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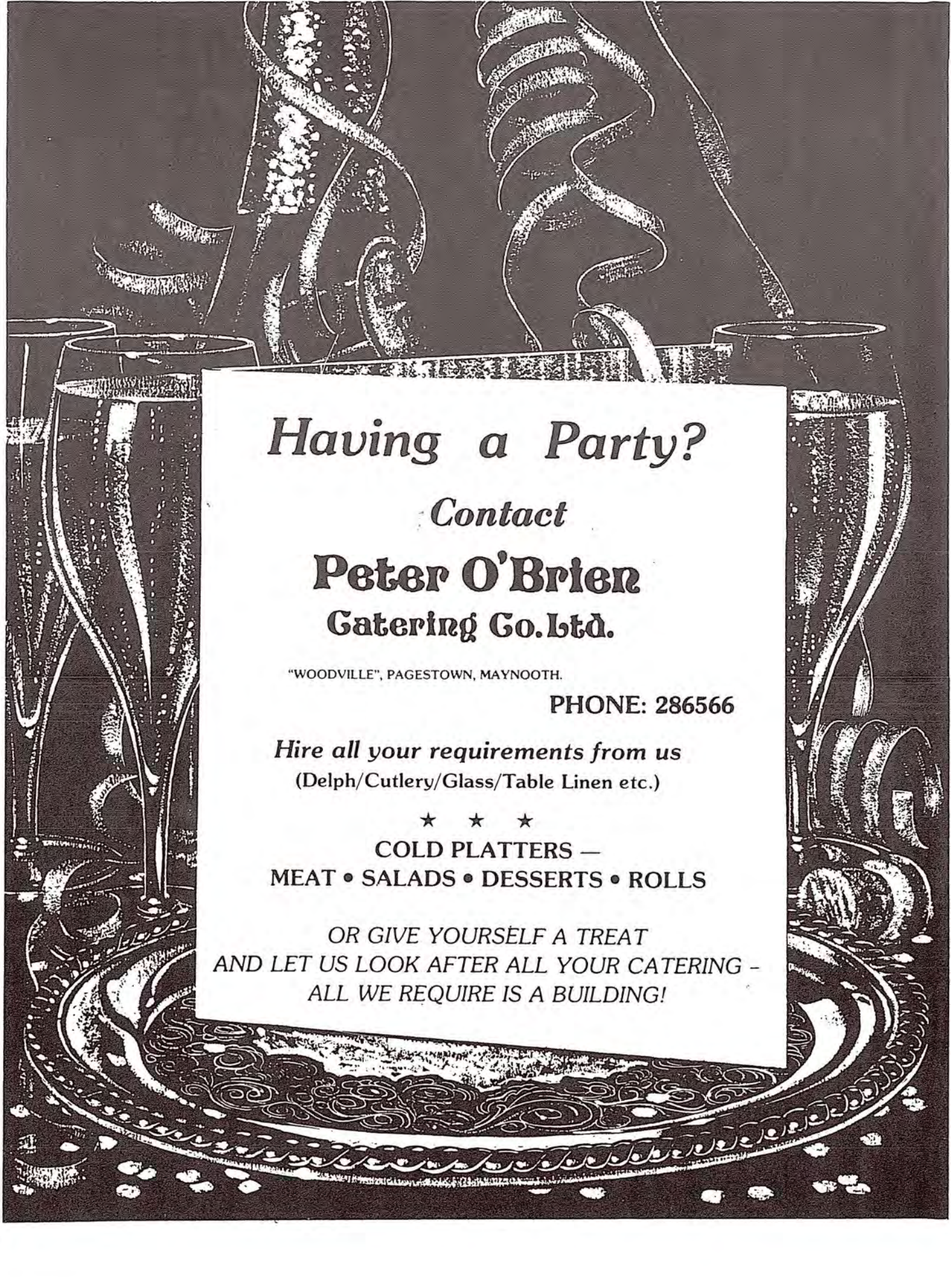
## ELECTION 1987



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# Editorial

Lá Feile Pádraig

Maynooth may not be unique in the world as one of our globe trotting residents, Seamus Smyth, explains in this edition, however we will be unique in County Kildare on St. Patrick's Day.

As in previous years we expect to host the only St. Patrick's Day Parade in the County on the 17th March 1987. And the Social & Recreational sub-committee of the Community Council have laid on a spectacle which while not up to Fifth Avenue, New York Standards in terms of quality, promises hours of entertainment on the day. So forget about driving into Dublin for the big parade, and worrying about losing the kids among the thousands of onlookers, none of whom can get a good view unless they are ten feet tall, and throng into Maynooth Main Street for another outburst of Community solidarity. Further details of the big day inside.

## TRADE FAIR

April promises another sort of display, the trade fair. The Community Council is providing the organisational facilities for this showcase for Maynooth business, which is expected to raise money for two important local causes, the Boy's Primary School and the Royal Canal Amenity Group. Many local businesses have been contacted but if you know of any business which would be interested in reaching more clients, contact the Council Office in the Town Mall, Main Street, Maynooth.

## MORE ELECTIONS

The Community Council has, over its three years of existence, made a considerable impact on the life of Maynooth, whether people are aware of it or not. The parade and the trade fair are public signs of its contribution, but there are other less obvious benefits—for example, community groups can negotiate more favourable insurance premiums by operating through the Community Council, as the Larine Drama Group found out recently.

The first three years of the Community Councils existence have now passed, and elections are once again in the air. Details of the forthcoming elections are given in this edition. The Newsletter has been informed that a number of outgoing councillors will not be seeking re-election next time round, for a number of very good reasons. So new blood is being sought.

This editorial is addressed to all of those out there who have ideas about

how Maynooth is to develop over the next three years. Now is the time to put these ideas to the test. There are over sixty organisations in Maynooth at the moment. Many Maynooth people contribute to a considerable proportion of these organisations and do an excellent job. On the Community Council we need people who are not weighed down with commitments to sixty committees all meeting on the same night. These people are already overburdened, so we appeal to the theorists and philosophers with all of their great ideas to desert their armchairs and . . . get involved.

If you want Maynooth to develop into a community satisfying the needs of *all* of its residents, why not think seriously about going forward for election? Every Maynooth resident has a contribution to make, now is your opportunity.



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## MAYNOOTH — A CONVENIENT LOCATION

It appears that Leixlip's long standing campaign for Town Commission Status is on the verge of success, although the outgoing government quibbled about the proposed boundaries. The government is waiting for the report of a review body on local authorities before making a decision.

One alternative which has been discussed is a joint local authority to cover the whole area of Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge. If this option is chosen, it would of course be necessary to find a suitable place for the new authority to meet.

And here in the middle of Maynooth we have the perfect location. The square, currently occupied by the erection sometimes known as the Pee and Queue by others known as the 'Thing', formerly housed a very nice Courthouse. Unfortunately this building failed to survive the attentions of the Black and Tans and a photograph of the ruins can be seen in Caulfield's Bar.

With its history of public buildings, is there a more convenient place to locate a chamber for our public representatives? Of course this would involve the removal of the most monumental public toilets in Ireland. But the citizens of Maynooth would, no doubt, manage in their usual heroic manner. How many people have actually used the facilities in any case?

## THE LIBRARY DIARY

**To all groups, organisations etc. who hold events in the Maynooth area.**

We would like to draw your attention to a Diary in Maynooth Library. The Diary is there to be used by all to log coming events. In this way all groups etc. will know what's on, when and where and will help each other in not clashing dates for events.



## Letters to the Editor

17 Straffan Way,  
Maynooth,  
Co. Kildare.

February 12th, 1987

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Irish Kidney Association, we would like to say a big thank you to the people of Maynooth for their wonderful generosity at our recent Church gate collection. We would also like to thank the ladies of the local I.C.A. and everyone who gave their time to help us as collectors. We raised the grand sum of £373.

Thank you all again.

Betty and Eamonn McNamee  
Local Members  
Irish Kidney Association

## CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER / ADDRESS

Dear Editor,

I wish to insert a notice in the Newsletter regarding a change of surgery hours and also the telephone number.

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

### Elections

The elections for the next Community Council will take place towards the end of March. See details elsewhere in this issue. We urge all those who have any interest in the future of Maynooth to put themselves forward for election.

### Sports Complex

The Sports Complex Working Party recently met with a representative of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) to discuss possible financing of the proposed Sports Complex. While financial stringencies rule out major funding for the Complex by the HEA, the possibility of some contribution was not ruled out. It appears that the main hope for funding now rests with the National Lottery. The Minister for Sport has been requested to place the Maynooth Complex among the projects to be funded by the lottery. In the meantime, the Maynooth College architects are preparing a detailed brochure on the Complex to publicise the project. Kildare Co. Council and Co. Kildare VEC have been requested to make a financial contribution towards the cost of preparing the brochure.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Community Council is again organising the Parade this year. The Parade is the only one held in the county and we hope this year it will be bigger and better than ever. The Parade will include 100 ex Congo veterans who will be marching for the first time in public. Alan Dukes has also accepted an invitation to attend. RTE coverage is expected.

The assembly time is 10.30 a.m. at Greenfield Shopping Centre. The Parade will start off at 11 a.m. sharp. Commercial entrants will line up on Straffan Road, Clubs, Bands and Marchers will line up in Maynooth Park entering Maynooth Park from Greenfield Drive and facing up towards the Shopping Centre. The Parade will proceed to the town centre turning right at the Main Street, past the reviewing stand. It will go around the rear of O'B's Shopping Centre and back onto the Dublin Road towards the Main Street where it will be reviewed again.

At the Roost all bands and marchers will swing left into the Harbour and left again

into the Shopping Mall where they will fall out and make their way back to the reviewing stand for the presentations. Floats will continue towards Parson St. where they will disperse.

The prizes are as follows:

- (a) Best Commercial Float — Trophy
- (b) Best Club Float — Trophy & £50
- (c) Best Marchers — Trophy & £25
- (d) Best overall Band — Trophy & £25
- (e) Best Junior Band — Trophy

As the running costs of the Parade are considerable (insurance, trophies, public address etc.) we are asking those business' who cannot partake to help or provide sponsorship of some form. When contributing please bear in mind that we also have to fund our many other community activities from our meagre resources.

We provide seven jobs in Maynooth through the Social Employment Scheme, however this costs £1800 per year which we have to raise by local contributions.

For these reasons we have had to raise the entrance fee for commercial participation in the parade to £25. However the entrance fee for clubs remains the same at £5 per club. Notification & Entrance fee should be sent to Frances McNicholas at the Community Council Office, Town-Centre Mall.

We urge everyone to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade and trust it will be enjoyed by all.

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### An Appeal

Maynooth Community Council currently provides jobs for nine people from the Maynooth area. These jobs are largely funded by the Social Employment Scheme and the Teamwork Scheme for Youth Employment. Last year, these workers produced the monthly Maynooth Newsletter and the Maynooth Information Directory — two publications which have proved most valuable to the people of Maynooth.

This year, the Council's workers are continuing to produce the Newsletter, and are also involved in organising the forthcoming Maynooth Trade Fair, the proceeds of which will go jointly to the Maynooth Branch of the Royal Canal Amenity Group and the Boys' National School — two very worthy causes.

The Community Council had had to provide office accommodation for these workers. This office has had to be furnished, and heat and light have to be provided. The Council has also had to pay PRSI and some of the wages of a supervisor. Although there is a govern-

ment grant towards running expenses, and although the Community Council and the Newsletter have both put a considerable amount of their own funds into the office, there was an eventual deficit of £1,868 in the running of the office in 1986.

This figure works out at only £200 per worker employed, which appears to be a worthwhile cost to bear in order to make these jobs available, especially in view of the valuable community services which they make possible. At the same time, the amount of money involved is a heavy burden on a voluntary organisation like the Community Council.

The Community Council has decided to devote the proceeds of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade to clearing off the debt incurred in maintaining its office last year. All businesses in the area have been circulated with an invitation to take part in the Parade. This invitation also outlines the Council's financial difficulties. Firms which will not be taking part in the Parade have been asked to make a donation to the Council's funds. Some have already done this, and to these we express our appreciation.

We would like to urge those firms which have not yet responded to our invitation to get in touch with our office immediately. Preferably, we would like them all to participate in the Parade, which has been a tremendous success in the last two years, and which we expect to be even bigger and better this year. However, if you will not be taking part, we will welcome your donation. We think we are providing a very worthwhile service to the people of Maynooth, and we would like to think that these efforts — and the employment which we are providing — are appreciated.

