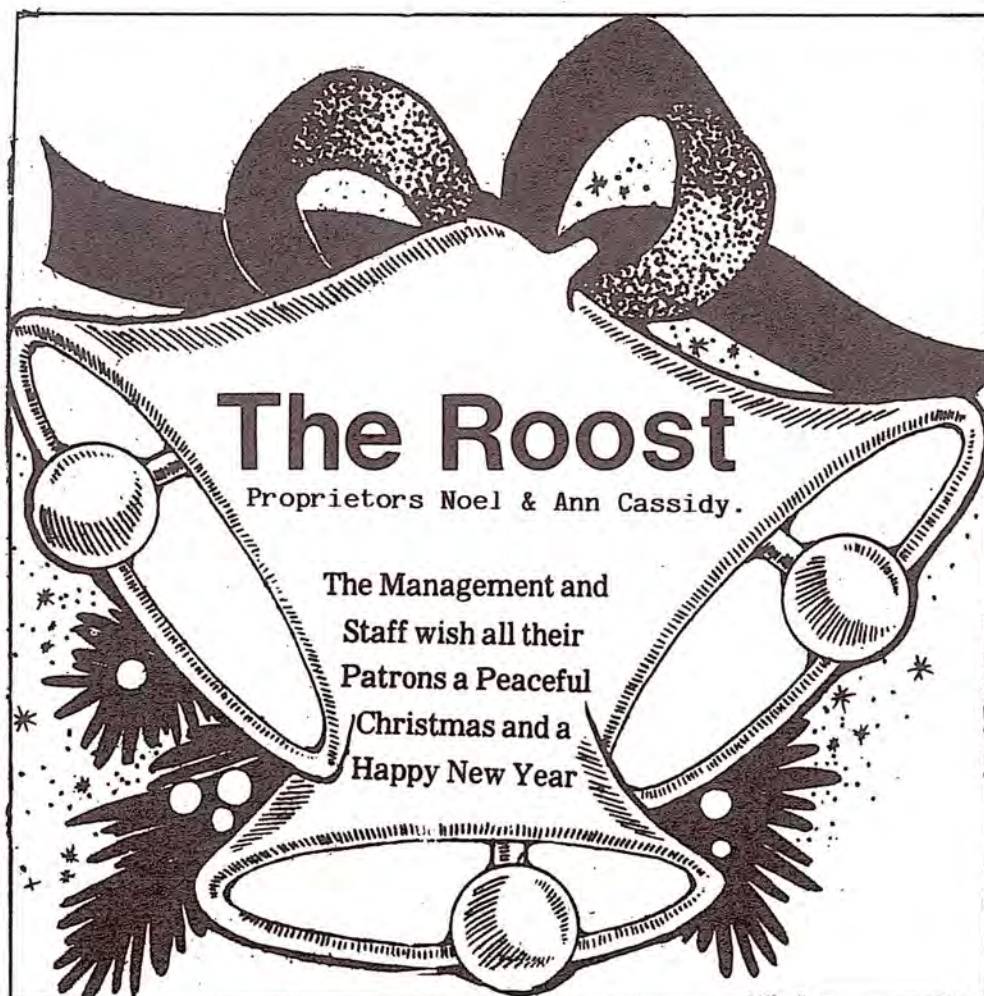
The great news is the Canal Project is to start again on Monday 23rd November. The Harbour area will once again be a hive of activity. We will have nineteen workers employed on a Social Employment Scheme for one year, to complete the work in the Harbour and this includes putting in a slipway. We will once again be calling on the generosity of the people of Maynooth to support us with this scheme. The Committee themselves will have to raise £7000 approx. over the next year to make the scheme a success. Manpower pay the workers wages for a 2½ day week and give a grant towards the Supervisors wages and also a materials grant. The Committee must raise all other monies that are needed for the year to complete the Project in the Harbour. We would like to thank all those who have helped us in any way with our Project in the past and look forward to their continued support in the future. Our Committee is a very small hard working Committee, but we would welcome any new member that could commit themselves to us for the next year. Our A.G.M. will take place on 7th December '87 at 8 p.m. in the Community Council office, Town Centre Mall and we look forward to seeing some new faces. We take this opportunity to wish all our supporters, workers and helpers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**Matt Kennedy, P.R.O.**

### Maynooth Old Peoples Committee

Our principal fundraising event, The Wheel of Fortune and Sale of Work, took place in Maynooth Parish Hall on Sunday 15th November. Many came to try their luck on The Wheel of Fortune and there were many smiling faces leaving the Hall. The winner of the big Christmas Hamper was Mrs Betty Farrell of Pagetown. Christopher Casey of Clonfert won the £50 Prize and Frances Daly of Kilcloon won £25. The Doll and Cot Raffle was won by Lila Flynn. We are extremely grateful to all those who donated prizes, money or who helped in any way to make the day such a success. They are of course too numerous to mention. Thanks to everyone who came along to the Hall for the afternoon.

We are hosting a Cabaret Show in Slim's Disco Bar (Leinster Arms) on Tuesday 24th November from 8.30-11.00. The Guest is Sonny Knowles



and admission is £2.00. Hope to see you there.

**Mary Casey, P.R.O.**



### A CREDIT UNION FOR MAYNOOTH

The Irish League of Credit Unions Field Officer, after several visits feels that the Maynooth Study Group Credit Union now in its seventh month, are making excellent progress and are on line to form a Maynooth Credit Union early in 1988. Having established a common bond, making several visits to surrounding Credit Unions and studying the operations of a Credit Union, the Study Group continues to meet each week. Members of the Study Group are currently attending Seminars and Workshops to attain further knowledge about the working of Credit Unions. A Credit Union is basically a group of people who save together and lend to each other at a reasonable rate of interest. Nearly three quarters of a million members in this country enjoy the benefits of Credit Unions. The Credit Union movement shows that by working together people can achieve far more through co-operation than by indivi-

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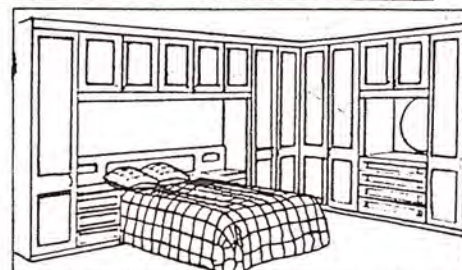
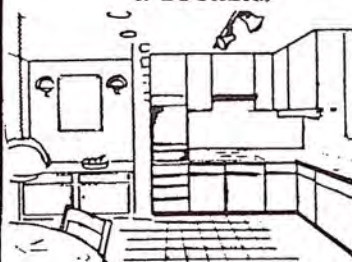
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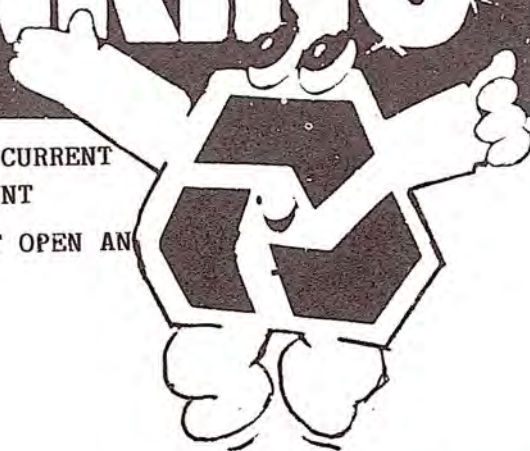
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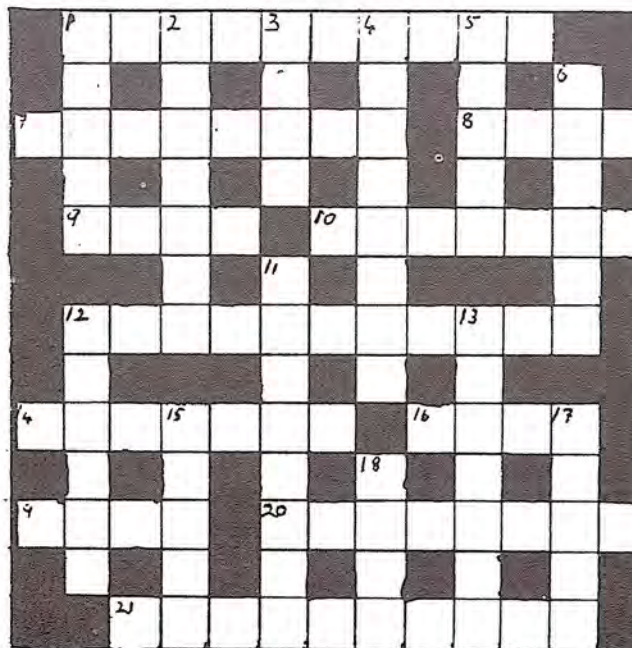
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1. Tabby tries to arrange a childminder (4-6)
- 7 & 8. while minstrels are playing for drinks in Maynooth (8,4)
9. Pay these to North Kildare Club, the residents' associations, and stand-ins (4)
10. Circle around sin - that'll make you clean (7)
12. It winds from Maynooth to Dublin - five-and-a-half dozen, plus one 9 coming back (5-3,3)
14. Confine, or take legal possession of (7)
16. A cone! A cone! That's two you can get in a nice sweetshop (4)
19. Jumper suitable for wet conditions (4)
20. Item of clothing changed to a cover (8)
21. Trust men in confusion, but as heard in Maynooth it will be brass or reed (10)



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1. Pints on sale in 7,8 (5).
2. 21-players fight? A container for hats etc. (4-3)
3. A building plot for sore eyes, by the sound of it (4)
4. Fantastic! Frightening ? (8)
5. Inter course leads to these for boys and girls, with results months later (5)
6. Sad men make compensation (6)
11. Passing away in the open air is becoming uncommon (5,3)
12. The first part of 2, playing their 21s, is named after her (2,4)
13. Sean Kelly came through Maynooth on his early in October (7)
15. Groan ? This can make a much nicer sounding 21 (5)
17. Tar in the street? For the 12 Across it's in the Square at Maynooth (5)
- 18.. Some nun holds this in Mooney's Restaurant, possibly (4)

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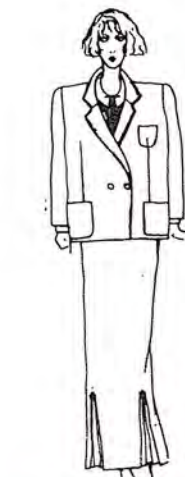
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On Thursday night October 1st last, Beaufield turned its attention from local politics to matters social at the Leinster Arms, when residents "let their hair down" at their first official function since the establishment of their Residents Association in March 1987. A well attended party saw Maynooth's newest residents enjoy good food, great music, some first rate spot prizes and good clean fun.

