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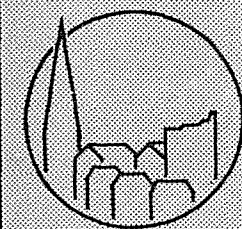
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# **MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER**

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## **HANDING OVER THE CHAIR**



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## Editorial

The **NEWSLETTER** welcomes the new members of the Community Council. They are in for three years of 'active service', and it is to be hoped that they receive the fullest support from the people of Maynooth. The coming years will not be easy ones, at local level any more than where national affairs are concerned.

The Newsletter notes with some disbelief the response of the Minister for Justice to Bernard Durkan concerning policing arrangements in the North Kildare area. According to the Minister a review of the situation does not indicate a need for a Garda station in Leixlip, but suggests that consideration be given to establishing a police 'clinic', open for a few hours a day. This review sees no need for major organisational changes in North Kildare, but it appears that improved patrolling arrangements are being considered by Garda authorities.

This seems to be an attempt to turn a blind eye to the problems on the ground. With thefts and burglaries a regular occurrence, it is obvious that the policing arrangements in Maynooth are inadequate. To think that a town of well over 10,000 does not require any permanent Garda presence at all is astonishing.

### NO NEWS FROM LADY CHAPEL!

A visitor to the Newsletter stand at the Trade Fair lamented the lack of News from Lady Chapel in recent issues of the Newsletter. She remembered the early days when news of every birth, marriage and row was carried in the pages of the Newsletter. Does anyone in Lady Chapel want the job of Lady Chapel correspondent? There's no pay, but the perks are good.

If anyone wants to submit news items from Lady Chapel, and indeed any other area of Maynooth, all they have to do is write out their material clearly in block capitals or type it on one side of a page only, and leave it in to the Newsletter Office. As long as it's not libellous we'll print it.

### BOX JUNCTIONS

The Newsletter was happy to come across what appeared to be a mobile inferno on the Main Street after midnight recently. Two men and two boys quickly and efficiently commuted between the inferno, located on the back of a lorry and the junction of the square and Main Street with boiling yellow liquid which was poured into a little box on wheels which left behind on the road a fetching pattern of diagonal stripes. Yes, the box junction had come to town. In case any one thinks that these yellow lines are purely decorative, let us point out that they exist to enable traffic to emerge

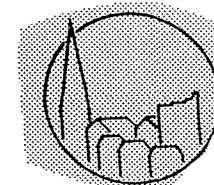
from the square without waiting forever for a courteous Main Street motorist to stop to let them through. The lines mean that no one can stop on that area. Therefore thoughtless motorists stopping for the pedestrian lights should no longer be able to block emerging traffic.

### NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the inaugural meeting of the new Maynooth Community Council, held in the Post-Primary School on April 13 last, Muireann Ni Bhrolcain, of 58 Laurence Avenue, was elected Chairwoman. Muireann is a Lecturer in Old and Middle Irish at Maynooth College.

Tom Purcell was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman, a position he held in the outgoing Council. The new Secretary is Mary Murtagh, of Crinstown (Ladychapel). The position of Minutes Secretary will be filled by Joan Howard-Williams, of Carton. Joint Treasurers are Dominic Nyland (Greenfield) and Pat Moynan (Kingsbry). Public Relations Officer is Mary Grennell, of Rail Park.

With four out of seven committee positions (despite the fact that they are in a minority in the Council as a whole), women will certainly be to the forefront in the new Council. We are sure that all in Maynooth will join us in wishing the new Committee - and indeed the Community Council as a whole - all the best in their forthcoming term of office.



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### BAND BULLETIN

After a hectic month of March we are now down to earth again, and back to rehearsals for our concert in the Parish Hall on 3rd May which we had to put back to help out some of our members who are involved in the Enfield Review Show. I would like to thank the Committee of the Enfield Review for their donation towards the concert, also J. Harris & Cloghran (Izusu and Hino Dealers) for their sponsorship.

Congrats to Elaine Bean who has been appointed assistant conductor.