*Proinnsias Breathnach,  
(Cathaoirleach)*

### ST. PATRICKS DAY — SNAP HAPPY COMPETITION

A competition for the best photographs of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth has been organised. The competition is open to all, and there are prizes for the best photos from two age groups — 18 and over, and under 18 years.

Photos can be black and white, or colour, any size. Please write your name and address on the back of the photograph as well as your age category and send it to the Newsletter by 7th April. The winning photographs will be published in the May issue.

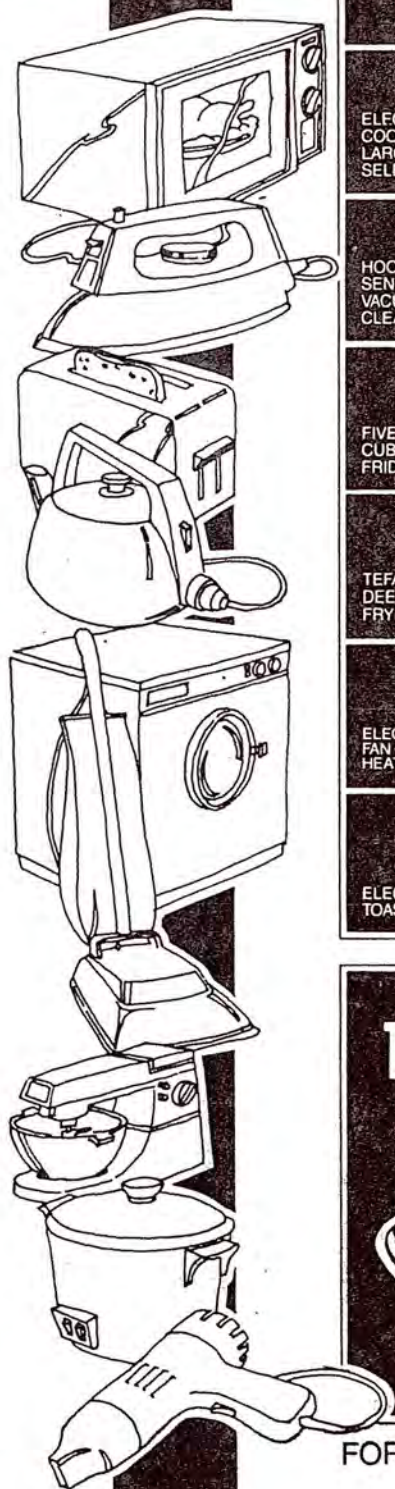
Prizes are sponsored by McCormack's Chemist and Conroy's Chemist. If you want photographs returned please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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# MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

## Elections

THE ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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ARE URGED TO PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR ELECTION

A LIST OF THE ELECTORAL AREAS IS INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON MON, MARCH 16

VOTING TAKES PLACE BEFORE FRI, APRIL 3

VOTES WILL BE COUNTED ON SAT, APRIL 4

PLEASE CUT OUT AND COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM BELOW AND HAND  
IN TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, TOWN CENTRE MALL, TEL: 285922

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTORAL AREA \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDER \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the above nomination.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Maynooth Community Council comes to the end of its term of office at the beginning of April. Elections for a new Council will be held at the end of March. In all, there are 34 places to be filled in these elections. Two further places will be

allocated to nominees of Maynooth College Executive Council and Maynooth College Students' Union. Further members may be co-opted at the discretion of the incoming Council.

In its three-year term of office, the outgoing Council had many achievements which have contributed considerably to

community life in Maynooth. Among these have been the establishment of the Community Information Centre, the publication of the Maynooth Information Directory, The St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Community Week, and the Tidy Estates Competition. In addition, the Council has taken the Community Games and the Maynooth Newsletter under its wing.

Among the current activities which the new Council will inherit are the Sports Complex Project, the Maynooth Trade Fair (which is being organised through the Community Council office) and the Tidy Towns Competition. There are also plans in train to establish a Town Museum with the help of the Social Employment Scheme. The Council has also become a significant employer, with nine people in all now working in the Council office.

The quality of life in Maynooth ultimately depends on the effort put in by the members of the community itself. One frequently hears the knockers complaining about the deficiencies of life in Maynooth, or heaping criticism on those who do try to get involved in improving things. The town of Maynooth has enormous potential, but a lot of hard work will have to be put into this potential. The onus is on all of us to make a contribution, and there is no more direct way of doing this than by taking a place on the Community Council.

The members of the outgoing Council have done their bit for the community. It has been a hard-working Council which has avoided being simply a talking shop, and which instead got stuck into getting things done. Undoubtedly, many existing members will make themselves available for election again. Equally certainly, many will consider that they have earned a well-deserved rest after doing their stint for the community. It is vital that new people put themselves forward for election. Voluntary organisations which do not receive regular infusions of new blood will eventually stagnate and die away. Well-contested elections will generate a level of interest and excitement which will carry through into the new Council.

We therefore urge all those who care about Maynooth and the people who live in it to put themselves forward for election to the Community Council. Service on the Council can be an interesting and rewarding experience for those who are prepared to get genuinely involved.

### Election Arrangements

There are some modifications to the division of the Community Council catchment area into electoral areas compared with the previous election.

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member. The electoral areas are as follows:

1. Town Centre (5 places)  
*comprises the area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.*
2. Old Rail Park/Straffan Road (1 place)  
*Includes the Crescent*
3. Rail Park Estate (2 places)
4. Greenfield Estate (5 places)  
*Includes Laurence Avenue, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive and Straffan Way*
5. Carton Court (2 places)
6. Kingsbry (3 places)
7. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield Phase 1. (2 places)
8. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 place)
9. Greenfield Phase 3/Private Sites (1 place)
10. Beaufield (1 place)
11. Newtown (1 place)
12. Cluain Aoibhinn (1 place)
13. College Green (1 place)
14. Moyglare Road (1 place)  
*Includes Moyglare Village Estate*
15. Outlying Area A (see Map) (1 place)  
*Includes the townlands of Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown*
16. Outlying Area B (2 places)  
*Includes the townlands of Windgates (East side of Straffan Road), Toolestown (do.), Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran, Barrogstown/West/East, Kilmacredock, Donaghmore.*
17. Outlying Area C (3 places)  
*Includes the townlands of Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (West side of Straffan Road), Windgates (do.), Newtownmacabe, Roosk, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin, Derrinstown, Donaghstown.*
18. Outlying Area D (1 place)  
*(Includes townlands of Timard, Laragh-bryan East/West, The Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown and Laragh Demesne.*

## ELECTION SCHEDULE

### Nominations

A Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter. Additional forms may be obtained from the Community Council office.

All nomination forms should include the name and address of the nominee, the signatures of a proposer and seconder, and the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to be submitted to the Community Council office by **Monday March 16.**

### Elections

Voting papers will be distributed to all eligible households between March 23-27. Votes will be collected the following week. Where votes have not been collected, they may be brought to collection points which will be specified on the voting papers. All votes must be returned by Friday April 3.

Counting of votes will take place on Saturday April 4. Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single-seat electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting (as in by-elections to Dail Eireann) will be used. For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are seats available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate. This system is both easy to operate, and fairer than the first-to-the-post method used in British elections.

The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Monday April 13.

### Environmental Sub-Committee Maynooth Community Council

1987 has been designated European Year of the Environment.

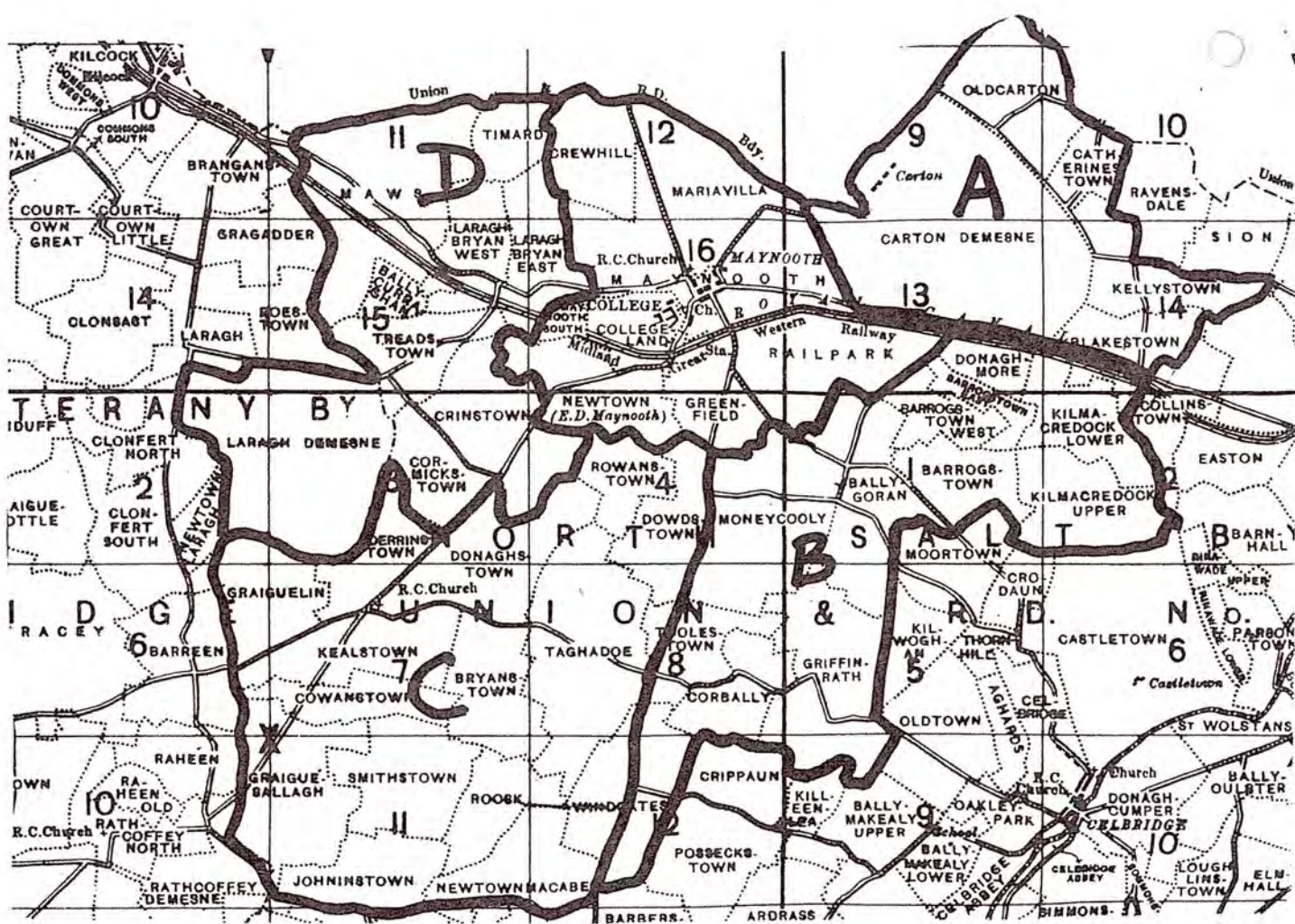
In a recent survey on how important the environment was in peoples' lives, Ireland was shown to be far down the list in Europe.

Our Committee has received posters and information from the Irish Section for E.Y.E. 87. Readers will see those posters and literature shortly around Maynooth.

LAST TIME WE OUTLINED OUR HOPES. THIS TIME WE OUTLINE OUR PLANS

1. Poster/Essay Competition is currently taking place in the schools. Would parents please explain the need to keep the town tidy to their children.
2. Kildare County Council has been written to and formally asked to remove "the thing".
3. The local engineer has been requested to try and clean up "the thing" and also to organise the emptying of street bins on a Friday.
4. Signs and Tee-shirts costs are being currently sought with "Keep Maynooth Tidy" logos.
5. With the onset of Spring/Summer we hope to organise "Tidy-Up Weekends" The active co-operation of the residents' associations would be appreciated.
6. We will have a stand at the Trade Fair.
7. We hope to have an entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Once again let each one of us try and "KEEP MAYNOOTH TIDY FOR 87".



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORATE AREA

## PARKING CHAOS

We note that Father Supple has not taken up the idea of widening the doors of the church to allow motoring mass-goers to attend mass without having to get out of their cars.

The chaos on Sunday mornings caused by cars parked two or three deep in the middle of the road must lead to an accident soon. Huge juggernauts thread their way through the narrow channels left for them by impatient mass-goers who arrive at the last minute, and abandon their cars as close to the gates as possible. The Newsletter sellers' nerves are in shreds, having witnessed a number of near accidents to children darting between parked cars across the busy Galway road.