Thanks to all those who helped to make the night such a resounding success, particularly volunteer non-committee members Mary McDonnell and Noreen Doogan who prepared and generously served the casserole. Praise indeed also to the very helpful members of staff at the Leinster Arms.

The Committee are still busy attempting to resolve the two main items of concern raised at our last general meeting, namely the opposition to the opening of the Beaufield road for access to the Straffan link road and the concern about the delay in realigning Bond bridge. With respect to the current status on these matters the committee reports an overwhelmingly positive response to our recent petition. Local Politicians have met with the committee and have been made aware of the depths of your feelings in this regard and have invited a delegation from the committee to attend a Celbridge Area Meeting where we expect the County Engineer to be present together with local representatives. There, the delegation will be making your feelings known in the hope that a positive decision in our favour on both the above matters can be made. We will keep you posted.

Jim Doogan reports a good response to the recently launched Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Special thanks to Garda Dan Monaghan particularly, not forgetting our local Gardai from Maynooth and Naas. Jim comments "To the residents I would like to say that you wanted the scheme, now you have it and it is up to you to make it work. There will be more information through your door soon".

Further details may be had at 12 Beaufield Lawns.

**Brendan McDonnell.**  
**Chairman**  
**Beaufield Residents Association.**

## GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Association would like to extend its sympathy to Philip and Margaret Doyle of 27 Laurence Avenue on their recent bereavement.

### Greenfield Shopping Centre

The centre is in receivership at present. It is now certain that a Snooker Hall is to be incorporated into the present complex. The Association is pressing for musical and snack facilities to be included in the plans for the youth of the area.

### Fast Food Takeaway

There was an amicable meeting between members of the committee and the owner, this followed some complaints from residents concerning late closing.

### Clean-Up

Members of the committee were involved in a clean-up of the Shopping Centre before the onset of winter proper!

### The Extension of the 66 Bus Service

The Association is delighted to announce that a meeting was arranged between Noone's and CIE to discuss the turning of the 66 bus outside Noone's. Both parties are now in agreement and all that remains is for Kildare County Council to agree to surface the area suitably. The Community Council is also to be approached to pursue the matter in conjunction with the Association.

### Laurence Avenue

The sign requested by the residents for Children at Play is now in the local Council office and is simply awaiting the erection by Kildare County Council — it will be placed at the Shopping Centre entrance to the Avenue.

Work on the fence, which needs urgent attention, will be carried out in the near future. The Association itself is paying for both the sign and the repairs.

### Resignation of Chairman — Special General Meeting

We are extremely sorry to announce the resignation of Michael Quinn from the chair of the Association. We thank him sincerely for his hard, dedicated, unstinting work over the past four years.

This necessitates a Special General Meeting of the residents, whose primary concern will be the election of a new Chairperson. This is to be held on Thursday 19th November in the ICA HALL at 8 p.m. sharp.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Due to the increase in crime in Maynooth, it is felt that this scheme should be operating in the Estate. Anyone interested in the scheme should contact the Secretary of the Association — Richard Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

**Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin,**  
**P.R.O.**

## Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Assoc. Notes

Once again this year the association is organising a Christmas get together for Residents and Friends. It will take place in the Leinster Arms in the upstairs Lounge on Saturday, December 12th at 9 p.m. Tickets are reasonable at £5.00 per person which includes a meal and entertainments.

It is proposed to organise a rake up of all the leaves in the next couple of weeks.

The Committee takes this opportunity to wish our Residents and Students a happy and peaceful Christmas.

## CARTON COURT MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since our last notice in the *Newsletter* our Annual General Meeting was held. Many concerning subjects were discussed as well as the election of a new committee. Unfortunately only 28 people were present.

Before going any further we would like to thank former Chairperson, Kevin Connolly and Road Representatives Susan Igoe and Isabel Kennedy for their time and effort in the up-keeping of the Estate over the past year and a half.

Our new committee members are: Chairperson: Tom Branigan No. 59. Vice Chairperson: Seamus McLoughlin No. 6.

Secretary: Frank O'Shea No. 45, and Treasurer: Pdraig Kearney No. 5.

The appalling reception and annual charges inflicted by Celbridge Relays



Ltd. was mentioned at the A.G.M. As the Department of Communications has informed our Secretary that the correct Annual Charge is £51.63, residents are not obliged to pay any extra amount.

Following the committee's disapproval of a Bus Turnaround at the entrance to our estate, the County Engineer has approved Noone's Garage as a suitable location, provided the Link Road goes ahead. Any further information on the Taking-in-Charge of the estate and the Link Road will be circulated.

Since the purchase of the Motor Mower the "green areas" in the estate have greatly improved. The committee would again like to thank the residents for their generosity, however contributions from those that have not yet done so would be greatly appreciated.

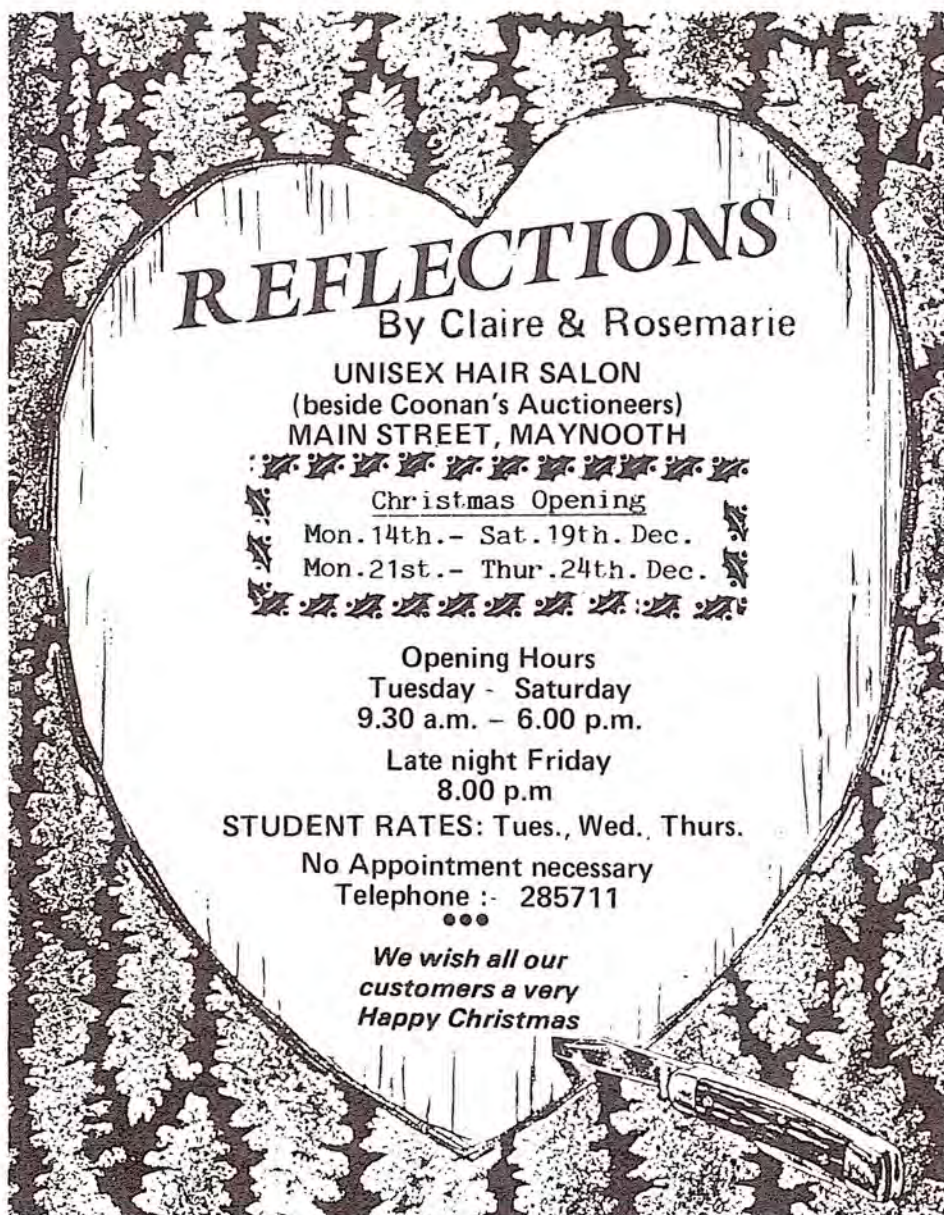
The County Council will soon provide a refuse bin beside the Telephone Kiosk in the Estate.