It is hoped in the next few weeks to start the Junior Members on instruments. And what about the past members; on St. Patrick's Day I noticed a lot of them looking on when they should have been taking part. The Band Hall is always open to you so come on down, the price is right!

We would like to remind clubs and associations who wish to book the band not to leave it too late as we already have some summer engagements. Anyone wishing to book the band should contact our secretary Ms. Patricia Dempsey, Greenfield, Maynooth or phone 285903.

The Committee and members of the Band offer their sincere sympathy to the family of the late Benny Farrelly. Benny, who was an honorary member of the Band, received a full Band funeral which I'm sure he would have been proud of. Thanks to him and past members who have passed their knowledge and wisdom on to the present Band. May he rest in peace.

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### Letters to the Editor

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wish to take this opportunity to thank those who have been so kind in their sentiments to me on the termination of my period of office as Chairman of Maynooth Community Council. All I can say is that I am glad that I have been able to make some contribution to improving the quality of life of the Maynooth community. This would not have been possible without the help and co-operation of other people too numerous to mention, and I wish to place on record my gratitude to all these people for their support. I extend my best wishes to the new community Council, and would like to see them getting the full support of all the people of Maynooth during their period of office. The new Council members have selflessly put themselves forward to work on behalf of the rest of us, and we should be deeply grateful to them for doing this.

Finally, a special word of thanks to Brenda Connolly, whose parting slab of 'Island Slice' was greatly appreciated! Is mise, le meas, Proinnsias Breathnach

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

We are providing you with an excellent opportunity to see exactly what you need for your holidays, your sporting activities, or any activity you care to mention, as we are presenting a night of fashion, music and fun in the 'Hitchin' Post' on Tuesday June 9th, at 8 p.m. Most of the local boutiques have agreed to take part. No further need to go to town to see what's on offer. Tickets will be on sale after Easter at £3.50. Now where will you get better value. More details in next issue.

Anne O'Malley, Sec.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We would like to thank all the entries for the photography competition. We have picked out the two winning photos, which will be published in next month's edition.

The winners are:

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# ew Chairperson of Community Council gives an Interview

incoming chairman, or *cathaoirleach* (the latter is emerging as the preferred form of address) of the Community Council is Muireann Ní Bhrolcain. After, soon after her election, Muireann took time out of her busy schedule to talk to the *Newsletter* about herself and her new position. As we sat in her functionally equipped office, I began by asking her how she would describe herself to those who may not yet know her.

Well, first and foremost I'm someone who lives and works in Maynooth. I've lived here with my family for a number of years, am likely to go on doing so for the foreseeable future, and I have a deep attachment to the place by now; not just a dormitory town for me. Furthermore, I am the mother of two young children, and I have a keen interest in ensuring that they grow up in a caring and healthy community.

*What, in your eyes, is the primary role of a Council?*

Because it brings together representatives from different areas, particularly what are loosely called the 'old' and 'new' Maynooth, it can help to harmonise the needs of the two. It must be kept in mind that, while Maynooth is growing, it still is an opportunity to keep united — it is not going to mushroom into the sprawling estates of, say, Leixlip. At the same time, the diversity of Maynooth, which is part of its attractiveness, can be safeguarded.

*What changes will we notice under your chairmanship, or are you more concerned with continuity?*

We must keep pursuing the aims already identified, especially the sports complex and securing the necessary funds for that. Then there is the commitment to activities already established: The Community Week — which this year will last ten days! — The St. Patrick's Day Parade, and of



course the *Newsletter*. So there is a lot of ground for consolidation, but in the area of initiation I am particularly anxious to increase the facilities for young people. This is predominantly a community of young people, yet there is very little going for teenagers.

*And what about the college students?* Yes, there are 2,000 students here who are part of our community, and they need more representation on the Council, as do the fourteen to eighteen year olds. These form a constituency who should have an input into the Council, and I shall be looking at ways of bringing this about.

*What sort of budget does the Council operate on for its day-to-day affairs?* Well, we need an income of between

£2,000 and £3,000 to sustain the present level of activity. Our principal fundraising effort will be the four flag days coming up in May — The 21st to the 24th. We decided against a house-to-house collection, as that would cut across the Community Games fundraising.