The photograph shows a typical scene on a Sunday morning. How about coming to Mass a little bit earlier, to allow time for safe parking in the Parish Hall car park?



Car parking on the Galway Road on a Sunday morning.

# THE HEAT IS ON!

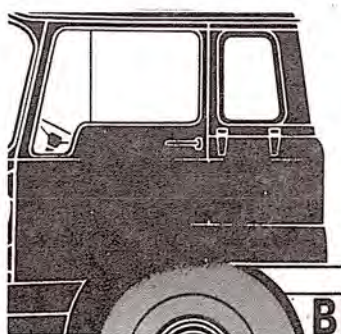
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# POLITICAL PARTY NOTES.

## FIANNA FAIL — MAYNOOTH CUMANN

At the time of writing it looks like Fianna Fail will form the next Government with Charles Haughey as Taoiseach. However, we will not have got the overall majority we were aiming for.

We were defeated by only a handful of votes in some constituencies, thus diminishing our chances of an overall majority. Overall the swing away from Fianna Fail was only 1.1% compared to the 1982 election result. While the swing from Fine Gael was 12.1% with Labour at 3%. The main beneficiary of the great swing from Fine Gael was the Progressive Democrats. This was the prediction made by Charles Haughey last year when the P.D. party was formed.

At a local level the picture was somewhat different. Our local candidate, Cllr. Gerry Brady polled extremely well, increased his first preference vote by 20%. However at the end of the day this did not translate into an extra seat. The members of our cumann here in Maynooth commiserate with Gerry, who had worked so hard during the campaign. He has also worked diligently for his constituents in his capacity as County Councillor over the past number of years.

In fact while on the campaign Gerry got a very positive response from the people of Maynooth. They also brought to his notice a number of items they were concerned with.

**Education:**— A major item was education including the pupil/teacher ratio and the teachers arbitration awards. As you are aware Fianna Fail has a long standing firm commitment to education. The reduction of the pupil/teacher ratio in the primary school level will initially be the target area in the new government and then progressively into the post-primary system. In relation to the teachers arbitration awards Fianna Fail deplore the damage done to the conciliation and arbitration machinery by the Coalition Government in the 1985 Arbitration Award, and are committed to restoring confidence again in the system.

**Policing of Estates:**— The policing of estates was another bone of contention. Cllr. Brady has been pursuing this matter and as recent as 12th February received a letter from the Minister for Justice stating that a report was expected shortly from the Garda Commissioner in connection with policing arrangements for North Kildare.

**Frozen Pipes:**— In Straffan Way, Greenfield Drive and Maynooth Park the matter of frozen pipes under the footpaths during the freezing weather was a major bone of contention. Cllr. G. Brady has taken up this issue with the County Council and will report back to each of the areas concerned in due course.

**Orthodontal Treatment for children:**

The long delays experienced in getting appointments for children will be pursued by Cllr. Brady with the Health Board.

**Condition of Road at Leinster Cottages**

Cllr. Gerry Brady has made representations to Kildare County Council in relation to the above and the matter is now being investigated.

**Congratulations:**

On behalf of Cllr. G. Brady, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who supported him on polling day.

Also on behalf of the Maynooth Cumann of Fianna Fail I congratulate, Emmet Stagg, Paddy Power, Charlie McCreavy, Alan Dukes and Bernard Durkan on their success in the general election.

**Strong Government**

What we need now is a strong party, working together, to pull this country out of the mess we are in. It will take courage and leadership with innovative ideas to get the country moving again, which will give hope to both young and old. This Fianna Fail can and will do.

Patricia Roche  
P.R.O.

## GENERAL ELECTION REVIEW

Congratulations to local TD's Emmet Stagg and Bernard Durkan on their election to the 25th Dail. Indeed, there was a strong possibility of having a third local TD until Celbridge based Charlie McCreavy edged out Gerry Brady on the last count.

The Labour vote held up surprisingly given the recent well-publicised squabbles within the party in Kildare. However, given Emmet Stagg's performance in the local elections, one suspects that a significant proportion of his first preferences came from new voters from North Kildare rather than traditional Labour supporters from the South of the county. Bernard Durkan did very well to resist the strong challenge from both Gerry Brady and Progressive Democrat newcomer Eoin McBennett of Straffan, who himself performed very impressively.

Colm Purcell, the Leixlip based Worker's Party candidate, must be disappointed with his own poll. Clearly, as a first time candidate, he suffered from a severe handicap in competing for the left-wing vote with the well established and high-profile Emmet Stagg.

Given the low key nature of his candidature, local man Fred Leavy can also be reasonably satisfied with his vote.

With two local TD's in this highly marginal constituency, perhaps Maynooth can now look forward to some crumbs from the Government table. Maybe our quest for a Sports Complex will be advanced as a result.



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**GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The winter cold has come and gone by now, the worst spell being from the 12th - 16th January. We heard of the news in the papers about all the water that was wasted because of taps being left running. I always wonder what 'running' means here and whether a thread of a trickle overnight is enough to precipitate these general shortages. It turns out to be a vicious circle anyway: you take all the precautions necessary to prevent loss of water (lagging pipes, turning on heat etc.) only to find that you have lost it after all because of the general low pressure prevailing (caused by taps running to prevent loss of water).

The neighbourhood watch scheme seems to be very slow in getting going. The Committee has bought a property kit which it can put at the disposal of the Neighbourhood Watch Committee. The subject will be aired again at the AGM (see below).

The observant among you (and I hope you all have an observant eye for the general appearance of the place and for any improvements thereto) will have noticed another brave attempt to plant along the wall at the top of Maynooth Park Green (following on last year's valiant effort by Peter Holland to get a line of flowering currant bushes going). Half the length of the wall has been planted and the other half will be planted next year if the first half survives (i.e. survives all the boy/girl made hazards to which plants are particularly exposed in that position).

The Committee is keeping a watchful eye on the Maynooth By-pass issue in assoc. with the Community Council, as well as on the development of the vacant site in the Greenfield Shopping Centre we have appealed to An Bord Pleanála against the planning permission granted recently for a fast-food take-away for this site.

Two big announcements to finish up. The first (which is being advertised separately in this issue) concerns our Dinner Dance, to be held on Friday, 13th March, in the Setanta Hotel, Celbridge, from 9 to 1 (tickets £10 each, music by Panache, spot prizes etc.) The second is our AGM, to be held in early March (either the 3rd or the 10th) in the Post-Primary School (we will confirm all this in a circular later). The last number of the *Newsletter* told us about the forthcoming elections to the Community Council and an appeal was made to people not serving on committees already, to come forward and help out.

Members everywhere have obviously the same problem when it comes to having people participate more. I won't go on about it too much but our Committee is no exception and any newcomers will be very welcome on the new Committee. *But come along to the AGM anyway.*

*Donal McMahon  
P.R.O.*

**RAILPARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Joe Buckley assures the residents of Railpark that their Association is, contrary to appearances, alive and kicking. Plans are afoot to get the Association moving again and a General Meeting will be held within the next few weeks. He will send around notices soon.

**LADYCHAPEL GRAVEYARD RESTORATION GROUP**

*Committee: John Behan, Chairman  
Hilda Dunne, Secretary, Jim Timmons  
Treasurer, John Flood P.R.O., Fr. B.  
Supple P.P., Martin Kelly, Willie Mullally  
Jim Bonam, Jim Ennis, Joe Dunphy,  
Rose Tallon, Pauline Burke, Paddy  
Travers, Mary Murray*

Some time ago Martin Kelly wrote a book about the History of Ladychapel Graveyard and he got the people of the area interested in starting a restoration group. Burials still take place to old family plots in the graveyard.

There is a former Parish Priest from Maynooth, Rev. Andrew Ennis who was forty years in the parish and who died in 1821 buried there, also a young soldier Richard Turner who was killed at the battle of Ovidstown in 1798.

Another headstone reads-erected by Dennis Murphy of the city of Dublin in memory of his mother Jane who died in 1819.

We appeal to anyone who can help with the restoration in anyway to contact any of the committee and we hope to establish a cemetery Sunday when the work is finished. We have written to AnCo and the local TD's and county councillors as well as to the Minister of the Environment and we hope to see this historic graveyard restored during the coming months.



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## STREET TALKING

More robberies have hit the street in recent weeks, with the Rita Cullen Designer Boutique being severely affected. Thieves broke in through the upstairs premises, cut their way into the shop and cleared it of merchandise. So thorough was the burglary that the shop was obliged to close its doors for a week or two until the racks could be replenished. This is a testimony to the desirability of Rita Cullen clothes, but the type of testimony the boutique could do without. It brought a premature end to the January Sale, cutting short the chances for local customers to snatch up bargains.

The launderette at Greenfield has opened for business. It was officially launched (rinsed?) by Bernard Durkan on Saturday 7th February, who took time off from canvassing to perform the ceremony. By all accounts, it was a successful and pleasant affair, although the *Newsletter* was unable to be there, not having been informed.

Further automation came to the Main Street in February, with the installation of a Banklink automatic teller machine at the Allied Irish Bank. When the Pass machine at the Bank of Ireland was installed last autumn, the AIB told us then that they had no plans to match the service. Evidently there has been a change of thinking! Anyway, the new facility is welcome; let's hope that the money dispensed gets spent in local shops and businesses.

One of the most attractive features of Maynooth Main Street is the line of trees either side. Think of them in National Tree Week, the first week of March. They are given a hard time, by passers-through with exhaust fumes and vibration, and also by the local community, who sometimes forget to treat them with the respect they deserve. Perhaps each shop or house on the Main Street should adopt a tree, look after it!

## MAYNOOTH, CANADA

*Professor Seamus Smyth who lives in Laraghbryan was on sabbatical in Canada last year when he was called home for the very happy reason that he had been appointed vice president of Maynooth College. While in Canada, he chanced upon a little known village called Maynooth and, being a geographer, was interested in the background to this name. He has contributed the following article to the Newsletter which sheds some light on our namesake thousands of miles away. However, he was not the only Maynoothian from this side of the Atlantic to visit Maynooth, Ontario in 1986. Marie Kelly, Main Street, Maynooth was also a visitor, so she can verify the following account.*

In a small valley, carved into the rugged forest-covered rock of the Canadian Shield, some of the oldest geological formations on earth, there lies a small town of obvious Irish origins. Maynooth, Ontario, is located about one hundred and fifty miles west of the Canadian capital, Ottawa, and it is separated from the provincial capital, Toronto, by approximately the same distance. Unlike its Irish prototype, the Canadian town is located in a remote and marginal area whose economic well-being is derived from forestry, and recreational use. In this glacially scoured landscape farming is confined to a few scattered pockets of reasonable land, and agriculture has never assumed a major role in the local economy. The town's population is less than five hundred and the vacant lots which fracture the profile of the main street bear silent testimony to a long established tradition of out migration and economic withdrawal. It was not always so.

The town originated as a small lumbering and service centre at the northern end of the Hastings Colonization road which ran for one hundred miles northwards from Belleville on Lake Ontario to the edge of the Canadian Shield. Built in the mid 1850s this Colonization Road, like many similar examples, was inspired by the Canadian government's wish to attract immigrants with a view to extending agricultural settlements. Initially, the immigrants were offered free land grants of 100 acres along the Hastings road and names such as El Dorado, a small gold mining village which emerged along the route, summarized well the sense of Utopian vision associated with the project. Unfortunately the colonization scheme proved to be a failure. The Canadian Board of Agriculture, under the direction of Dubliner William Hutton,

completely misinterpreted the agricultural potential of the region. In reality the rocky outcrops of the Canadian Shield offered little prospect for anything more than subsistence farming, and many of the immigrants moved on. By 1870 the hope of creating a new agricultural community had faded, land lots were abandoned and only a few centres such as Maynooth and nearby Magarry Flats survived as minor lumber towns. In the twentieth century recreational use in the form of fishing camps and summer cottages have sustained the faltering economy of the region, but remoteness and lack of large scale enterprises have combined to reduce the dynamism of the community. Maynooth remains as the outgrowth of a nineteenth century vision of land colonization; the twentieth century has largely passed it by.

## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The Spring term began on Saturday Feb. 21st and continues for 13 weeks (excluding Easter Saturday). The fee for the term is £20. Due to full membership since September the fee for a family of three has been reduced to £50. New members for this term should contact any member of the committee.