The Committee has no policy on Local Charges as no complaints have been lodged. It has been learned however that there will be an increase of £15 on Water Rates and Refuse Charges respectively from next year.

Finally the Residents Supper Dance will be held on the 5th December in Ned Slevin's Dunboyne at 9.00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at £6.50 from Padraig Kearney No. 5 or Denis McDermott No 12.

The Committee would like to wish all Carton Court Residents a very Happy Christmas and Successful New Year to all.

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## STREET TALKING

Just time this month to welcome a number of new commercial ventures in the town — and slightly outside of it. The new shop out towards Newtown, at the corner of the road leading to Old Greenfield, is a welcome facility for all those residents in Cluain Aoibhinn and nearby who up to this had to make the journey into the Main Street or across to Greenfield Shopping Centre for the simplest purchases. And meanwhile, over in that shopping centre, we see that Sean O'Donovan has completely rearranged the interior of his newsagent's shop, and is now stocking a range of basic household food supplies as well as the papers, sweets, stationery etc. which has been his staple up to this. Does this mean direct competition with Tom Geraghty's well-established supermarket next door, or just a complement to the supermarket's much more extensive stock?

The delicatessen intended for the former Claddagh Fireplaces premises on the Main Street should be open by the time this appears. Another November opening was Jazzmins fashion Accessory shop in the Shopping Centre Mall, next to FMK. It's not a large premises, with a small frontage, but well worth seeking out. And the new glass supplier, located off the Main Street to the rear of Barton's (Look for the signs) provides a facility hitherto unavailable in Maynooth; do-it-yourself enthusiasts might care to try glass for shelving — properly used, in conjunction with one of the many rack support systems available, it can make a stylish alternative to chipboard.

Further afield, we note that the restaurant at Barberstown has reopened under new management; no reports yet of what it's like — perhaps we should start a "Table for Two" report feature on local eating places! but already well-known on the Main Street is Mooney's Restaurant, for so long a landmark with pleasant associations. It too has recently re-opened, under new management but still in the same family. It provides a service not matched elsewhere in the town, and we wish it and all the other new enterprises the best of luck for Christmas and the New Year.



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## Christmas Recipes

### CHRISTMAS PUDDING

225g/8 oz fine soft breadcrumbs  
 110g/4 oz flour, preferably plain  
 225 g/8 oz shredded suet, or see under variations  
 225/8 oz moist brown sugar  
 450 g/1 lb seedless or stoned and chopped raisins  
 225 g/8 oz sultanas  
 225 g/8 oz currants  
 110 g/4 oz dried apricots★, finely chopped  
 50 g/2 oz dried prunes★, stoned and finely chopped  
 225 g/8 oz mixed candied peel, chopped  
 110 g/4 oz glacé cherries★, chopped  
 110 g/4 oz cooking apple, (weight when peeled), grated  
 110 g/4 oz carrots (weight when peeled), grated  
 110 g/4 oz blanched almonds, chopped  
 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind★  
 1 teaspoon grated orange rind★  
 1/2-1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 1-2 teaspoons mixed spice  
 1/2-1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 4 large eggs  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice★  
 1 tablespoon orange juice★  
 1 tablespoon black treacle  
 150 ml/1/4 pint stout or ale  
 1 wineglass brandy or rum

It is important to allow this recipe to mature for at least four weeks.

To give virtually the same amount I have 'rounded off' metric amounts to correspond with the Imperial.

Mix all the ingredients together. I like to leave the uncooked pudding mixture standing overnight, so that the flavours blend better. It also allows all members of the family to stir the mixture and wish.

Grease four 1.5 litre/2 1/2 pint or two 2.5 litre/4 1/2 pint basins; put in the mixture. Cover with greased greaseproof paper and foil. A Christmas pudding does not rise in the same way as a light sponge pudding, but it swells in cooking, so never fill the basins too full. If you press the mixture down firmly you can cut

neater slices of the cooked pudding, but my recipe gives a crumbly pudding rather than a solid one.

Steam each pudding for 6 to 8 hours depending upon the size; take off the damp covers at once; cool the puddings, then put on dry covers. Store in a cool dry place. On Christmas morning steam for another 2 to 3 hours. Serve with Brandy Butter.

#### Variations

The pudding above has a lovely subtle flavour, but if you want a similar recipe just omit those ingredients marked with an asterisk. Because you will then omit a little liquid, add another 2 tablespoons ale or stout unless you like a very firm pudding then use the amount of liquid as the recipe above.

Instead of suet use melted butter or margarine; this makes the pudding mixture appear very liquid when mixed, but it stiffens in standing.

Add 50 g/2 oz desiccated coconut

to the basic pudding mixture, this gives a lovely 'nutty' taste.

**Golden Christmas Pudding:** If you like a pretty pudding rather than a dark one, use melted butter instead of suet, caster instead of moist brown sugar, 675 g/1 1/2 lb light sultanas instead of the mixture of dried fruits. Omit the prunes but use 175 g/6 oz diced apricots; omit the black treacle. Use milk instead of stout or ale, and light sherry instead of brandy or rum. Add about 50 g/2 oz diced angelica. Cook as above.

For those who would like to try making their own mincemeat we are enclosing the following recipe:

#### Mincemeat

4 oz cooking apples  
 4 oz suet shredded or grated or 4 oz butter  
 4 oz demerara sugar  
 4 oz candied peel finely chopped  
 8 oz currents  
 4 oz seedless raisins  
 4 oz sultanas  
 4 oz cherries  
 4 oz blanched almonds, finely chopped  
 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind  
 2 tablespoon lemon juice  
 1 teaspoon mixed spice  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg  
 4 tablespoon whisky, brandy or rum  
 Mix all ingredients together, put into jars, cover well. Store in a cool dry place.



We hope you enjoyed this year's Summer Project.

As part of our plans for next year, the organising Committee are planning a CHRISTMAS FAIR on December the 8th in the Geraldine Hall at 10:30 a.m.

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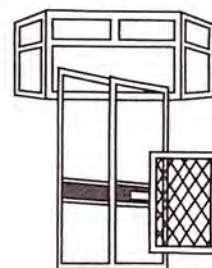
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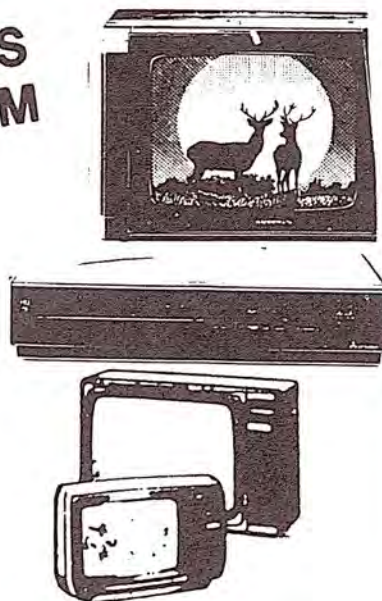
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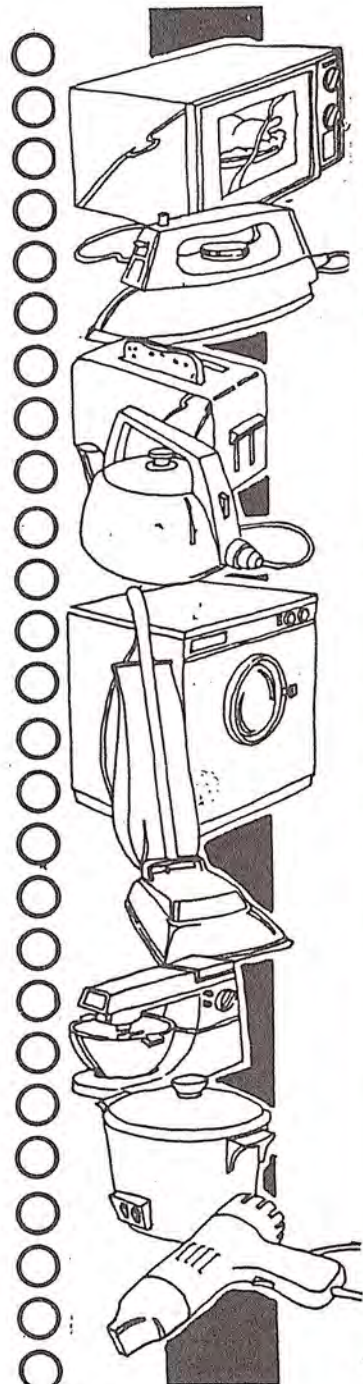
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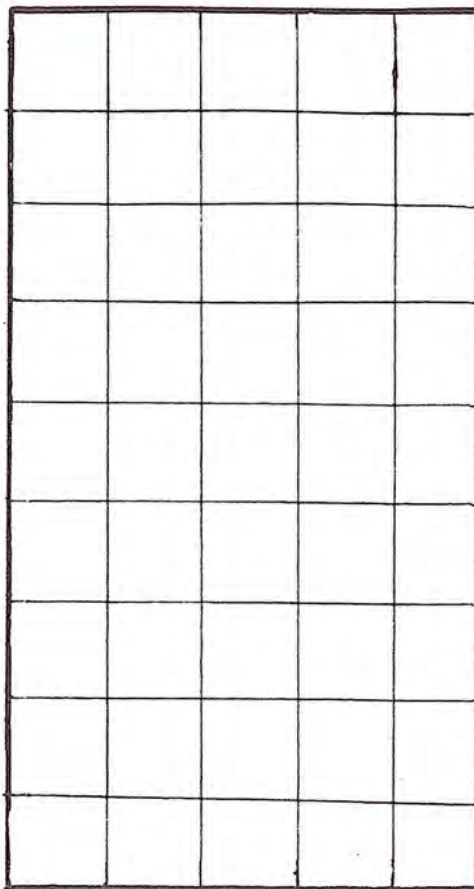
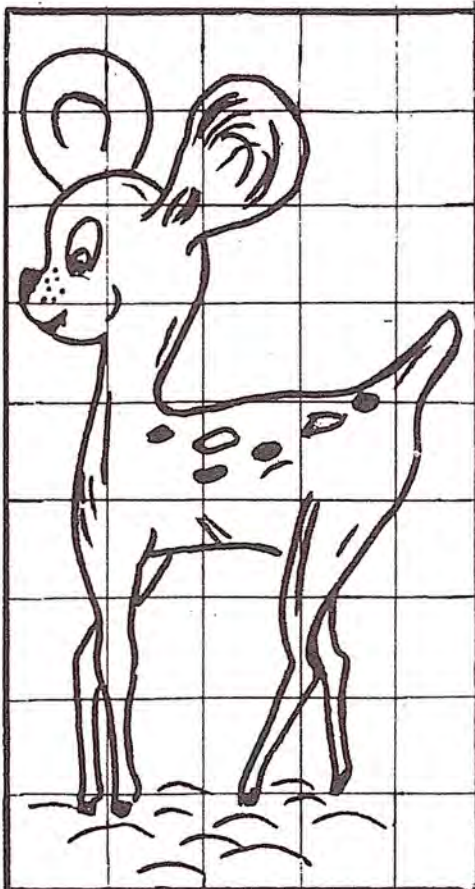