*Are there any other specific areas in which you would like to see action?* The playground in the Harbour field needs doing up, but it's stalemate at the moment because it is not in the hands of Kildare County Council. As a result, it cannot be covered by insurance, and until that situation is sorted out it would be pointless to work on it. Another area touching on the County Council is the abominable convenience in the Square — we have asked that it be removed, but the County Council is so unaccustomed to being asked to take things away it doesn't know how to respond! And of course, we would like to see the 66 bus serving the housing estates. C.I.E. are willing to come over the bridge, it's just a question of finding a turning point.

*Lastly, it's noticeable that, like your predecessor, you are an academic, employed by the college, a member of the salaried middle-class living on a private housing estate, and you have a history of active involvement with the left-of-centre party politics. Is this the profile of the ideal community councillor?* Not at all. I was nominated by my neighbours, not by party colleagues. All the parties are, I think, represented on the council — in that the political affiliations of members are diverse, although nobody enquires that rigorously. Certainly, the Labour Party has an emphasis on community affairs, but not a monopoly on them. The really significant aspect is the number of women on the council — they are coming to the fore!

A look at the Vital Statistics released recently, relating to the Irish population since 1981 gives some interesting insights into the shape of things to come.

Looking at the seemingly ever increasing number of babies around, you would think that we're experiencing a population explosion. Not so. Since 1981, births have dropped from 72,355 to 62,250 in 1985, and indications are that the numbers are still dropping. That's a drop from 21 births per 1,000 estimated population to 17.6 in only five years.

Maybe a look at marriage rates can help explain some of this. We seem to be going off the idea of marriage — the number of marriages is down from

## Vital Statistics

20,612 in 1981 to 18,552 in 1985. Interestingly, the number of marriages doubles between the depths of winter, with 3,916 in the last quarter of 1985, and the heights of summer, when all of 7,920 couples tied the knot. Maybe if we had good weather all year round? The drop in marriages represents a decrease from six per thousand estimated population, to 5.2 in a five year period.

At least we're holding our own as regards remaining on the planet. The number of deaths increased slightly from 32,410 to 33,222 between 1981 and 1985, however, the rate per 1,000

remains remarkably stable at 9.4.

The reality behind the statistics is, however, cause for concern. Falling birthrates create many problems. The number of older people increases as a proportion of the population, depending on an increasingly smaller working population. Some educational institutions are already feeling the pinch. With 10,000 fewer pupils going into primary schools, the prospects for teacher redundancies and school closures seems inevitable within the next few years.

This is a phenomenon already familiar in other countries in Europe. Ireland is just a little later in experiencing the effects.

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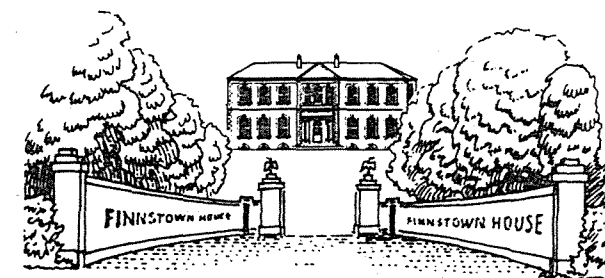
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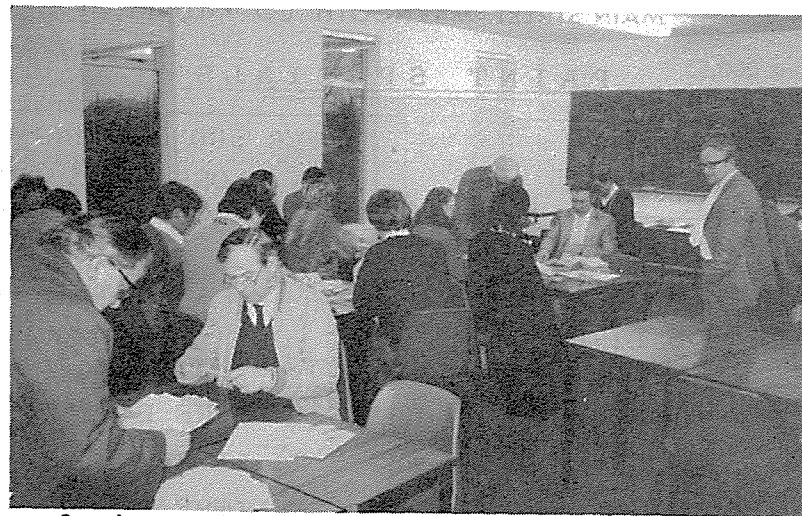
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# Maynooth Community Council Elections



Scrutineers at the count for the Community Council elections.