The committee would like to thank the families who participated in the family Swim on January 3rd. This was a great success and was enjoyed by all. We were delighted to see some of our former members rejoining us on that day.

Deirdre Hetherington  
P.R.O.

## MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Summer Project time is almost upon us once again. The organising groups are running the Project from Mon. 6th July to Friday 31st July '87.

The Project will consist of 4 weeks of fun and activities for all the children of Maynooth from 7 years upwards. It will be run by a group of adult volunteers, which brings me to the question of more help. Is there any adult out there who would be willing to help out during the running of the Project? If so, please contact Delma Walsh, 37 Laurence Ave., Maynooth, phone 286420. We can never have enough help for a Project this size.

The activities during the Summer will include outings, games, boating and camping etc. Running a venture this size costs money and in order to keep costs at a minimum we are holding a coffee morning, sale of work in the I.C.A. Hall on Friday 24th April '87.

Now children, it is time to Spring-clean your room, so let us have all your unwanted toys, books, games and bric-a-brac for our sale.

More details in future Newsletters.  
Delma Walsh



## COLLEGE — NOTES

The college community was greatly saddened by the death of Rev. Prof. Peter Connolly on February 9th. Fr. Connolly had been a professor of English there for nearly forty years, and many of his former students speak admiringly of his incisive and stimulating lectures. He was a familiar and formidable figure on the college tennis-courts until a stroke some years ago brought a halt to his playing and caused his retirement from lecturing. A large attendance at the impressive Requiem Mass on Thursday 12th February was a testimony to the esteem with which he was widely regarded. After the mass, the funeral took place at his native Drumconrath in north County Meath.

Well over two hundred participants attended a day-long conference of Co. Kildare Growers at the college on February 16th. Kildare is one of the prime regions in Ireland for nurseries and garden centres, but the conference attracted delegates from all over the country.

The *Léachtaí Cholm Chille*, the annual series of lectures hosted by the Irish department, are taking place over the final weekend of February. These lectures always attract a varied attendance from outside the college: the theme for this year is "satire".

College Rag Week took place during the week beginning February 11th. Feelings were subdued by the death of Professor Connolly, but a number of concerts and other events (fortune-telling, an eagerly contested treasure-hunt for a keg of lager) raised funds for a Youth Centre in Donegal and other worthwhile causes.

## JOIN THE HALLELUJA CHORUS ON MARCH 8TH.

Music lovers are looking forward to Sunday March 8th. For the first time a full scale performance of Handel's *Messiah* will be performed in Maynooth College,

just 245 years after this major work was first performed in Fishamble Street in Dublin, in 1742.

The performance includes well known arias such as 'I know my Redeemer liveth', as well as the world famous Halleluja Chorus.

Professor Gerald Gillen of the Music Department in the College, and himself a well known organist, is very enthusiastic about the forthcoming performance. Describing it as the young person's *Messiah*, he informed the Newsletter that the 137 members of the choir are drawn from the students and staff of the college, as well as a number of local stalwarts who have made a valuable contribution to the choir over the years.

The soloists are all excellent singers, rising stars at the beginning of their careers. They are Patricia Bardon, who appeared on the RTE production of *Messiah*, seen on television at Christmas, Virginia Kerr, Emmanuel Lawlor, the youngest soloist at twenty years, and William Young.

The orchestra is composed mainly of members of the RTE Symphony Orchestra, with leader Audrey Park.

The tickets for the performance are expected to be snapped up, so anyone who wants to enjoy this magnificent oratorio is advised to book early. Tickets are available at the lodge, just inside the College gates. Prices are £6 and £3 (for students). The performance starts at 8 p.m.

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## BAND BULLETIN

St. Patrick's Day heralds the real beginning of our activities for 1987 in what we hope will be another busy year.

On Sunday 15th March we head to Limerick City for the International Marching Band Competitions. Last year's visit to these competitions was very much a trip into the unknown but we hope that the experience gained from it will stand us in good stead this year and hopefully we shall give a good account of ourselves. Win, lose or draw, it is a day for meeting and mixing with the bands from at home and abroad and altogether a most enjoyable event.

At the time of writing it is rumoured that we will be invited to take part in the Nenagh St. Patrick's Day Parade (on 15th March?) on the way back from Limerick and we hope to confirm this in the next Bulletin. If we do take part we should be setting some sort of record by being involved in three Parades between 15th and 17th March because of course we are looking forward to our own Parade on St. Patrick's Day.

No matter where we go the Maynooth Parade will always have a special significance for the Band because, as we have said many times, there would not have been a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth had the Band not instigated it. We are indeed delighted that the Community Council have now adopted it and, with the increased manpower at their disposal, are succeeding in making the Maynooth Parade the best in the county.

Last month we mentioned the Band Concert and the date has now been confirmed as Sunday 26th April at 8p.m. The format of the Concert has yet to be finalised but we hope to announce this in the next bulletin.

Can we take the unusual step of congratulating Paddy Dempsey, father of our Chairman, who celebrated his 80th birthday last month.

See you all again in the April Bulletin.

## MAYNOOTH CYCLING CLUB

Maynooth Grand Prix will take place on Sunday 8th March, starting at the fly-over on the Galway Road at 2 p.m.

There will be three separate races at 10 minute intervals. The race will cover a distance of 63 miles — Maynooth, Clane, Kilcock, Barberstown. There will be three laps. Approx. 300 cyclists from all over the country will take part in this big event.

All races finishing on Straffan Road, approx. 5 p.m.

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES LADIES SOCCER

Not too much news on the Community Games front at the moment. Following a E.G.M. of the Co. Board on Feb. 26th, we will then know whether Community Games will come to Maynooth this year or not.

Sudden changes at Co. Board level over the past few months have left us late in getting organised at local level. Watch out in next edition of the Newsletter for Community Games News. For all you team people: e.g. chess, draughts, variety, basketball, table-tennis, pitch & Putt, rugby, badminton, Soccer, GAA and hurling etc. watch all the notice boards and shop windows for posters about the above events over the next few months. All dates available for local events will be included in the April Newsletter.

At the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Certs will be awarded to the following children from Maynooth who represented Co. Kildare at the National Finals in Mosney in the 1986 season:— Helen Tracey, 1st in Ireland in the Javelin u.17, Ivan Igoe, 4th in Ireland in B. u. 14 swimming, also to Martina Gallagher, Gordon Hayes, Richard Cotter, Simon Cotter, Brett Igoe Francis Flood, all swimming, and Sandra Gillick, High Jump and Enda Breslin, marathon.

## MAYNOOTH FLOWER-GARDEN CLUB

The Club met on Tuesday last the 17th February in the ICA Hall. A garden talk was given by Mr Jim Kelly, Dublin. The talk was most enjoyable and it gave us great ideas about managing small gardens. Slides were shown and were well worth seeing. We had a packed hall and everyone enjoyed the night. A cup of tea was served by Mrs Quigley & Mrs Angel. Our next meeting has been changed from 24th March to 31st March in the ICA Hall, Maynooth. The demonstration will be given by four club members and I hope to see you all there.

## YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS

Young people interested in photography have a chance of winning £1000 in a competition organised by Fuji Films. Photographers aged under 19 years living in Ireland, and not involved in professional photography are eligible to enter. In addition to the £1000 prize for the overall winner, there are other prizes, and all prize winners will participate in a photographic weekend workshop run by Ireland's top photographers. There is no entry form, and no entry fee. Further information can be obtained from: Fr. Gerry Hipwell, Carmelite College, Moate, Co. Westmeath. Tel: 0902 81160. Entries must be in by 10th April.

The following is a list of winners of our draws which were held in the Leinster Arms for the months Oct/Dec. 1986.

Noel Dempsey, Greenfield, Maynooth

Ray Burke, Celbridge

Andy Graham (Jnr) Kilcloone

Paula McTernan, Maynooth

Mick Byrne, Laurences Ave, Maynooth

Paul Gibney, Rail Park, Maynooth

Pat Moran, Greenfield, Maynooth

Noel Tracey, Greenfield, Maynooth

Dan Conway, Greenfield, Maynooth

Bridie Farrelly, Dunboyne Rd.,

Noel Dempsey, Greenfield, Maynooth

Colm Boyce, Maynooth

Martin Foy, Parson St., Maynooth

We would like to thank the Leinster Arms for the use of the premises to run the draws.

The Maynooth Ladies Soccer team is entering in the Leinster Ladies League which begins its season in April and runs thro to the end of August. Most of the matches are mid-week. If there are any women who would be interested and willing to train with the team for the purpose of competing in the league, contact Shelly at work 285922, or home 286254, or call to the Post Primary School Gym any Wednesday between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.

## MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The Monthly Guild Meeting was held on Thursday 5th February. Mrs. B. Brady presided and welcomed everyone.

The Monthly Competition was a home made "Valentine Card" which was won by Mrs. M. Bradley, 2nd Mrs. M. McMyler 3rd Mrs. Gee.

Crafts are continuing every Monday night 8 p.m. — 10 p.m. Badminton on Tuesday and Thursday Morning 11 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.. Choir practice continues on Tuesday night in the Presentation Convent at 8 p.m. Set Dancing every Wednesday night at 8.15 p.m. and we would like to see more people getting interested as it is a most enjoyable night out. We wish the Ladies all the Best at the Table Quiz in Kill.

The competition next month is a Fish Dish. Next Meeting will be on the 5th March at 8 p.m.

M. O'Gorman  
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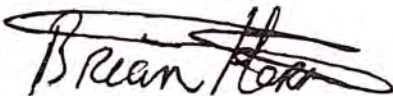
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### BRU BOSCO'S NOTES

The Chief Feast Day (Don Bosco) has come and gone, and now is the time for looking forward to the coming months, and to fill them with activities. The All Priest Show is coming at a good time. Hopefully it will be a success and all our friends will have an enjoyable night.

Our Young Leaders have just come back from Spanish Point, where they spent an enjoyable weekend with Salesians Paddy Hennessy, Chico and Sr. Patricia. It was a get together where the young leaders could express their own ideas and opinions without being shadowed by adults and should bring a breath of fresh air suitable to the Spring of the year.

Our Drama Group, which has done so well in the past, have again entered C.Y.C. competition, as also have our Quiz teams, unfortunately we have no entries in the football section this year. It looks as if all our members have two left feet. Poor Don Bosco is probably saying "What has happened to my boys? Why are they not out playing ball . . ."

We have entered Cooperation North again and are looking forward to a fine Summer, remember our Project was rewarded a Special Category Prize 1985. Who we will twin is not yet known, maybe we will be back with our old friends "Seaboard", Co. Down.

As usual in a Youth Club, we are always beholden to some kind of benefactor, this time it is Paddy Dunne. Many thanks, Paddy, for the projector and carpet which will add a lot to our comfort and enjoyment.

#### Dancing

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# LARINE PLAYERS

The Larine Players, Maynooth's new drama group, got off to an excellent start on the 6th and 7th of February in the Geraldine Hall. The chosen play was **Womberang**, a one-act 'adult comedy', by Sue Townsend, author of the Adrian Mole books. Set in a gynaecologist's waiting-room, the play brings together an assortment of women waiting submissively for their turn with the male specialist. Submissively, that is, until the arrival of Rita. Rita, fresh out of a psychiatric hospital on her way to the gynaecologist (there's a come down for you!) believes in speaking out and stirring things up, and soon wins her sister patients over to her side, much to the disarray of the hospital's administration. The play is effectively a series of jokes around this situation, making no great dramatic point but providing a rich opportunity for pointed comedy.

In this production of what is basically an English play, a number of Irish and local references were inserted ('I saw

the Minister of Health Barry Desmond at the Health Centre". "Did he say anything?" "No, he just made a speech"). This was the right decision, but could have been done more thoroughly. The comment on a "free" National Health Service were obviously out of place, and the discussion of Mrs. Thatcher might just have easily centred on a Irish political figure — Gemma Hussey perhaps?

But this is carping. The play worked well, especially when the pace was right and the lines came in pat. Director Claire O'Connor deserves congratulations for initiating the idea, getting the cast together, and extracting some fine performances. Carol Barton was excellent as the terrible Rita; in effect the play revolves around this character, and she carried it with brio. As her sidekick Dolly, Fiona McKibben gave a nicely judged performance, dark with hidden potential. Ann Fitzgerald, the reception clerk, had the task of providing the indication of impending disruption as she



*What are Carol Barton and Mary Burke up to? Rehearsing for "Womberang", we are told.*

was the first to confront Rita and be defeated; This set things up well for Riana Walsh's appearance later as the harrassed hospital assistant administrator, desperately trying to persuade herself that she is in control. Helen Doyle gave a well-controlled performance as Mrs. Lovett, while Mary Burke let herself go delightfully as Mrs. Connelly, stepping out of her corsets to win our sympathy for a woman who learns to say "To hell with my cancer". Jim Cunningham and Martina Tyrrell showed an eloquent pair of

feet as they lost God and discovered sex in changing-room, and Des Tierney as the gynaecologist made a striking entrance at the end.