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#### Ages 8-12

**1st prize:** Oliver Nevin, Barrogstown, Maynooth.

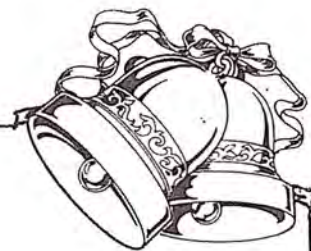
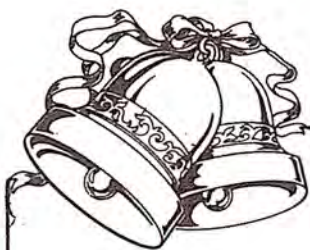
**2nd prize:** Catriona Cox, Mulhussey, Kilcock, Co. Meath.

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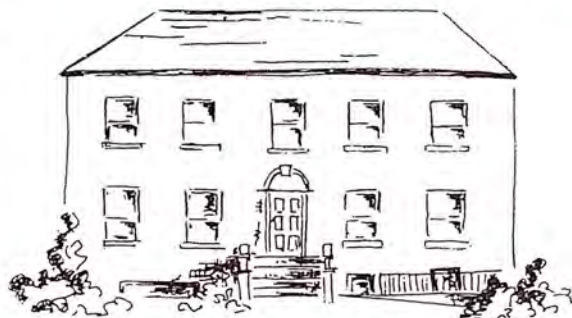
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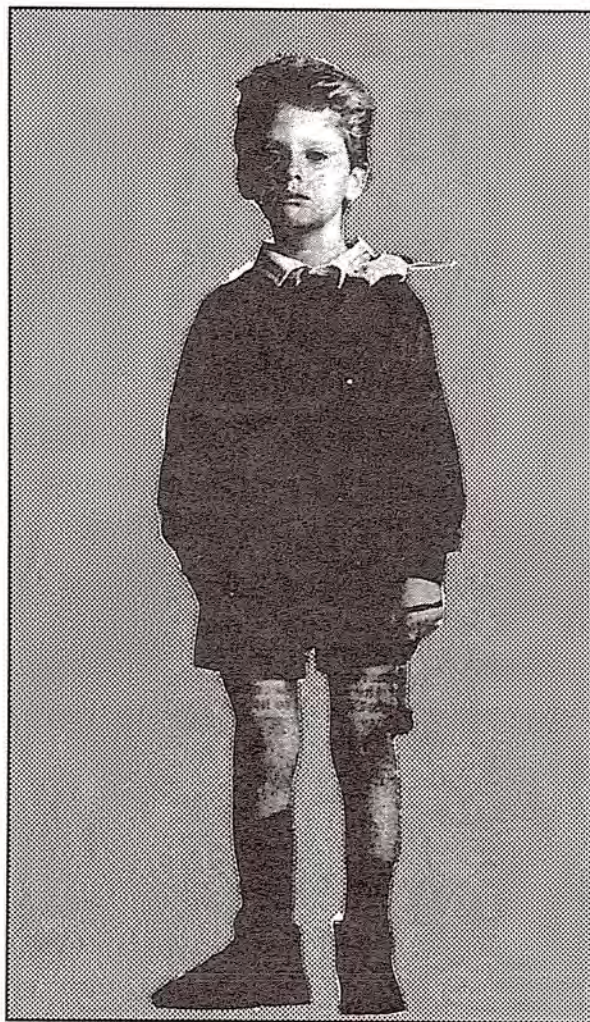


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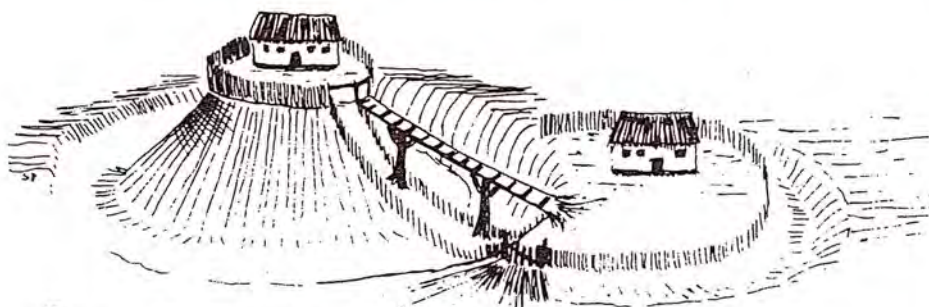
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FROM MAYNOOTH CASTLE TO  
CARTON HOUSE

Robert, the nineteenth earl, hoped at first to restore Maynooth Castle. When he found that this was not a practical proposition he turned his attention to Carton. He invited Richard Cassels to remodel and rebuild Carton in 1739. Cassels was a German architect who had first come to Ireland to rebuild Sir Gustaves Hume's house in Fermanagh. Later he moved to Dublin and became the most sought after architect of his day. His popularity seems to have been due to his charm as a dinner guest as well as to his ability in his profession. Carton was now remodelled to his design. This involved making the original back of the house the front, lengthening the body of the house and raising both it and the wings an additional storey. They were now joined to each other by open colonnades. Inside there were magnificent state apartments, and the ceiling of the Saloon was decorated in stucco by Paul and Peter Francini. The Francini brothers were Italian artists who made stucco modelled plasterwork, fashionable and popular in Ireland. The ceiling of the saloon at Carton is very ornate and elaborate with little putti, 'sitting on the cornice and dangling their chubby legs over the heads of the assembled company.'

Cassels' design for Carton, as for all his other buildings in Ireland, was in the architectural style known as

English Palladian, which flourished during the eighteenth century. Palladianism derived from the buildings and ideas of the Italian architect Andrea Palladio (1508-80) who aimed to recapture the splendour of the buildings of ancient Rome. For twenty years Cassels was the most prominent architect in Dublin. He helped create the new fashion in town houses of cut stone for the nobility in place of the older timbered style. His public buildings included the Printing House in Trinity College, described as a 'little Doric Temple', and the College's new dining Hall. One of the best known was the new Music Hall in Fishamble Street opened in 1741. This was very successful. It could accommodate over seven hundred people, though this was only possible if the ladies left their hoops at home and the gentlemen their swords. In the next year it was the scene of the first performance of Handel's Messiah, presented 'for the relief of the prisoners in the several gaols and for the support of Mercer's Hospital... and of the Charitable Infirmary' — Maurice Craig tells how the Rev. Dr. Patrick Delany of Delville, Glasnevin, the friend of Swift was 'so transported by Mrs Susanne Cibbers' rendering of 'He was Despised' that he rose in his seat and exclaimed, with more enthusiasm than tact, 'Woman, for this, be all thy sins forgiven'.

Records of the materials used in the rebuilding of Carton survive. These were drawn from many sources, from very near home and from far away.

They included home-made bricks, and Ardbraccan limestone from the White Quarry which supplied the material for many of Dublin's great eighteenth century buildings. There were also Mountmellick flags, blackstone from the Leixlip Quarry, Portland stone imported from England, mountain granite, Palmerstown stone, and stone from the local quarries at Carton, Moygaddy and Maynooth. The beautiful pediment at the front of the house, was carved by John Houghton and John Kelly, for a charge of £60. It is made of Ardbraccan limestone from Co. Meath, and shows the impaled arms of the Kildare and O'Brien families. Robert, the nineteenth earl, was married to Lady Mary O'Brien, daughter of the Earl of Inchiquin, and one of the most famous beauties of the day. The earl was reputed to be extremely pious, and also 'extremely formal and delicate, in so much, that when he was married to Lady Mary O'Brien, one of the most shining beauties then in the world, he would not take his wedding gloves off to embrace her'. However, they managed to produce a large family of eight daughters and four sons.

The earl served as a privy councillor over a long period, during the reigns of Queen Anne, and of George I and George II, and also as lord justice. He was a founding member of the Incorporated Society for promoting Protestant Schools in Ireland, the organisation responsible for establishing the Charter Schools. Conditions in these residential schools were later to be the cause of much scandal and the subject of much inquiry. The earl provided the site and the money for the building of the first Charter School in Ireland at Castledermot, and in his will he left it £500 and another £500 each for charter schools at Maynooth and Strangford. He died in 1744 and in his will, left resources to his wife for completing the building at Carton.