Light of the Maynooth Community Council election count held in the Post-Primary school on April 6 last was the extraordinarily close vote in the Greenfield Estate electoral area, with a mere 22 votes separating the six candidates. There was a tense atmosphere worthy of a General Election count as the large crowd present awaited outcome of inevitable recount after the initial count produced an indecisive result.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the make-up of the new Council is the greatly-increased representation of women — up from five in the previous Council to thirteen in the new Council. Nevertheless, this still comprises a good deal less than half of the incoming Council, and we look forward to the women of Maynooth claiming at least their fair share of the places next time out!

The full results of the election are as follows:

Number of seats to be filled in brackets after Electoral Area name)

## Marlton Court (2)

Martin Connolly — 56 votes (Elected)  
Michael Kelleher — 43 (Elected)  
Breda Gormley — 42  
Mary Farrell — 36  
Spoiled — 2

## Greenfield Estate (5)

Dolores Quinn — 257 (Elected)  
Eilis O'Malley — 250 (Elected)  
Richard Farrell — 246 (Elected)  
Muireann Ni Bhrolchain — 244 (Elected)  
Tom Purcell — 243 (Elected)  
Peter Holland — 235  
Spoiled — 3

## Rail Park (2)

Mary Simon — 103 (Elected)  
Mary Grennell — 80 (Elected)  
Gordon Read — 38  
Spoiled — 1

## Old Rail Park/Straffan Road (1)

Brid Feely — Returned unopp.

## Kingsbry (3)

Gerry Durack  
Ian McKenna  
Pat Moynan — All returned  
— unopposed

## Greenfield Lane/Phase 1 (2)

Peter Finnan  
Thomas Flanagan — Returned unopp.

## 7. Greenfield Phase 2 (1)

Dominic Nyland — 60 (Elected)  
Leo McGlynn — 25  
Spoiled — 7

## 8. Greenfield Phase 3 (1)

Seamus Flanagan — 30 (Elected)  
Christy Madden — 26

## 9. Newtown (1)

Larry O'Brien — Returned unopp.

## 10. Beaufield (1)

Margaret Staunton — co-opted via  
— Beaufield Residents' Assoc.

## 11. Cluain Aoibhinn (1)

Tom McMullon — 73 (Elected)  
Margaret Clinche — 24  
Spoiled — 2

## 12. College Green (1)

Declan Forde — Returned unopp.

## 13. Town Centre (5)

Fionan Hardiman — 195 (Elected)  
Kevin Murphy — 195 (Elected)  
Bridie O'Brien — 172 (Elected)  
David Moynan — 170 (Elected)  
John Saults — 165 (Elected)  
Gabriel Martin — 126  
Spoiled — 1

## 14. Moyglare Road (1)

Michael Kelly — Returned unopp.

## 15. Outlying Area A (1)

Joan Howard-Williams — Co-opted

## 16. Outlying Area B (2)

Michael Bennett  
Madeleine Styne — Returned unopp.

## 17. Outlying Area C (3)

Breda Connolly  
Tom McMyler — Returned unopp.

## 18. Outlying Area D (1)

Mary Murtagh — Co-opted

## 19. Maynooth College Executive Council Nominee:

Padraig O Gormghaile

## 20. Maynooth College Student Union Nominee:

John Lawlor

**NOTE:** There is still one vacancy in Outlying Area C. Anyone interested in filling this vacancy should contact Maynooth Community Council Office (285922).