The prompts by Patti Lavin and Jeannette McLoughlin were a model of their kind — not needed too often, but clear and definite when required.

All in all, an auspicious start, and we look forward to the next production. Meanwhile, anyone interested in joining the Larine Players should ring Claire at 285119.

## CRISIS IN MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Maynooth Junior Badminton Club has been in existence now for quite a number of years. During that time, 100's of boys and girls have enjoyed their twice weekly games of badminton in the Parish Hall, during the playing season October to April. Many have done extremely well in competition including great successes at Community Games and national level.

The future of the club is now hanging in the balance. Many people who have led the activities of the club for many years are no longer available to do so. Without a dedicated and hard working leadership the club cannot function.

During the last year the number of children playing badminton has decreased dramatically. Football has claimed quite a few of them. There are still plenty of children who play no sports and complain of being bored and having nothing to do. Why not join the badminton club?

Membership fees are very low. Parents however are asked to supervise a number of sessions each season. The more no.'s in the club, the fewer supervising sessions they will have! Perhaps there has been a communications gap in the past but most of the children in the club appear to come from just one or two areas of the town. We have no representatives for instance from Cluain Aoibhinn, Old Greenfield and Kinsbry. If you are involved in community activities in these areas how about doing a little P.R. for the Badminton Club?

Parents who are interested in having their children play badminton are invited to learn how to play the game. Every Monday and Wednesday morning from 10.30 - 12noon in the Parish Hall a number of 'badminton parents' enjoy a fairly leisurely game. Why not come along and see what an enjoyable game it is for all age groups. All you need is a pair of runners and a badminton racquet. Normally at this time of year we have our AGM. This year we have decided to postpone it until September, as many people are unsure of being able to commit themselves to more committee work during the summer. Watch this space then in August and September when we will be announcing the date of our AGM. One other point worth thinking on is how difficult it is in other areas to gain admittance to a Badminton Club. We are here appealing for members! So remember boys and girls over eight years there is something to do - Badminton.



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## PRESENTATION CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

It is now four months since the new committee of the above association were elected. The committee are working very well together, and to date have raised funds for the school library and the school roof repair fund.

The funds for the school library were raised before Christmas when we held a raffle. The winners were Hazel Walshe, Sean Power, Brian Normoyle, William Cannon, Joe Glennon, Ann Fortune, Michael McEvoy, C. Buckley and S.E. Kennedy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors who contributed so generously to the raffle — Alan Frazer, A. Barnwall, B. O'Connor, S. Donovan, O'Neill Butchers, Top of the Crop, Conroy Chemist, O'Briens and Aidan's Shop. The proceeds of £400 from the raffle was presented to the school and this was used for the purchase of books for each classroom.

The Variety Concert to raise funds for the School Roof Repair Fund took place

on Sunday, February 1st, in the Parish Hall. The Newbridge Pantomime Troupe put on a very varied, funny and entertaining show which was enjoyed by all who attended. The show was well produced with colourful costumes and nice choreography. This was helped by the very excellent stage and other facilities which are available in our local parish hall. The Parish Hall Committee are to be congratulated for the troja work they have put into redecorating the hall and for putting it at our disposal to raise funds for the school.

However, the occasion was marred by the very poor attendance at the afternoon and especially the evening show. Perhaps there is someone out there who knows why such events get so little support in Maynooth? Have we become so sophisticated that we would not appreciate a provincially produced show? Have we become less charitable to local fund raising events? I do not have the answers. But I do know that it can be very disheartening to a voluntary committee, such as ours, to have received so little support for such a local worthy

cause. This is especially so when one thinks that in the girls' school alone there are 400 pupils with, in most instances, two parents. As a committee, we certainly were not very proud to hand over only £250.00 to the Principal, Sr. Aquinas, when repairs to the roof will cost approximately £15,000.00. However, we shall try not to be too despondent and hope that our next fund raising venture will be better supported.

At the moment the Annual Subscription is due to the Association. We would like to thank all parents who have returned the £2.00 fee per family in the envelope provided. If by any chance, you have overlooked sending the Annual Subscription fee, it is not too late to do so now. Just pop it in the envelope and return it to the school. These funds are used to purchase sports equipment and special items for the school, finance for which is not available from any other source.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th March, at 8.30 p.m. in the school.

*Patricia Roche,  
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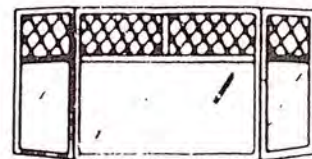
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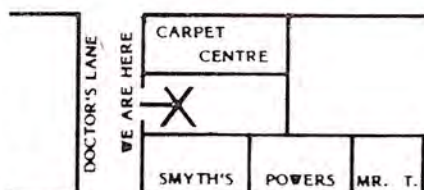


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## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Preparations for this year's parade, which we hope will be even bigger and better than last year's highly successful event, are now in full swing. All firms and voluntary organisations and those who have not yet submitted entries are urged to contact the Community Council office (285922) immediately.

## MAYNOOTH TRADE FAIR

There will be a Trade Fair held in Maynooth on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April in the Primary School. Funds raised will be divided evenly among the Primary School and the Royal Canal Amenity Group.

## FRUITLESS JOURNEYS!

There is a fruit and nut case at large on the Maynooth/Connolly line, commuters are warned. A Maynooth commuter, who would prefer to remain anonymous, had bought his usual bag of apples and oranges from the ladies of Moore Street one Friday recently. He placed the bag of fruit on the overhead rack of the carriage as he settled in to finish the Croisire claes which had eluded him earlier in the morning. The train pulled away from Connolly, and clattered along as far as Leixlip, when the fruit fiend struck. Our Crossword expert happened to glance up as the 'Eve' driven mad by the temptations offered by the alluring apples, swiftly filched the bag from the rack and attempted to escape. He was, however, delayed by other commuters struggling off the train, and so was forced to hand over the booty. Without apology or explanation, he disembarked, leaving our friend breathless. While our fiend had suffered a 'fruitless' journey, he will be happy to know that he has been spotted, in of all places, the canteen in the building in which our Maynooth traveller works. He is awaiting a suitable moment to discuss the matter with him!



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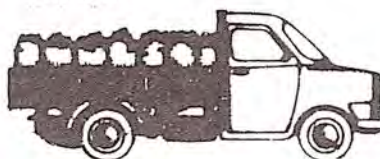
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### AER LINGUS YOUNG SCIENTISTS

There has been a number of events worth noting over the last weeks, both socially and educationally. Firstly, we have the successes of our first year students in the Aer Lingus Young Scientists Competition. Our budding Scientists' Projects were highly commended, so felicitations both to them and their mentor, Mr. Michael Walsh.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

And then there was the trip to the Gaiety on January 27th — a happy, noisy contingent of first year students, and an assortment of teachers were led by Mr. Seamus McManus to see the "Sleeping Beauty". All present enjoyed the show and the crack, and our thanks to Mr. McManus for laying it all on for us. The social highlight of the school year has come and gone — and the Debs was indeed the success it always is. Beautiful ladies and handsome young men — miraculously transformed, congregated in Hotel Keadeen in Newbridge on February 6th. The whole event was orchestrated and organised by Year Master, Mr.

Michael O'Donnell, and the young people were "groomed for stardom" by Mrs. Marie Gorey and Mrs. Clare Martin. Good food, good company, good music in pleasant surroundings — among an assortment of parents, teachers, past-pupils and friends, our Leaving Certs certainly celebrated their academic coming of age.

### SPORTS NEWS

Sport is at a low ebb just now, but with spring around the corner, our footballers will soon be in action again. Meantime, the flag is kept flying by our badminton players, who still make progress and are involved in various competitions. Our athletes too are doing us proud: on February 4th a group of students represented the school in the West Leinster Championships held in the Phoenix Park. The first year team performed particularly well, — Lisa McCluskey took first prize in the U-14 event, while her team comprising of J. Whittaker, A. Kelly, L. Dolan and B. Ward took a Bronze medal, qualifying for the Leinster Finals. Qualifiers in other age-groups, were E. Farrelly and G. Farrelly. Mr. Holt, the group's P.E. teacher, professed himself well-pleased with their performance, which would probably have swept the board if many of our young hopefuls had not been affected by 'flu. We wish all these young ladies success in the finals which take place in Santry on February 18th.

### RETREATS

And just to show that here in the Post-Primary we cater for all needs, first year Retreats were held in the Vincentians in Celbridge from February 10th to 13th, organised and guided by Fr. Thynne. More Retreats are in the

pipeline for other classes, and there will be a Mass for the whole school on Ash Wednesday, March 4th. So our beloved "E.T." is certainly looking after our Spiritual well-being.

That well known TV personality Gerry Daly gave a very interesting and informative talk on gardening in the Post-Primary School on February 17th. A discussion, question and answer time took place after the talk. It was a most enjoyable evening for everyone concerned and we would like to thank Mr Daly for coming along.

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*Vice-Chairperson:* Mrs. Bridie Brady  
*Secretary/P.R.O.:* Mrs. Carol Barton  
*Treasurer:* Mrs. Catherine Mulready

We would like to say a special word of thanks to our out-going Secretary, Mrs. Rose Bean, and our out-going Treasurer, Mr. Kevin McGovern, for their hard work and dedication during their terms of Office. We would also like to welcome three new members to our Committee — Mrs. Sheila Jolley, Railpark and Mrs. J. Casey and her daughter Mary, Newtown.

Our drop-in morning on a Thursday in the I.C.A. Hall is still going strong so much so that we have been asked to have a second morning for the card players. We hope therefore to start the second morning in about three weeks. It will be on Tuesdays and will be in the I.C.A. Hall.

We are extremely grateful to the Ladies of the I.C.A. for all their help and for the use of the Hall.

*Carol Barton*  
*Hon. Sec./P.R.O.*

## MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

At the Maynooth Golfing Society A.G.M. held in the I.C.A. Hall, Maynooth on January 29th, '87, the following officers and committee were elected:

*President:* J.C. Carey  
*Captain:* J. Moore  
*Secretary:* S. Tracey  
*Treasurer:* T. Sheehan

*Committee:* R. Delamere, J. Ryan, W. Moore, P. Brazil, E. Kavanagh, T. Flanagan and J. Downey.

**NOTE:** The position of Vice Captain has yet to be filled at the request of our Captain, J. Moore.

Our first outing is to Knockanally on March 21st. Any visitors who would like to come along are more than welcome. There are still a limited number of vacancies for Membership of the Society. Would anyone interested please contact our Captain, Joseph Moore, or any other member of the committee, on or before the 21st March.

*Sean Tracey, Secretary*

## LIBRARY NEWS

There follows a list of some recent additions to stock — mainly fiction — for those of you who believe we never get any new books! You are welcome to reserve any book which is not on the shelves and you can do this by simply filling in a card, and we'll contact you when the book is here for you.

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Niven, David — Go Slowly, Come Back Quickly  
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Van Slyke, Helen — The Rich and the Righteous  
Weldon, Fay — Watching me, Watching you.

These are just a sample of some new books received in the library. For a comprehensive list, please consult the book of recent additions to stock, which is regularly updated.

*Mgt. Walshe-Gannon*

## All Priest Show

We are delighted to announce that this will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 1st March. We hope for a very large attendance. The back-up group will be Ray Scally, which is one of the two groups the priests like to work with. Watch posters for further details. As far as we are aware this is the first time the 'HOLY SHOW' has been featured in our Parish Hall, which, thanks to the Hall Committee, is looking superb, and is very comfortable, so hopefully you will all invite your friends and relations to come and enjoy the show.