### Chief Sources:

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# DRUGS

## DRUGS THEIR USE AND MISUSE Part II

In this second part of the article on Drugs, I intend to deal with some of the illegal drugs at present causing most concern in Irish society. At the end of the article I will give a list of other drugs under this heading for the reader's own information.

The first groups of substance I will deal with are **Solvents**. It is important to note that at present these substances are not termed illegal, and can be bought freely and cheaply in most shops.

**Solvents** — are known as **Volatile Substances**. The one most commonly spoken of is glue. However the products that come under this heading are so numerous that they should be a cause for serious concern regarding their availability. To try and simplify them, they are arranged under four headings:

- (1) **Adhesives and Thinners**. i.e. Bostick, Evostick, airplane glue, paint thinners and nail varnish removers.
- (2) **Dry Cleaning Products**. i.e. Cleaning Fluids, paint stripper, Tippex.
- (3) **Aerosols** i.e. hair lacquers, room deodorants and spray paints.
- (4) **Fuels**, i.e. Petrol, lighter fuels, gas. The usual method of using these substances, is by deep breathing the fumes, either from a bottle, or a cloth saturated in the fluid.

**Effects:**— The exact cause of how solvents give a **High** is not known. Their effects are similar to those of alcohol consumption — **Excitement** followed by **Depression**. The effects do not last as long as alcohol, and this can enable abusers to conceal their habit. However the smell of the solvent will remain on the breath for up to 24 hours.

**Side-Effects:**— These include visual distortions and faulty judgement, disturbed sleep, loss of appetite, loss of weight, and "Glue Sniffers' Rash" which appears around the nose.

**Long-Term Effects:**— can cause depression and moodiness, death can also occur by:

- (1) Heart attack, or suffocation.
- (2) Damage to the liver and lungs.
- (3) Accidental death, due to hallucinations. e.g. believing they can fly while intoxicated, and jumping from an open window.

**CANNABIS** — Slang names — **Pot, Hash, Dope, Marijuana. Cannabis or Marijuana is a mind altering drug, it comes from the plant Cannabis-Sativa**, which contains more than 400 different chemicals. Cannabis is usually smoked in cigarette form (Riffers) or from a "Pot Pipe". It is similar to tobacco in texture, but also comes in the form of resin.

**Effects:**— After smoking Cannabis the user feels intoxicated, their sense of time and distance are altered, and the memory of recent events is impaired, as is co-ordination. These effects last for up to 2-3 hours, but overall mental and physical impairment last much longer.

**Side-Effects:**—

- (1) Damage to the lungs.
- (2) Effect the hormones of the Female Reproductive Organs.
- (3) Lowers the male sperm count.
- (4) Puts excess pressure on the heart.
- (5) Can cause severe anxiety and panic attacks.
- (6) Can trigger severe psychological disorders such as schizophrenia.
- (7) Build up in the fatty tissue, and so takes at least 1 week to eliminate cannabis from the system.

**Cannabis is an Illegal Substance**, and it is an offence to possess it for personal or other usage, under the 1977 Misuse of Drugs Act.

**Heroin:**— **Slang Names:** "H", "Horse", "Junk", "Hard Stuff", "White Stuff", "Smack", "Scag". Heroin is a drug which comes from the **Opium Poppy**, and is legally classified as a narcotic. It is a **depressant**. (slows down the body processes) and it is white, off white, or brown in colour, it comes in powder form. Heroin can be cooked into a liquid solution and then injected into a vein, or into the skin — this is known as **Mainlining**. It can also be taken orally or inhaled. In Ireland heroin abuse is confined almost entirely to the Eastern Health Board area, with the area of residence particularly effected being. (1) South County Dublin. (2) North Inner City. (3) Crumlin/Kimmage. (4) Ballyfermot. (5) South West Inner City. It is at present a major health hazard, and is the cause of a significant proportion of crime, and the increase in prison numbers. During 1979-1983, 1,440 people made contact with the Drugs Unit at Jervis St. this number is increasing. At present 26% of those **known** to be taking heroin intravenously are H.I.V. Positive, though to date there has been no case reported of Aids from Jervis St.

**Effects:**— Heroin takes effect in a few seconds after being injected — the face flushes, the pupils constrict, and there is a tingling in the abdomen, which leads to the feeling that everything is wonderful. After a short time the user will begin to nod off, waking and sleeping intermittently. The overall effect wears off after 3-4 hours. You will know a user by the following signs: (1) Dazed, far-off look, (2) Constricted pupils of eyes, (3) Needle scars on arms or other parts of the body, (4) Presence of hypodermic needles, syringes etc. (5) Burned spoon or bottle cap, used to cook the Heroin.

**Side-Effects:**— **Heroin** is highly addictive both physically and psychologically, and when hooked the body requires larger and larger doses. **Heroin** leads to (1) lack of judgement, (2) loss of self-control, (3) loss of appetite and weight, (4) mental and physical deterioration, (5) Hepatitis B. (6) Aids.

Overdoses of Heroin lead to **Death**. Withdrawal from Heroin is both difficult and dangerous, symptoms are nausea, cramps, chills, sweating and restlessness. For this reason it is advisable to attend a Drug's Unit (Jervis St.) where a low dose methadone detoxification programme is available. It takes 10-14 days to be detoxified. From Jan-Dec 1986 Jervis St. had 646 **known** addicts attending for treatment, 176 of these were new patients in 1986.

**Heroin is an Illegal Substance**, the penalties for possession or use go from £1,000 fine or 12 months in jail to 7 years in jail and a fine.

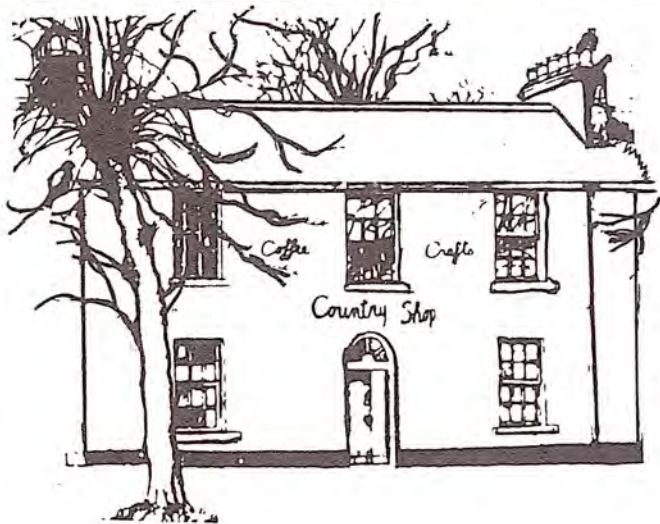
**Cocaine:**— **Slang names:** "Coke", "Snow", "Flake", "Gold Dust". Cocaine is a white powder made from the leaves of the Coca bush. It can be sniffed, swallowed, or injected. It is a relatively new drug on the Irish scene, and is sometimes dubbed the Drug of the Rich.

**Effects:**— Cocaine while not physically addictive, causes the user to increase his intake as he becomes mentally dependent. Cocaine is a **stimulant** to the body, and when its high effect wears off, one is left with a feeling of depression.

**Effects:** It depresses the functioning of the heart and respiratory system. It is used for pleasure as it gives a feeling of self-confidence, and alertness when first taken.

**Side-Effects:**— Overdoses of Cocaine can cause the following complications: (1) Hallucinations, (2) Af-





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fect the spinal cord and cause convulsions, (3) Ulceration of the nasal cavity, (4) Can cause suffocation and death. Withdrawal from Cocaine leads to more psychological problems, than physical ones, however, again, it should be done with the help of the medical profession.

**Cocaine is an Illegal Drug**, and brings with it similar penalties for its use as Heroin.

Due to the large number of illegal drugs available, I have covered only those most in use, other drugs in this category are L.S.D., Magic Mushrooms, Amphetamines, Temgestic and Pethidine. Addresses for information and help are:

(1) National Drugs Advisory and Treatment Centre, Jervis St. Tel. 01-748412.

(2) Coolmine Therapeutic Community, Coolmine Lodge, Clonsilla. Tel. 01-214545.

(3) Mater Dei (Children) Community Services, Talbot Day Centre, 29 Up. Buckingham St. Dublin 1.

For any further information please ring the Maynooth Community Council at 285922.

M. Dennison.



## TIDY TOWNS

On October 28 Maynooth Environmental Sub-Committee met to discuss the official Progress Report on our performance in the 1987 Tidy Towns Competition.

As you probably know, there was no progress in our performance in that competition. Then, of course, maybe you don't know. We admit that we have so far failed to get the people of Maynooth involved in the project — different tasks, same faces — but don't write us off yet. WE'RE GETTING IN OUTSIDE HELP! So brace yourselves for a new onslaught. We are disappointed but not despondent and a clean and wholesome environment is worth many days' work.

We know that only all the people of Maynooth can keep Maynooth clean so our immediate and long-term efforts are going to be inspired by that viewpoint. It's our duty to convince you of this and if you don't learn, we know that we haven't taught. Don't think we take failure lightly.

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## EYE HEAR

Most people will use whatever comes to hand to mark their place when they've finished reading a book for the time being. Some will simply fold over the corner of the page. Others use their glasses, a bus ticket, a pen, or the ESB bill. However the person who donated a portion of what we can only suspect was his or her bed time reading material to the old folks committee sale of work was apparently a more careful type, as a sale of work customer found to her embarrassment. We've heard of going to bed with a good book, but using a letter from France to mark one's place seems to be taking precautions to extraordinary lengths!