Maynooth Community Council is grateful to Sergeant Higgins and Tom Ashe for acting as scrutineers; to Tom Ashe for making the Post-Primary School available for the count; and to the many volunteers who turned up to help with the count. The Council is also grateful to the unsuccessful candidates for putting themselves forward for election, and would like them to maintain their interest by volunteering to serve on one or other of the Council's sub-committees. Indeed, membership of these sub-committees is open to all members of the public, and anyone interested in this is asked to contact the Community Council office. Finally, the Council is grateful to the people of Maynooth for participating in the voting. There was a high vote in most of the contested areas, and it is gratifying to see such interest in the make-up of the new Community Council.

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# PARTY POLITICAL NOTES

## GAEL NOTES

arch meeting of Maynooth Branch e Gael was held on Tuesday 24th in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, oth at 8.30 p.m.

re was a good attendance at the ig, including the new leader of the Mr. Alan Dukes, T.D.

longst other topics discussed at the ig was the forthcoming Trade Fair ynooth on the 4th and 5th April. Branch members felt it would be for the Branch to have a Stand at air.

e Chairman welcomed Deputy Alan s to the meeting, congratulating n his recent appointment as Leader ine Gael and expressed the good s of all branch members present a long and successful leadership. ty Bernard Durkan was also con- lated on being appointed Junior esman on the Food Industry and bers felt he would carry out his s with expertise and integrity. eputy Alan Dukes in addressing the ing thanked all members for their work in the recent Election Cam- n and also for their congratulations his election as Leader of the Party. poked of the need to re-vitalise the roots and that branch members ld be prepared to work 7 days a c if necessary, Members should ys be ready to put the party point ew to interested parties. He said it with regret that due to his new posi- within the Party he would not be to attend as many branch meetings before, as he would now have to at- d meetings all over the country.

## Maynooth Trade Fair

first Trade Fair in Maynooth was a nendous success by all accounts and in Fine Gael would like to express our gratulations to the Royal Canal ernity Group and Parents' Com- tee of the Boys National School for ir tremendous effort on the two days. ll done ...

## PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS

A.G.M. of the Maynooth Branch of Progressive Democrats took place in ICA Hall on the 7th of April.

The outgoing officers tanked the ers of Maynooth for their support in General Election. A new committee ler the chairmanship of Louis Lennon elected.

Membership of the Progressive Demo- ts is open to any adult. If you wish join contact any member or drop in the ICA Hall on the first Tuesday of month.

Recently the Progressive Democrats has a stand at the Trade Fair. Mary Harney T.D. visited the Trade Fair and met many local people. Timmy Conway MCC was at the Fair on Sunday after- noon and spent a lot of time talking to the visitors. Eoin McBennett, who was one of our candidates in the recent General Election was also at our stand.

The supporters and members Draw took place recently in Henry's Bar in Naas. The full list of winners will be published shortly in the Leinster Leader. This was the second of four quarterly draws. The next draw will take place in Kilcullen on the 10th of July. First prize is £1000. Tickets are now selling at £25 each, only a few tickets remain on sale. If you wish to purchase a ticket, please contact either Michael Harney or Puca Grady or any member of the branch.

Finally, the Progressive Democrats wish to congratulate the successful Fine Gael T.D., Bernard Durkan on his return to the Dail and to congratulate the successful Labour candidate Emmett Stagg on his obtaining a seat in the Dail. We also wish to congratulate Alan Dukes T.D. on becoming leader of Fine Gael. Our commiserations to our own candi- dates, Eoin McBennett and Frank Master- son. It must be said that they put on a fine showing for their first time out.

*Michael Kelleher P.R.O.*

## WORKERS PARTY NOTES

### Councillor Colm Purcell

The departure of Councillor Colm Purcell from the Workers' Party follows in the wake of growing dissatisfaction on the part of the local party organisation with his performance as the Party's public representative in County Kildare. There was concern that Councillor Purcell was not carrying out his duties and responsi- bilities as a Councillor in a satisfactory manner, and that there was inadequate liaison between him and the party organi- sation. It is a central aspect of the Wor- kers' Party democratic philosophy that those elected to public office in the Party name must remain at all times answerable to the Party membership.