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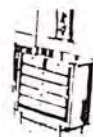
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## INTERLUDE

"You put in the slippers and the dressing gown", Gobnait asked. "Of course, dear", Amy answered. "Don't worry about a thing, and in a short time you will be back again". Gobnait's eyes stared bleakly around the large kitchen. "It is not as tidy as I would like", she remarked. "It is alright a stoir", Amy answered. "You have always had good taste. How I loved to come to this house as a child. We never had the refinements of life, but you, Gobnait, you really made this place a haven and a home". "Do you think, Amy, that St. Joseph's is a good place", Gobnait again queried. "Yes Gobnait, it is clean and airy, not like the old days and it is safe there." Poor Sonnie did not have that safety, Gobnait thought. Sonnie had worked in

Ballymore all his long life. Even still the fields were green and fruitful. Gobnait did not want to think of that fearful night in January.

She wanted to remember only the good times and yet she wondered whether St. Joseph's would really be safe. "Of course it is safe there", Amy assured her again. "They have security guards and dogs".

We had some lovely dogs here over the years, Gobnait remembered. There were several Sheps and Rex and Danno who always welcomed her home from England. It was so good to come back to the clean air — back to peace.

Amy had heard many times about the London hotels but again she asked about the Grosvenor. She wanted to ease the old woman's anxiety. Gobnait loved to recall London. Firstly there were the cafes, bangers and mash and squalid surroundings, and then the Grosvenor — silver services, peaches and cream. Amy recalled the lovely girl who came home each Autumn. The house changed after each homecoming. There was the lino and the blinds and then the lovely stove and finally the bathroom. Old people should have comfort, Gobnait preached. Gobnait went slowly and painfully to the window. It is lovely to see February sun and the few hens grubbing near the flowerbed. "Won't you look after the hens, Amy?" she called. "Of course, Gobnait, I'll be glad to look around the place."

"I always loved this place", Gobnait said. It was so peaceful and I could help Sonnie when he got old. No girl could have been better to her kith and kin. Amy looked at the photo on the mantlepiece. Padraic and his wife Lisa, Jim and Nora and Michael the priest. "You outlived them all, Gobnait", Amy said as she too looked at them. Poor Sonnie, he was a great fellow for the dances. Again Gobnait's eyes filled with tears. He was always so quiet but that night in January he went wild and who could blame him? She had never been so frightened, not even the bombings at their worst in London had so terrified here. She pleaded with them and she prayed. How she prayed and in the end there was Sonnie lying there in a pool of blood on the hearth stone. Slowly and painfully Gobnait returned to the dying fire. "They are safe places aren't they?" she asked again. They are safe and peaceful. "Once", said Gobnait, "all I wanted was peace, now, I only want protection. I'm too old for listening in the night for strange voices". "Your scars are almost healed", Amy said as she led the old woman to the waiting car.

*Drennan,  
343 Old Greenfield,  
Maynooth.*



## MUSIC TREATS

## MUSIC IN THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL

The National Concert Hall in Earlsfort Terrace has a busy schedule lined up for the coming month. A visit to the Concert Hall is a treat in itself. The former examination hall of University College Dublin has been transformed with plush carpets and honey coloured wood panelling.

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building. There are large reception areas with a number of bars providing drinks before and after performances and at intervals. Food is also available after the performance, so food, drink and entertainment, all the ingredients of a good night out can be obtained in the one location.

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The following is what's on offer in March. Ticket prices vary between £3 to £7 and seats may be booked by phoning 711888.

Sun 1, 8pm . . . . . Tallaght Choral Society  
Mon 2, 8pm . . . . . Dublin Boy Singers  
Thur 5, 8pm . . . . . Simon Nabotov  
Jazz Pianist  
Fri 6, 1.05pm . . . . . Benjamin Dwyer  
Guitar  
Fri 6, 8pm . . . . . RTE Symphony Orchestra  
Sun 8, 3.15 . . . . . Dublin Orchestral Players  
Thur 10, 8pm . . . . . RTE Van Brugh String  
Quartet  
Wed 11, 8pm . . . . . RTE Symphony Orchestra  
Sun 15, 3.15pm . . . . . Irish Chamber Orchestra  
Sun 15, 8pm . . . . . Zurich City Police Band

Tues 17, 8pm . . . . . Moving Hearts & Guests  
Fri 20, 8pm . . . . . RTE Symphony Orchestra  
Sat 21, 8pm . . . . . Concert of Irish Trad. Music  
Sun 22, 8pm . . . . . Max Galla  
Tues 24, 8pm . . . . . Third Day Chorale &  
Wicklow Choral Society  
Wed 25, 8pm . . . . . The World of Popular Song  
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Fri 27, 1.05pm . . . . . Irish String Trio  
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Yours sincerely,

Gerard Durack,  
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# TEEN WORLD

## BPI AWARDS

The Bangles were voted Best Band of 1986 in the Daily Mirror/British Pop Industry Awards held in the Grosvenor House Hotel on 9th February last. Beating strong opposition from such stars as AHA, Bon Jovi, Cameo and Huey Lewis and The News. Here's hoping to see the girls back in Ireland very soon.

Speaking of AHA, Morten, Mags and Pal were in Ireland in January for concerts in Dublin and Belfast. Tickets for the shows were sold out in a record 3½ hours from the time they went on sale.

In the same Awards Show, Best Overall British Band were "Five Star", said to be Britain's answer to the Jackson Five. Doris, Denise, Stedman, Delroy and Lorraine beat heavy opposition such as Dire Straits, Pet Shop Boys and Eurythmics.

## Concert Newslines

Top British band Duran Duran are due in Ireland in mid April. Jim Aiken had put 15,000 tickets on sale for the concerts but demand is expected to be so high that at least another 5,000 tickets have been put on standby. Formed in 1981 Duran have never played on Irish soil. Singer Simon Le Bon was here during the Whitbread race in his boat "Drum". He was mobbed by fans in Dun Laoghaire. Duran were voted Best British Band four years in a row in Smash Hits Magazine. And their album "Rio" went platinum in 1982. They've had only 2 No. 1 singles, "Is there something I should know" and "Reflex".

Spandau Ballet's concert dates have been changed. They had been due to play here in February but are not due to play till 10th March. Howard Jones is set to play here on the 11th March.

## pop info



Dave Lee Roth (ex Van Halen frontman) has stated that he would quit music altogether if offered a good role in a major movie. Music wouldn't be the same without you, so think twice, Dave, before doing anything drastic.

Freddie Mercury Mad-Cap lead singer with Queen once threw a party for friends that lasted for 2 whole weeks. He ordered £25,000 worth of caviare from a major hotel and opened a 15ft Refrigerator loaded with the best of Champagne in his home. Freddie is well known in the music world for his extravagance and good humour. Rock on Fred!



Freddie Mercury

## TOP 10 SINGLES

(supplied by Virgin Megastore)

1. I knew you were waiting for me  
George Michael/Aretha Franklin
2. Almaz - Randy Crawford
3. Whole Of The Moon - The Waterboys
4. Heartache - Pepsi & Shirley
5. Surrender - Swing Out Sister
6. Male Stripper - Man 2 Man
7. Down to Earth - Curiosity Killed the Cat
8. C'est la Vie - Robbie Nevill
9. Stand by Me - Ben E. King
10. I love my Radio - Taffy

## TOP 5 ALBUMS

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1. Graceland - Paul Simon
2. Different Light - The Bangles
3. Cost of Living - Style Council
4. Slippery When Wet - Bon Jovi
5. Phantom of the Opera - Andrew Lloyd Webber

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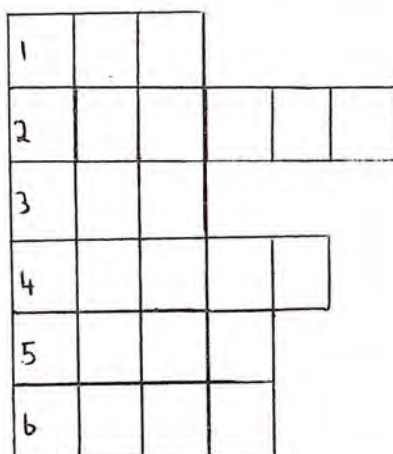
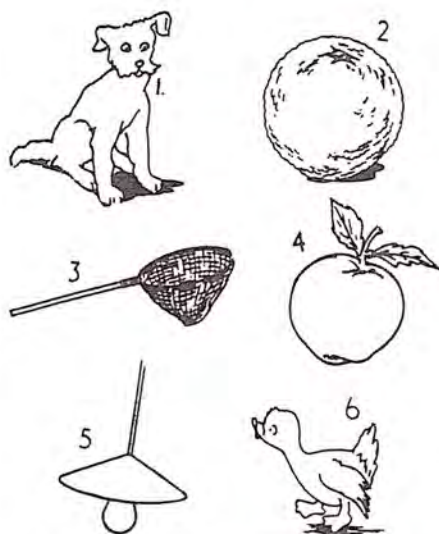
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## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

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2. MALE
3. READ
4. EAT
5. APE
6. SPOT

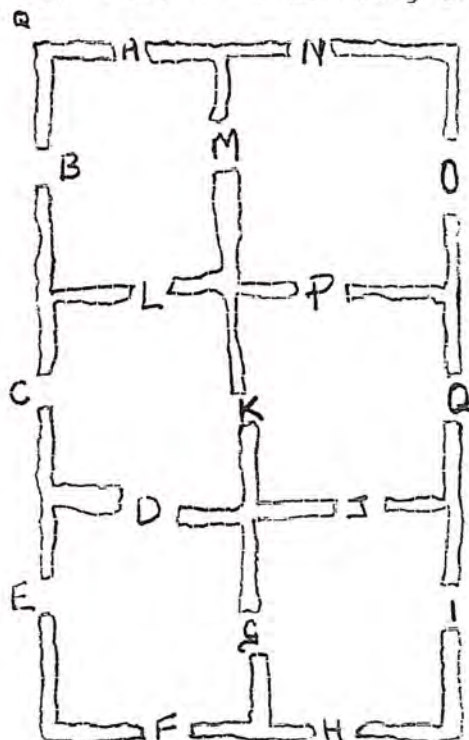
Answers:

1. GOD
2. LAME, MEAL, AM, ME, ELM
3. DEAR, DARE
4. TEA, ATE
5. PEA
6. TOPS, POTS, STOP POST

1. Black band on legs. 2. Design around middle. 3. White cuff. 4. Hats different. 5. White collar. 6. Heel of shoe missing. 7. Turnup on trouser-leg.

## Through the Garden Gates.

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## The little mouse

This little mouse peeped within;  
This little mouse walked right in;  
This little mouse came to play;  
This little mouse ran away;  
This little mouse cried: "Dear me;  
Dinner is done and it's time for tea!"



## NATURE TRAIL

### The Pied or White Wagtail (Willie Wagtail).

This species of bird can be found nearly everywhere in Ireland, towns, cities and country side, near to small rivers and ponds. It can be seen in farmyards, hopping along on roof tops and generally feeding near to animals. During the Autumn and Winter it can be found in large flocks roosting in city trees, Dublin especially, in busy O'Connell Street. During the breeding season they pair off and they defend their territory against all intruders, their nest can be found in a hole in the wall, or upon a shed rafter. Five or six eggs are laid, they are an off white colour with light brown spots, the eggs are incubated by the hen for 12/14 days. When the chicks are born it is the job of both parents to feed them for about 2/3 weeks and then they are on their own. Their main diet consists of insects, larvae. The nest is built from twigs, feathers and pieces of old grass.

### The Cuckoo

The Cuckoo can be first heard in Ireland in or about the middle of April, at this stage it is returning to its breeding grounds from Africa. They often return to the same breeding grounds for a number of years. The hen Cuckoo arrives about 10/14 days later than the male. The hen then roams over the countryside on the lookout all the time for small birds nests. When she finds one that is suitable she throws out the eggs and lays one of her own in the nest. During the breeding season the hen Cuckoo lays about 20/24 eggs in all, and each in a different nest. The young Cuckoo when it is born throws out any remaining eggs or young birds that might be in the nest, the foster parents then have a very hard time feeding the young Cuckoo. It grows very quickly on insects, larvae, and caterpillars. The Cuckoo's egg varies in colour so as to tone in on the colour of egg that the foster parents would have laid. The adult birds leave this in September for the warmer climate of Africa. Each year the number of Cuckoos that arrive in this country seems to be decreasing.