## ANYONE FOR JAPAN?

A recent Leinster Leader article draws attention to our resident samurai in the Shogun district of Railpark, 'Professor' Damien Ó Muirí. Not many people are aware of the existence of

a Japanese Studies course in the college, but Dr Ó Muirí has been Director of it for a number of years.

Damien recently regaled the ladies of the Kildare ICA with a fascinating glimpse of the land of the rising yen. Anyone planning to visit Japan, we are told, will benefit from making contact with Damien.

## WHEN IN ROME

Anyone planning a filthy weekend away from it all can forget about it. You're bound to run into one of our intrepid reporters no matter where you go, even if it is in the Eternal City. One of Maynooth's dashing and personable general practitioners must have been glad that the lady in his company when he stepped out of the lift in his Roman hotel was and is his present wife. Because there, waiting to step into the lift was Carol Clifford, ace reporter from Maynooth Newsletter. Now Carol says that she was in Rome for a wedding, no, not her own, a friend's. That's her story and she's sticking to it!





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# SPORTS NEWS

## MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The President's (Mr. John Carey) Outing was held in Athlone Golf Club on October 31st. last. As this outing was our final outing for the '87 season, it attracted a large number of Members, Visitors and caddies on the day, which included, of course, our President. On behalf of the Committee and Members of the Society, I would like to thank our President, John Carey for his very generous support, which helped to make '87 such a successful year for the Society. As President of the Society, he is greatly appreciated by Committee and Members alike and I sincerely hope that he will continue in this capacity for many years to come.

The Outing was an 18 hole stroke-play Competition and was keenly contested by all concerned, with the eventual Overall Winner being D. Lynch (24) 64 nett. Congratulations to him and all the other prize winners. The complete results are listed below.

**Presidents (John Carey) Outing**  
Athlone, Oct. 31st  
18 Hole Strokes

### RESULTS

**1st Overall:** D. Lynch (24) 64  
**2nd Overall:** J. Ryan (15) 68  
**Gross:** T. Wade (7) 84 Gross

#### CLASS 1

**1st:** H. Carty (15) 69  
**2nd:** J. Moore (13) 72  
**3rd:** E. Ledwith (14) 75

#### CLASS 2

**1st:** M. Dempsey (17) 70 (on back 9)  
**2nd:** S. Tracey (18) 70  
**3rd:** E. Hayden (17) 76

#### CLASS 3

**1st:** J. McKeown (19) 71  
**2nd:** T. Moore (20) 72  
**3rd:** P. Brazil 73

**FRONT 9** T. Sheehan 35  
**BACK 9** E. Mara 34½

**Visitors Prize** T. Fay (6) 75

**MATCHPLAY 87, Winners** — T. Dunning/T. Sheehan,  
**Beaten Finalist** — T. Flatley/R. Delamere

**Golfer of the Year** — G. McTiernan.

Congratulations are due to the Matchplay '87 Winners, T. Dunning and T. Sheehan, who beat the gallant Runners up R. Delamere and T. Flatley in the Final at Knockanally Golf Course. This event was very kindly sponsored by Sean Power (Book-maker). Also to G. McTiernan who played some excellent golf, averaging 37 Pts. per outing to win the Golfer of the Year Trophy.

On behalf of the Committee and Members of the Society, I would like

to thank our numerous sponsors during the '87 season. Your support was greatly appreciated by all. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Captain J. Moore, our Treasurer T. Sheehan, Vice-Captain P. Brazil and the other members of the Committee for the hard work they did during the year. Finally, our A.G.M. will be held next January, date yet to be decided. Members will be notified.

**Sean Tracey (Hon. Secretary)**



The Matchplay '87 Winners (on left) T. Dunning and T. Sheehan pictured with Maynooth Golfing Society Captain Joseph Moore (centre) and the Runners-up R. Delamere and T. Flatley.



## MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB NEWS

The new season is under way and after some early season jitters, Maynooth B.C. is now getting down to the business of winning leagues. The club selectors picked five teams to represent Maynooth in the Dublin and District League. Unfortunately we suffered a number of untimely defections, causing us to scratch the fifth team. However, with injuries etc. ruling out a few more players, and Joe Moran's most honourable withdrawal, a crisis was averted and nobody was left disappointed. We hope to resurrect the fifth team next year, hopefully in time for the Kildare League.

### Teams

**Maynooth 1** — Mary Butler (Capt.), Bernie Farrell, Anne Dalton, Rose

Glennon, Paddy Nolan, Derek Gleeson, Kevin Doherty and Mick Martin.

**Maynooth 2** — Anne Gleeson (Capt.), Edel Bean, Michelle Farrell, Emer Mangan, Hector Dalton, Dominic Boylan, Liam Duff, and rejoining us from Leixlip Amen. Jimmy Dunne.

**Maynooth 3** — Dominic Nyland (Capt.), Miriam Mulhern, Olive O'Shea, Carmel Nolan and new member Janet Colgan, Pat Farrell, Mich Lynch and Joe Gallagher.

**Maynooth 4** — Oonagh Ryan (Capt.), Mary Tierney, Marie Connolly, Emer Frayne, Ciaran Tierney, Tommy Leonard, Edward Pearse and Sean O'Connor.

We have new faces in Sandy Fitzgerald, Paul Murphy, and Donal Hurley. Club Secretary Joe Farrell is out through injury so its a case of all work and no play. This year our teams are playing in sections D (1st.), E (2nd), G (3rd & 4th). These are very tough sections but our players will



give it their best shot. Matches are played on Thursday nights at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in Badminton why not come along and see some top class games and support your local teams. Finally we have a limited number of vacancies for players, both male and female. League experience, although an advantage, is not essential. Contact 285947.

Yours in Badminton,  
Joe Farrell, Secretary.



### MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With lots of Matches being postponed due to the bad weather, the 'Towns' first team played all their matches thanks to the good condition of our home pitch.

Maynooth (1) Black Diamonds (2)

This Premier match against the league leaders was hard fought. Maynooth had to field without Dessie Farrell who was playing for the Leinster Junior League team in Mayo. This game should never have been lost but lack of concentration by our defence allowed Black Diamonds to score. Maynooth's goal was scored by Philip Doyle.

#### 3rd Round Dalton Cup:

Goatstown (2) Maynooth (6).

Maynooth showed their Premier status against their Division I opponents. The Doyle Brothers Philip and John scored twice, the other scorers were Tony Kearins and Brian McCall.

#### 5th Round Leinster Junior Cup:

Maynooth (3) Meath Rangers (1)

This cup tie against Leinster Senior League opponents was a cracker. Maynooth scored after five minutes through a Niall Boyce header. However Meath Rangers got on top mainly through the great play of Gerry Hendricks in midfield. Hendricks had spent the last two years in English football playing with Blackpool. Playing sweeper was his brother Charlie who played for many years with Shamrock Rovers. Maynooth Manager Liam Farrelly made a master move by moving Noel Byrne to mark Hendricks. Byrnes great aerial ability and tigerish tackling kept the previously rampant Hendricks very quiet. Maynooth played some fine football and two more great goals followed by



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Terry Moore and John Doyle. This victory puts Maynooth into the sixth round of this cup against Kinvara Boys who last season won the Major Division of the Amateur League.

#### Premier Sunday:

Maynooth (4) County Celtic (3)

This match was played in very bad conditions. Maynooth led by 3—1 at one stage and allowed their opponents to fight back and equalise. However a John Doyle goal five minutes from time won the match for the town. Maynooth's other scorers were Dessie Farrell (2), John Nolan (1).

#### Div. IB Sunday:

Maynooth (3) Drimnagh Dynamos (0)

Feature of this game was a great hat trick by Gerry Cluain.

#### Div IB Sunday:

Stella Ath (4) Maynooth (4)

Played in wet conditions Maynooth had a deserved draw. Goals were by Manager David Foy and Gerry Moen.

The Club wish to sympathise with Philip and John Doyle on the death of their Father. Also to Noel Holmwood on the death of his Mother. May they rest in peace.

### COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

The last month started very brightly, but sadly ended with a major hiccup. However, when all is said and done we were involved in some of the most exciting games for a long time, during this period. If anything the sheer enjoyment factor is increasing and a fledgling outfit like ours is learning all the time.

Rathkenny Rovers (1) 1  
College Green (4) 6

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the net five times! Dermot Canning got number six. This was a very creditable performance against the home side who up till then had been making great progress in our Division. None deserved greater credit than Gerry Murtagh who took a very nasty knock late in the first half, but played on to torment the home defence by laying on a succession of excellent crosses.

Double D (1) 2  
College Green (2) 3

Our visit to Mullingar also promised to be exciting. Double D bet us in the Kilcarn House Cup Final last season on penalties, the game ending 4—4 at the end of extra time. That match was labelled as the best cup final ever seen in the M. and D.L. This re-match certainly didn't disappoint. Having gone 0—1 early in the first half College Green raced into a 3—1 lead with two goals from Paul Broughan and one from Peter Connell. Dublin D only managed to pull one goal back in a thrilling finish, as our defence resisted severe pressure. Ironically none of the front three players who featured against Rathkenny were available for this game.

Certainly a great show from our makeshift strike-force.

College Green (0) 3  
Tara (2) 3

The visitors must be fancied for Divisional honours this season. They gave us a first half pasting, leaving us 0—2 down at the break. Two goals from Gerry Murtagh put us level in the second half, only for Tara to go ahead again, 3—2. In a nail-biting finish to another thriller, Paddy McGovern saw his penalty saved by the Tara keeper. A minute or so later a magnificently struck free kick from Paddy put us level 3—3, thus splitting the points, a fair result for both sides.