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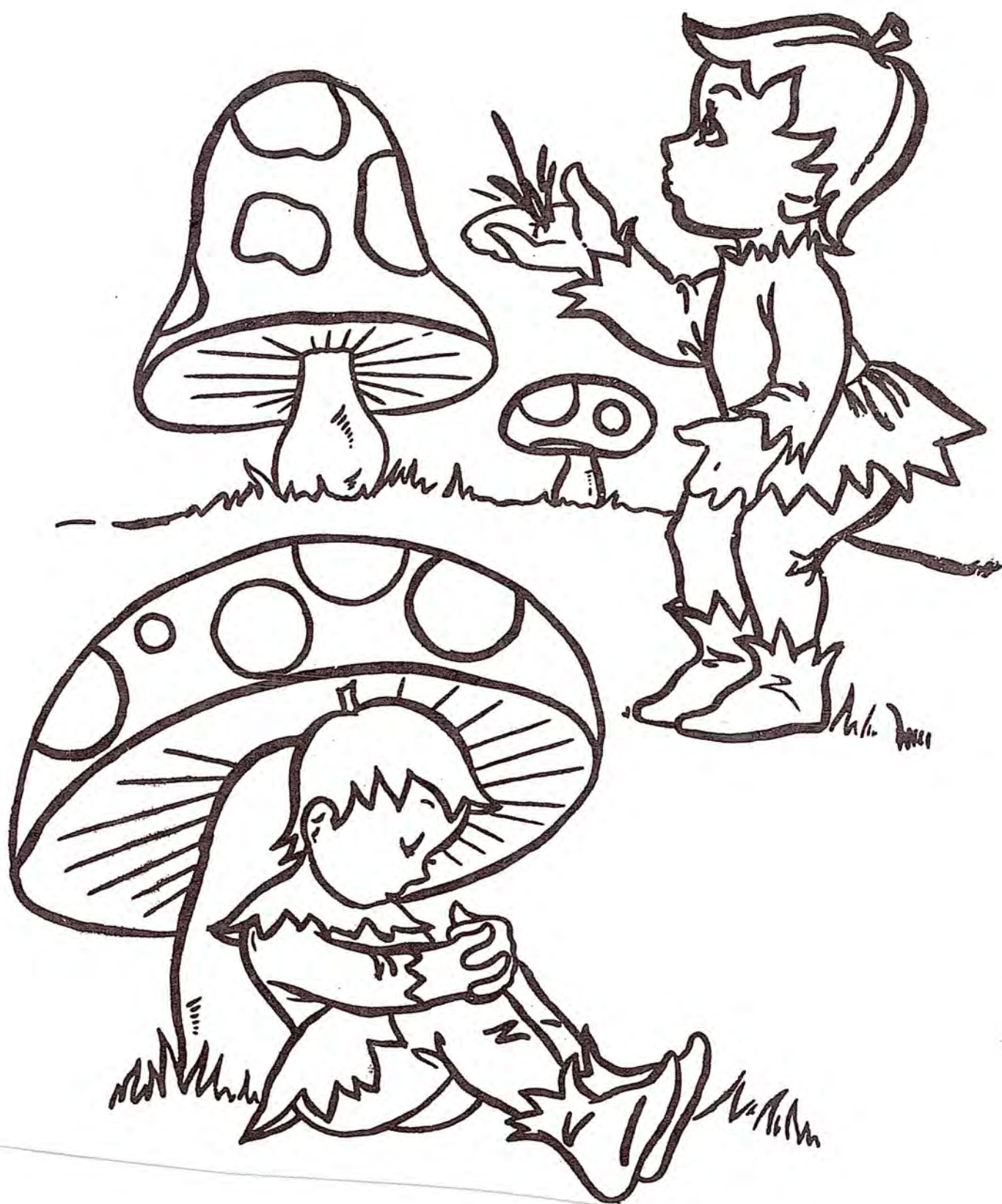
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Carrot and Orange Soup

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Shamrock Salmon

Baked Potatoes

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#### Desserts:

Creme de Menthe Souffle

Selection of Irish Cheeses

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#### Afternoon Tea:

Patrick Gateau

#### Soup: Carrot & Orange

1 Large Orange

2 Bacon Rashers or several bacon rinds, chopped

1½ pints water

1 Onion

12 oz. carrots, grated

1 tablespoon chopped chives

Salt and Pepper

Garnish: 1 Orange

Pare the rind from the orange, avoiding the bitter white pith. Put the bacon rashers or bacon rinds, water, the orange rind and the whole onion into a saucepan. Simmer for 30 minutes, then remove the bacon rind or bacon, onion and orange rind. Halve the orange, add the juice to the liquid in the pan with the carrots, chives and salt and pepper to taste. Cook for just 5 to 8 minutes.

Halve the orange for garnish, remove and chop the segments and put into the soup just before serving. This soup is equally good hot or cold.

#### Shamrock Salmon

4 Salmon Cutlets

4 oz. butter

1½ tablespoon lemon juice  
salt and pepper

Put the salmon into an ovenproof dish. Melt 1 oz butter in a pan. Brush the salmon with the butter and sprinkle with ½ teaspoon lemon juice and a little salt and pepper. Cover the dish with foil. Bake in centre of oven 180°C/350°F, or Gas Mark 4 for 25 mins. until just tender. Lift the fish on to a serving dish. Garnish with Hollandaise sauce, cucumber, lemon and shamrock.

#### Creme de Menthe Souffle

1 Tablespoon Cornflour

¼ pint milk

4 tablespoons single cream

1 oz butter

2 oz sugar

2 tablespoons Creme de Menthe

You may use Green Colouring and Peppermint Flavouring instead of Creme de Menthe.

3 Eggs

1 Egg white.

Decoration: Icing Sugar.

Blend the cornflour with the milk and cream and pour into a good-sized saucepan. Add the butter and sugar and bring the mixture to the boil, stirring all the time. Continue to stir as the mixture thickens over a low heat. Remove from the heat and add the liqueur. Separate the eggs and beat the yolks into the thickened mixture. Whisk the whites until they stand in peaks, do not overbeat. Fold into the other ingredients. Butter a 6 inch souffle dish, spoon in the souffle mixture. Bake in the centre of a moderate oven (180°C/350°F or Gas Mark 4) for 25 mins. or until well risen. Sieve icing sugar over the top and serve at once.

#### Patrick Gateau

Victoria Sandwich

6 oz butter or margarine

6 oz castor sugar

3 large eggs

6 oz self raising flour

Cream together the butter or margarine and sugar until soft. Beat in the eggs. Sift the flour and fold in gently and carefully into the creamed mixture. Divide the mixture between two 7 to 7½ inch tins. Bake just above the centre of a moderate to moderately hot oven. 180-190°C/350-375°F or Gas Mark 4-5 for 20 mins or until firm to the touch. Turn out and allow to cool.

Fill with cream and jam. Decorate the top with cream, mandarins and kiwi fruit.

## GARDENING GUIDE

Now that the evenings are getting longer, it is time to think of gardening once more. Gardening is one of the oldest activities of mankind, and perhaps one of the most rewarding, not only for the gardener himself, but for friends and strangers who will pause to admire his workmanship.

Gardening may not be a solitary occupation. If you have children it may be a good idea to introduce them to some planting for themselves in a little corner of the garden. In that way they will see for themselves what they have sown, germinate and grow to maturity.

### In your garden this month

**FLOWERS:** Add compost or Moss Peat to flower beds for later planting. Borders can be cut back and planted where necessary.

**LAWNS:** It is advisable not to walk on lawns in frosty weather, a couple of boards to stand on maybe well worth using. You can improve your lawns by spiking. Rake to remove moss before applying a moss killer.

**TOOLS:** Look at your lawnmower too and see what servicing it requires before the cutting season. Make sure your secateurs and clippers are sharpened and adjusted for the pruning season.

**INDOORS:** Plants should be repotted and placed where there is an even temperature — i.e. away from draughts and heaters. Indoor plants should not be over watered and a PROPRIETARY feed may be added when watering.

In the next issue the subject of Rose Pruning will be discussed and preparation of fruit plants.

*Eileen Fitzpatrick*

## HOME HINTS

### Sticking Drawers

Drawers that stick and do not pull out easily may be helped by rubbing a candle along the runners.

### Keeping heat in

Blinds and curtains used together on the same window look attractive and will add extra insulation as quite a lot of heat is lost through the windows.

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## YEAR OF THE HOMELESS

1987 has been designated the year of the homeless. Maynooth's homeless population -the travelling people- are about to be housed on their own halting site. This will be situated at Blacklion and will consist of hard stands for 6 caravans with washing and toilet facilities. Since our last report in September the County Council have accepted a tender which has been approved by the Dept. Work will commence shortly and hopefully the travellers will be settled on their new site before the summer.

Having their own halting site will have many implications for Maynooth's travelling population. It will get them off the roadside into a tarmacadamed site, fully equipped with running water, sewerage and regular refuse collection. This will greatly improve the lives of the travelling people whose poor living conditions, coupled with damp climate, poor hygiene, lack of toilet facilities, dirty water or no water, muddy paths, have led to impaired health and rampant disease.

Bronchitis and pneumonia are among the common respiratory diseases suffered as well as gastro-intestinal diseases, skin conditions and infections of all kinds, all third world diseases.

Let's hope that the County Council will not enclose the site with high walls as has been done with other halting sites in the Dublin area.

### TRAVELLERS IN IRELAND PROJECT

With 1987 being declared the Year of the Homeless, attention is being focussed on those members of our society who are homeless for whatever reason.

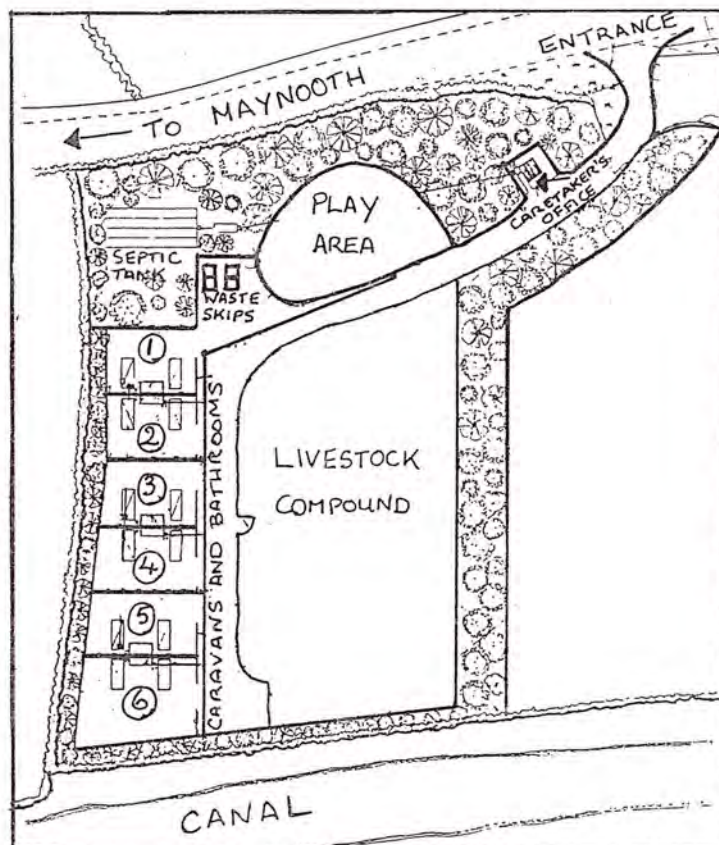
The Dublin Travellers Education and Development Group are organising a project which focusses on travellers in Ireland, living in houses, halting sites or roadside encampments. The group is looking for photographs, posters, poems essays or songs with a traveller theme. These can be about an event or a person — real or imaginary, past or present.

Entries are invited from three age groups, 4-8 years old, 8-12 years old and 12-18 years old. Members of the group are willing to visit schools to give further information.

Further information about the project may be obtained from Dublin Travellers Education and Development Group, 16/17 Beresford Place, Dublin 1. The closing date is 24 April 1987.



*Drawing of Site Plan for Halting Site for Travellers at Blacklion, Dublin Road.*



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## DEATHS

Sympathy to the Brothers, Sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives of the late Edward (Teddy) Tracey, Old Greenfield, who died recently. Teddy was loved by all who knew him, a guard of honour by members of Maynooth GAA Club was present at the removal of the remains and at the graveside in Laraghbryan Cemetery. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.

Sympathy to the Father, Brothers, Sisters, relatives of the late Brendan Galvin, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

The family of the late Andy Cregan, 8 Laurences Avenue wish to thank their dear neighbours, friends, relations and the local clergy for their support and assistance during their time of sorrow. A special thanks to those who set floral wreaths and Mass Bouquets. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

## TRADE FAIR

On April 4th & 5th next, we are holding a **TRADE FAIR** in Maynooth.

The proceeds from the Fair will be equally shared between the Boys' National School (where the Fair will be held) and the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Maynooth Branch. Set out below are the costs per sq ft. for exhibition space and we invite you to fill in the Booking Form and return it to us with the deposit of £20, if you are interested in having a stand.

Please address all correspondence to

Norah McDermott,  
c/o Maynooth Community Council Offices,  
Town Centre Mall,  
Maynooth, Co. Kildare  
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## PLANNING PERMISSION

Permission sought from Kildare Co. Co. for erection of bungalow and septic tank at Clonagh, Maynooth. Jerry McDonnell.

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February 3rd

Joanne O'Brien, Newtown 15

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Mark O'Brien, Newtown 16

March 22nd

Susan O'Brien, Kilcock, 3

March 22nd

Sinead Cummins, Kilcock, 5

March 24th

Ian Cummins, Kilcock, —

March 17th

Bernard Barry McTernan, Greenfield, 10

March 4th

Damien Horan, Greenfield 19

March 25th from Tracy.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**ANNIE CONNOLLY**

**350 Greenfield**

**who was 89 yrs on 1 February 1987.**

## UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES UP

The number of unemployed people on the registers in County Kildare rose to 6,767 in December. Of these, 2,174 were registered in Maynooth.

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Congratulations to Mrs J. Downey, Laurence's Avenue who won £500 in the M.H. Pools. Promoter is Tom Nolan, Newtown.

## DOWNUNDER Bound

Angela Cryan from Old Greenfield is off to Australia for a year. She hopes to find work in Perth, but expects to be back on the old sod again within twelve months. Best of luck to Angela on her travels. We look forward to hearing of her adventures in the Outback when she returns!

## ATTENTION ALL DOGS!

From 1st April all dogs must have a licence, costing £5. Dog wardens will be able to impose on-the-spot fine notices on owners who are unable to produce licences.

A new act, the "Control of Dogs Act", comes into effect on 1st February. This gives responsibility for the control of dogs to the County Council, who will be obliged to employ dog wardens. The wardens can seize stray dogs and can also impose fines for failure to keep dogs under control.

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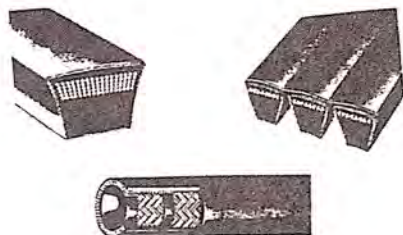
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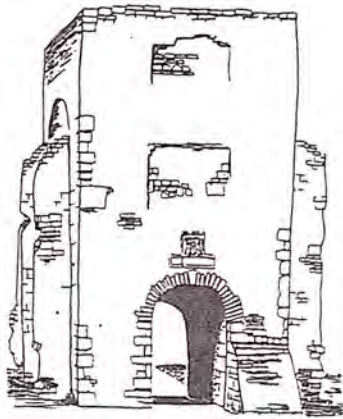
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## MAYNOOTH UNDER SIEGE — 452 YEARS AGO

An important date in Maynooth history will probably pass unnoticed in March. On the 14th of March 1535, exactly 452 years ago, the English forces laid siege to Maynooth Castle, and crushed the rebellion led by Lord Thomas Fitzgerald, also known as Silken Thomas.

According to reports, Silken Thomas was standing under the yew trees which are still growing in front of the College today, when he heard of his father's death in captivity in England. Vowing to take revenge, he proceeded to Dublin where he threw down his sword, the start of Silken Thomas's rebellion. Contemporary accounts tell how he totally plundered the Pale from Three Rock Mountain to Drogheda, "making all Meath tremble at his feet".

However, reinforcements arrived from England, and the castle at Maynooth was besieged, the first time cannon was ever used in Ireland. Cannon balls can still be seen in the College Museum.

The siege continued until the 23rd March, the Tuesday before Easter, when there was "a valiant assault given . . . and the base court entered. Sixty people were killed here, and then the great castle was assaulted". In the castle was the Dean of Kildare and 37 archers and gunners, who were all taken prisoner. These were brought before Sir William Skeffington, Lord Deputy of Ireland, who wrote to King Henry VIII "And considering the high enterprise and presumption attempted by them against your grace's crown and majesty, we all thought expedient and requisite that they should be put to execution for the dread and example of others . . . immediately 25 of them before the gate of the castle headed, and one hanged. Divers of the heads of the principals, incontinently were put upon the turrets of the castle".

Silken Thomas appears to have been elsewhere while all of this was going on,

and he escaped captivity, taking asylum with the O'Briens and O'Connor Faly in the south. However, showing that he had learned nothing from his father's death, he was lured into captivity by a false promise of peace. Lord Leonard Grey promised him his personal safety if he would submit unconditionally to the King. When he agreed, he was immediately seized and placed in the Tower in London.

His sojourn in prison was less than comfortable as he complains in a letter to his servant, John Rothe. He had no money, and neither "hose, nor doublet, nor shoes, nor shirt but one; nor any other garment but a single frieze gown, for a velvet furred with 'bowge'. I have gone without linen and barefoot and barelegged divers times (when it hath not been very warm)". Not for nothing was he called Silken Thomas, as he goes on to ask John Rothe to send £20 sterling "whereby I might the sooner have here money to buy me clothes, and also for to amend my slender commons and fare for other necessities."

Sadly, his sojourn in the Tower was ended on the third of February 1537, when "Thomas the son of the Earl of Kildare, the best man of the English in Ireland in his time . . . was put to death; and all the Geraldines of Leinster were exiled and banished. The Earldom of Kildare was vested in the King . . . these were great losses and the cause of lamentation throughout Ireland.

Silken Thomas is remembered in the name of Silken House in Main Street and there are still reminder of those turbulent times. The Castle stands firm, after its recent facelift by the Office of Public Works. The yew trees can be seen, and with a bit of perseverance as regards gaining access to the museum, we can actually touch the cannon balls which inflicted such damage to the castle.

Perhaps on next St. Patrick's Day it would be appropriate to walk up to the Castle and think about the ghosts of the past, relive the sounds of roaring cannons, look for the turrets where the heads of the losers were placed. Perhaps it would also be appropriate to wonder why there isn't a word of explanation anywhere to let people know that there is an enthralling history to the heap of old stones at the end of Main Street.

## Maynooth Community Council Office Facilities: At your Service

Maynooth Community Council is anxious that its office facilities should be of as much benefit as possible to the Maynooth community. The Council is prepared to make these facilities available for the use of local voluntary community groups as far as it is feasible to do so. It is expected that a photocopying machine will shortly be installed in the office. A typing service is also available to a limited extent. The office telephone may also be made available for bona fide use. Charges for these services may be necessary in order to cover the direct costs involved. Messages for organisations may also be left at the office.

So, if you need to get those minutes, or that special report, typed and copied, or if you need to use a phone to organise that meeting, you might find it easier to do it through the Community Council office. If you would like further information, or think the office might be of use in some other way, call to the Town Centre Mall or phone Fran or Shelly at 285922.

## Elections

The next Community Council elections are due to take place in April, and the Executive Committee is currently preparing plans for holding them. We welcome suggestions from the public on how the elections should be conducted; how big should the Council be; how should Maynooth be divided into constituencies; how should the nominations and voting be organised; what vote-counting system should be used; what term of office should the next Council have; etc. Suggestions should be submitted to the Community Council office at the Town Centre Mall or to John McGinley at 50 Greenfield Drive.

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## NATIONAL MANPOWER SERVICE - AT WORK IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.

The National Manpower Service (N.M.S.) is the point of access for all state-sponsored man-power initiatives. While responsibility for the operation and administration of individual programmes may rest with other agencies, i.e. AnCO, Y.E.A. and CERT, N.M.S. Placement Officers can always provide the necessary linkages to the most appropriate service.

Whether you are an unemployed person seeking work or training, an employer with jobs or work experience place to offer, or a community leader with ideas for a local work project, your local placement officer will be able to make an initial and speedy assessment of your situation and steer you in the right direction.

Mr. Des Murray is the Placement Officer for the North Kildare Area (Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock, Maynooth). Based at Quadrant House, Chapelizod, Dublin 20. Des Murray holds a clinic each Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Library, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

### "NO JOB" - MAYBE WE CAN HELP

The first step of any job seeker/changer should be to contact the local National Manpower Officer. Remember, that even though they have more job seekers than jobs on their book, they did place 25,000 in jobs last year.

If the National Manpower Service cannot get you a job straight away they can give advice on job and training opportunities or perhaps place you on one of the employment schemes, such as the Work Experience Programme. Below is a brief summary of some of the employment schemes run by the N.M.S.

### THE WORK EXPERIENCE

**PROGRAMME:** Designed for first time job seekers who find themselves in the catch 22 situation "No Job, No Experience". The programme is aimed at young people under twenty five and are placed with co-operating firms as supplementary personnel over a period of twenty six weeks. Each trainee is given an allowance of £34.50 per week whilst on the training scheme.

### SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME:

The aim of the scheme is to provide a year's employment, working on projects which will be of benefit to the community for those who have been unemployed for a year or more and are over 25. Each participant of the scheme is paid £10 for a 2.5 day week and £15 for a dependent adult. Participants may undertake other remunerative employment on the remaining days without compromising their entitlements. Funding is also available towards the cost of Supervisor and materials.

There are over fifty vacancies presently available on the Social Employment Scheme in the North Kildare Area so if you are eligible and interested. Des Murray would like to hear from you.

### ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE SCHEME:

This scheme is designed for unemployed people with a worthwhile idea for self-employment. In lieu of their social welfare payment a married person will receive £50 per week and a single person £30 while setting up their business. The allowance will be paid for a maximum of 52 weeks. In some circumstances they may qualify for a lump sum payment to acquire capital expenses.

### THE YOUTH SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME:

This has the same objective as the Enterprise Allowance scheme but operates differently. Under a special arrangement with the Bank of Ireland, the Youth Employment Agency guarantees a major part of loans to young people for approved self-employment projects.

### EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME:

Employment subsidies are available to employers taking an additional worker who has been registered as been unemployed. Subsidies of up to £60 per week are available in respect of employers over twenty five years of age who have been without work for a year or more. The N.M.S. will advise employers how to avail of this scheme and, when requested, will recruit suitable candidates.

If you are unemployed and feel that one of the programmes outlined here can help you, or if you are an employer or a member of a community group and wish to play a part in employment creation contact Des Murray at any of the addresses above.

## **JOB HUNTING**

RECENT FIGURES show that Ireland has one of the highest rates of unemployment in Europe. People leaving education are particularly hard hit because of lack of work experience. Stiff competition means the school leaver has to become more professional in his or her job search.

There are several distinct parts to finding a job: Setting career goals, preparing a C.V., locating employers and successfully attending interviews.

### **SETTING GOALS**

Not having goals is like going into a train station and asking for a ticket. Until you decide where you want to go nobody will be able to help you. Setting career goals can be as easy as writing out on a sheet of paper what you would like to be doing in five and ten years time, what job title will you have, how much money will you be earning, where do you want to live, etc.

When you decide where you want to go then you must work out how to get there. If for instance you want to be an Accountant earning £30,000 then you must first qualify by taking exams and by working in the accounting field. To earn high sums of money in any job you must either generate more than you earn for your employer or save your employer more than he/she has to spend on your salary.

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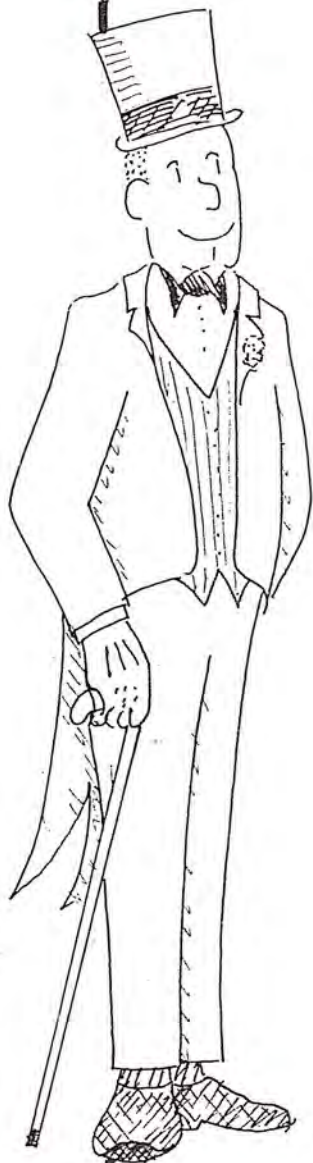
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