College Green (1) 1  
Ratoath Harps (3) 5

On a day when nothing went right for the home side, Ratoath deservedly took both points with some ease. Sadly our chase for the upper reaches of the league table came to an end, temporarily we hope. What do they say about "concentrating the mind"?

#### Forthcoming fixtures

By the time this issue comes to print we will have fulfilled our Cup 1st

Round home fixture against Div. 1A giants Albion Rovers from Collon. Other League fixtures are; 29/11/87 away to Corbawn Utd., 6/12/87 home to Kilcarn House, 13/12/87 home to Carnaross Utd., 20/12/87 away to Trim Celtic.

#### League News

The M. & D.L. engaged in two Oscar Traynor warm-up games. Paddy McGovern starred in a 7—1 thrashing of Trim Celtic at Knightsbrook. Coincidentally his opposite number was Dermot Breen who plays for the Leinster Senior League, the holders of the Oscar Traynor Trophy. College Green became only the third side to have two representatives on the sixteen man M. & D.L. panel. Ciarán McGroarty was added to the side that lost 2—1 to the A.U.L. The first round match against the U.C.L. is down for the 21st of November and hopefully we will have good news for the next issue.

Florence Shanahan became the League's first woman when she took charge of her first game on the 7th of November last.

Yours sincerely,  
**Declan Forde.**







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## MAYNOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The club has had quite a few successes in recent weeks. In the Belfast 10 mile road race Peter Keegan came 1st in O/45 and David Jolly was 4th in the O/40 category.

Brian Redmond was 3rd in the O/45 race at St. Josephs. Dunleer was the next venue, with another win for Peter Keegan in the O/45 race. Patsy McCluskey had a good win and finished 1st in O/35 Ladies. Helen Redmond also ran well here. The U/16 girls put in a very good performance with Carmel Noonan 3rd. Lisa McCluskey 8th, Michelle Ennis 9th and Catherine Gleeson 10th. It was unfortunate that they didn't have two more girls to make a team.

1st November saw us in Ballygoran, Maynooth for Kildare Championships (Thanks to Mr. Bruton for the use of his field). The U/10 girls Ciara Power ran extremely well and won this race followed by Josephine Gallagher 3rd, Michelle Gillick 4th and Michelle Gallagher 23rd, giving these girls 2nd Team.

In the U/12 girls Emma McCluskey had a clear win with Patricia Purcell 2nd. Gillian Power 3rd, Margaret Brennan 7th, Aisling Redmond 12th,

Yvonne Reidy was 16th. The first four girls got the first team prize. U/14 girls Fiona Redmond 8th, Janet Whitaker 13th. In quite a big field of U/12 boys, Niall Gillick was 19th. It was hard course for the U/16 girls. This team packed very well and won the gold with Lisa McCluskey 1st. Carmel Noonan 2nd, Michelle Ennis 3rd and Catherine Gleeson 5th.

In the novice men there was no doubt, Pat Maher took off from the start and had a fine win in a time of 21.52. Novice Ladies: Helen Redmond 8th, Bernie Dunne 9th. Congratulations to Tony Callaghan, Noel Farrelly, Peter Keegan, Noel McCluskey and Pierce Breslin who all ran in the Dublin City Marathon.

The Kildare un-even ages cross-country Championships took place in Kilcock on Sunday: the going was wet and heavy. It was good to see Michelle Gillick winning the U/9 as she is very consistent at training also running very well in this race were Michelle Gallagher 10th, Cahal Dunne 16th and Lorraine Dunne 17th. In the G U 11 Patricia Purcell ran very strongly to win this race, followed by Ciara Power 7th, Margaret Brennan 9th. Aisling Redmond 14th, Yvonne Reidy 18th and Josephine Gallagher 20th. The first four

girls here took the silver medal. Another silver medal went to the U/13 girls team, Emma McCluskey 4th, Fiona Redmond 5th, Niamh O'Melia 13th and Gillian Power 16th. Niamh proved that perseverance pays, as she ran in quite a few cross-country races last year but this is her first medal.

Our U/15 girls had a clear lead from half way round the course by Lisa McCluskey with Carmel Noonan 2nd, Michelle Ennis 5th and Catherine Gleeson 8th thus winning the gold team medal.

In the Vet Ladies Patsy McCluskey was 2nd, Helen Redmond 9th and Marie Gleeson 15th giving these ladies 3rd team prize O/30. Last race of the day was the Vet mens. Here we had Liam McNamee 2nd O/35, Pat Maher 2nd O/40 and Brian Redmond 3rd O/40.

The mens O/35 1st team prize went to L. McNamee, P. Maher and B. Redmond. Davis Jolly was 23rd overall.

Our next venue is 29th November at Leixlip Amenity Centre, where the Intermediate and Grade 'B' Championships even-ages will be held. Also coming up, the Christmas Party for club members.





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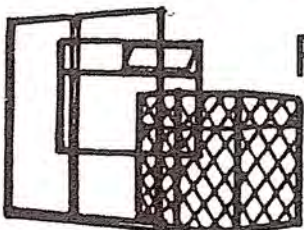
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I was invited to join a group of women, for a day, at The Shanty. We came from different backgrounds, wore different clothes, had different accents, but we all had one thing in common. None of us had a spouse. Some of us were separated, others bereaved. All of us unhappy.

We arrived on the day, at around 10.30 a.m. to be welcomed by Ann-Louise and Catherine, and the aroma of freshly percolated coffee and home-made buns. We were joined by Carmel and Maura who were going to facilitate the group. There was a great sense of warmth and ease all round.

Our morning began slowly enough,

with people being cautious and afraid to share too deeply. But Carmel and Maura allowed each person their own pace and space and skillfully encouraged a "safe" atmosphere. We all pledged confidentiality. We began to open up. One by one our petals began to open and unfold... we looked at each other... saw... heard... and shared. So many of us shared similar feelings of pain, loneliness, low self-esteem. Those who were on their own the longest were able to give encouragement and a glimmer of hope to those who only

recently found themselves on their own. That glimmer, at such a crucial time, is all important. There was such gentleness and sensitivity in the group, and Maura and Carmel were "present" to us all, all the time. They encouraged, yet never probed. Everyone there understood the sheer misery and bewilderment which is experienced when, for whatever reason, a marriage or similar partner-

ship comes to an end. We didn't need to have feelings of inadequacy or despair explained to us. We'd all experienced them at some stage during our post separation period. We had all been "kicked" and so we were all "limping".

But, I believe we helped to heal each other by our honesty and our sharing, and that each person went home that evening a few steps further down the road to recovery. During that day, we had each been allowed to care for the other. We had an atmosphere of peace, caring and love.

My wish would be that more women could avail of places like The Shanty, and that more support on an on-going basis, would be available for them. Maybe some day, somewhere, there will be other "Shantys". My love to Ann-Louise and Catherine, to Carmel and Maura, and most especially to the other women who shared so much of themselves with me.

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## SWIMMING POOL

I would like to refer to the laconic note in last months Newsletter that I was about to build a pool on the school grounds.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association for the Post Primary School I floated the idea of the possibility of providing such a facility. There was enthusiastic support among the large attendance of nearly 300. As a result of this support I set up a feasibility study to inquire further into this major project and set up sub-committees under the following headings:

- (a) Cost of providing a pool.
- (b) Sources of finance.
- (c) Cost of running pool.
- (d) Potential usage.

All four sub-committees very promptly and efficiently reported back within the week when another meeting was held. It is now clear the cost of providing a good 25 metre pool would be in the region of at least £350,000. So far our inquiries have led us to believe that the sources of finances for this project would be largely subscriptions from the public in one way or another over a certain period of time.

On the matter of running costs, which is vital to the whole project they would be in the region of £100,000. To recoup this kind of money almost maximum use of the pool all year would be necessary. Inquiries would indicate that this is likely.

The four committees are still at work and the next step is likely to be a leaflet to every household outlining the correct position and inviting interested residents to commit themselves for a certain amount of money over a given period. I hope readers find this information useful.

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#### Cutbacks in Local Education

In a circular sent home to all parents of children at the Boys' National School, Principal Mr O'Connell outlines the potentially devastating changes which are likely to result from the recently announced cutbacks, and appeals for the support of parents in resisting them by every means possible. The following are the four main headings of the situation facing the school from January 1st next:

1. **Loss of Teachers:-** At the moment, we have 13 Assistant Teachers. For the past 5 years, the number of pupils required for 13 Assistants was 430. We now have 436 on roll. From January 1st, under the proposed regulations, the number of pupils needed to keep a 13th. Assistant will be raised to 494. The number of pupils required to retain a 12th. Assistant will be 456. Consequently, we will lose two teachers on January 1st. This will lead directly to —
2. **Split Classes:-** Arising from the loss of our 13th and 12th Assistants, over 70 pupils will be without a Teacher. They will have to be dispersed among the remaining 11 teachers. Split classes

throughout the school from Infants to 6th class will be unavoidable. Even worse, some split classes will have 45-48 pupils, making nonsense of the concept of child-centred education.

3. **Temporary Teachers:-** We now have two teachers in this category. The new regulations are unclear, but these positions are in danger of being abolished from January 1st leading to further chaos.
4. **Administrative Principals:-** A school the size of ours needs full-time administration. However, under the proposed regulations, our Principal may have to take a class. As he will be called to his normal organisational duties on

numerous occasions daily, his class will be left untaught.

We have no news of reaction from the Convent as yet, but no doubt the situation is equally grave there. Meanwhile, at a meeting of the Kildare Trades Council in Newbridge on November 9th, a motion opposing the cuts was passed; local branches of the National Parents' Council are mobilising against the cuts too.

Serious cutbacks will also affect third-level, with a reduction of over 5% in the 1988 budget for St Patrick's College; this is bound to lead to some job losses there, but — as is typical of the haste with which the government has announced the latest provisions — as yet the terms of the reduction in employees is not known.



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Breda Flaherty  
Michael O'Donnell

#### Dip. Adult Ed.:

Teresa Kelleher

#### M.A. Degree:

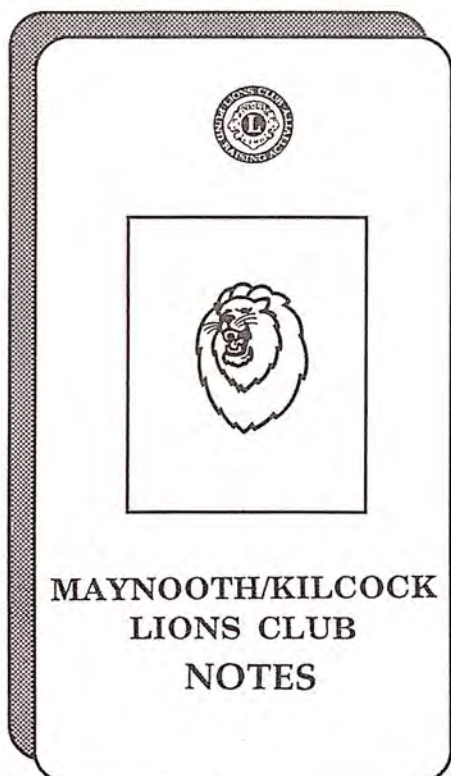
Kevin Moran  
Siobhan Ní Floglin (Denman)

#### H. Dip. Ed. Degree:

Michell Higgins  
Anthony Kearins  
Celine McLoughlin  
Declan Murphy



Comhghairdeachas le Breda Flaherty, Kilmacredock, who was conferred with the B.A. degree in Maynooth on November 11th. Breda is the daughter of Seamus and Máirín Flaherty, and the fifth of their children to complete third-level education successfully.



### THE GREAT EGG & SPOON RACE

On Friday 1st January 1988 the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club present their annual Egg & Spoon Race through the streets of Maynooth. This event is in its third year and the charities to benefit this year are "the Old Folks Committee & the local Church of Ireland Restoration Fund.

The contestants are the local business people who renew rivalry with great gusto and another notable side to the event is the great competition for the best fancy dress contestant, and this year, it is hoped to be judged by former Miss Ireland *Olivia Tracey*. *Fossetts Circus* have agreed to supply some real lions and clowns to make the day as enjoyable as possible for the general public. Please bring your families along for a good New Years Day Laugh. Other events on our calendar are the Radio 2 /Lions Food Appeal on the week-end of 18/19/20 December at Quinnsnorth and Greenfield Supermarket so don't forget to give generously for this worthy cause.



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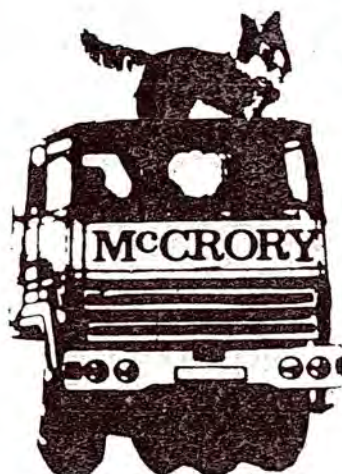
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We were in Rome for a very special occasion — the wedding of a friend. This was arranged through the Irish College in Rome who do a magnificent job. The side chapel of St. John Lateran was beautifully prepared and even the photography — including video — was arranged beforehand. During the ceremony a group of tourists arrived and decided to stay

until the end, which added a very informal touch. Afterwards the bride and groom strolled through a street market, applauded by the stall holders, down to the restaurant for the wedding breakfast — which had also been arranged by the college. Everyone in the restaurant applauded as we entered and we found a beautiful meal had been prepared. A word of warning — do not order fish soup in Rome unless you are very fond of squid. Later that day we explored Rome on foot and saw the Coliseum by floodlight, an eerie place at the best of times. Several people seemed to use its arches to sleep in — along with hundreds of stray cats.

The high point of our stay was calmly strolling into St. Peters and

discovering the Pope celebrating Mass for the students. We could not believe our luck — we found out later that we should have had tickets!

On the day of my return, I was waiting for the hotel light to descend, as the doors opened, a couple stepped out and we had the surprise of our lives — it was Dr. Maurice Cowhey and his new wife. Even in Rome there is no escaping your neighbours. We discovered we were on the same flight home and parted to rejoin later.

The flight home was most enjoyable — especially as I believe we were the last flight out because airport staff were on strike. There were other honeymoon couples returning home and had all enjoyed their stay in an unforgettable city.



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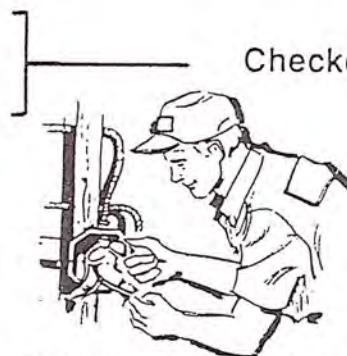
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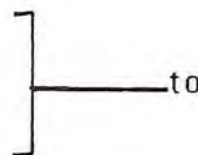
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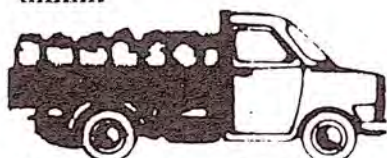
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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mrs. B. Saults, Parson St. Nov. 1st Seamus Traynor, Greenfield Nov. 4th Mrs Ann Foley, Mariville, Nov. 4th Paddy Carr, Main St. Nov. 9th and the twins

Mrs P. Burke, Newtown, and Mrs. R. Troy, of Avondale, Leixlip, on Nov. 6th. For the happy event a party in Clock House was attended by a host of friends.

Happy first birthday to Luke Mac Keogh 119 Railpark, 9 December 1987.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Norah McDermott who celebrated her birthday on the 20th November.

Happy Birthday to Carol Clifford who celebrates her birthday on the 1st of December.

Belated Birthday Greetings to **Johnny Maloco** who has reached the grand old age of 25! Love and kisses from your two buddies, Nigel and Dave.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Larry and Mary (Doolie) O'Brien, Newtown who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on Nov. 6th and to Ann Dalton, Rathcoffey, James Malone, Clane who were married recently. The grooms daddy was very popular tonsillor artist in Maynooth some years ago and his mother is formerly Betty Daly, O'Neill Park. Ann is on the staff in "The Country Shop".

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**Sympathy** to Mrs Ann Boyd, The Green, Maynooth, on the death of her mother Mrs Kathleen O'Keeffe, Kilcock.

**Sympathy** to Mrs Barbara Nolan, Greenfield, Maynooth on the death of her brother Seamus Grady who died in England.

**Sympathy** to the wife, family, relatives of the late James (Jim) Doyle formerly from Laraghbryan Road, Maynooth.

**Sympathy** to the wife, family, relatives of the late Patrick (Pat) Hand, Main Street, Maynooth.

## Sympathy: to

Mrs Michael Demosev. Greenfield on the death of her mother Isabella Holmwood, Main Street Leixlip.

## Sympathy: to

sons, daughters, brother, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces of late Brian Jones, Convent Road. There was a guard of honour at the removal of remains by schoolchildren who deceased drove to and from school and other places, some of them were in tears.

and to  
Larry O'Brien, Newtown,  
John O'Brien, Celbridge on death of their sister, Mrs. Maher, Lucan.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holmwood; The family of the late Isabella Holmwood wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, all those who attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral, those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple P.P. and Fr. Cogan C.C. for their kind attention to her during her stay in Maynooth, also to Drs. William and Maurice Cowhey and Dr. O'Rourke and to all our kind neighbours. Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Dr. Cowhey and family would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on the death of Mrs. Aideen Cowhey and to all who sent mass cards, wreaths and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Fr. Brendan Supple P.P. and to all the priests who officiated at the funeral mass, to the Garda Siochána and to all our friends and neighbours who helped in so many ways.

The wife and family of the late Patrick Hand, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, all those who attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral, those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple P.P. and Fr. Cogan C.C. and all our kind neighbours. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.





# WEDDING

Garda Donal Kelly, who was stationed in Maynooth up to recently was back in town when he married local girl Noelle Barry at St. Mary's Church. Noelle is daughter of local news-agents Mr. and Mrs. James Barry, Main St., and Donal is son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kelly, Kilruane, Nenagh. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Fr. B. Supple, P.P., Maynooth, assisted by Rev. Fr. D. Cogan, C.C., Maynooth, Rev. Fr. O. Thynne, P.C., Maynooth, Rev. Fr. F. Finan, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Rev. Fr. J. Dunne, S.M.A., Maynooth, Rev. Fr. P. O'Mahoney, S.M.A., Maynooth, Rev. Fr. P. Connaughton, P.C., Athlone. Bridesmaids were Patricia Begley, friend of the bride, Yvonne Barry, cousin of the bride, Margaret Kelly, sister of the groom. Bestman, Patrick Kelly, brother of the groom. Groomsmen Robert Barry, brother of the bride, Michael Conway, friend of groom. Organists/Soloists Mrs. J. McCormack. A reception was held in Montague Hotel, Portlaoise and the honeymoon in Gran Canaria. The couple will live in Abeyleix where the groom is stationed.

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