When a set of proposals designed to streamline the links between Councillor Purcell and the local Party structure was put to him, he refused to accept them and walked out of the meeting in ques- tion. Councillor Purcell was then sum- moned before a meeting of the Consti- tuency Council officer board, but left the Party in advance of this meeting. In doing so, Councillor Purcell has be- trayed both those Party members and supporters who worked so hard on his behalf in recent elections, and those who

voted for him in these election. The Workers' Party has called on Councillor Purcell to resign his seat on Kildare County Council in order to allow another Party nominee to take his place. When originally elected, Councillor Purcell signed a pledge to resign his seat should he, for any reason, leave the Party.

### New Party Representative Selected

At a packed constituency convention held in Leixlip on April 9 last, Katherine Murphy was selected as the Workers' Party public representative in the North Kildare area. Katherine is a 33-year-old housewife with two schoolgoing children who lives in Leixlip Park, Leixlip. Apart from being the Party's Constituency organiser, she is active in her local Residents Association and in the Leixlip Combined Residents Association. She has also been to the forefront in the Kildare Residents Against Local Charges and in the Leixlip branch of this organisation.

The Workers' Party is currently reviewing the organisation of Citizens' Advice Bureaux in Kildare. Further details later.

### Opinion Poll

In the latest MRBI opinion poll, the Workers' Party had the support of five per cent of the voters, after the don't knows had been excluded. This placed the Party only one point behind the Labour Party, and reflects both the good performance of the Party in the recent General Election and the growing reali- sation on the part of working people that the Workers' Party alone has been consistently and actively representing their interests.

### Workers' Party Ardfheis

The Workers' Party Ardfheis was held in the RDS over the weekend of April 24-26. Among the motions put before the Ardfheis by the Kildare Constituency Council of the Party were the following:

1. A call for a comprehensive family planning system in Ireland.
2. A call for outright abolition of local charges.
3. A call for the cessation of sales of Easter Lilies by the Party, on the grounds that this practice is not in keeping with the recent evolution in Party policy and philosophy, and con- tributes to public confusion between the Workers' Party and Sinn Fein, who also sell Easter Lilies, but who pursue policies to which the Workers' Party is totally opposed.

### The Budget

The Workers' Party is fundamentally opposed to the recent Budget, which continued the trend of cutbacks which affect the poor and vulnerable in society most of all, but which did nothing to create employment or reform the tax system along more equitable lines. A leaflet setting out the Party's views on the budget is currently being distributed in the Maynooth area.

## MAYNOOTH BRANCH LABOUR PARTY

The A.G.M. of the Branch was held on Monday 30th March and a large and enthusiastic turn-out was present. The Chairman's address highlighted the achievements of the past year, chief of which were a) the Tony Smith Memorial Walk for the Old Folk which raised a record sum of over £1,200; b) the con- tinuing influx of new members; c) the successful launching of a Youth Section with their own separate structure and activities; d) the continuing involvement of branch members in the various volun- tary organisations in Maynooth which help to make our town an attractive and stimulating place to live in.

But it was the election of Emmet Stagg to the Dail last February which dominated our work for the year and this historic victory against all the odds owes much to the efforts of the May- nooth branch comrades. With Dave Moynan as Director of Elections and John McGinley as Area Director, we were to the forefront in the campaign. But most of all the people of Maynooth placed Emmet top of the poll in the town with 27% of 1st preferences, which contributed handsomely to his being 1st elected in the county.

Also during the year the Divorce Referendum was held and despite May- nooth and North Kildare voting "Yes" the overall result was a disappointment. But the reality of separated couples continues and the fight goes on.

The Officers elected for the next year were: Chairman: John McGinley, Vice- Chairman: Christy Madden, Secretary: Pat Moynan, Treasurer: Dave Moynan, P.R.O.: Michael Quinn.

Andy Graham Snr, the longest serving member in the branch, continues as President.

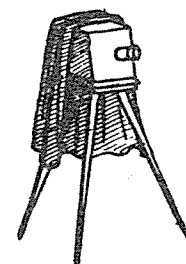
### Bond Bridge

Deputy Stagg has submitted a motion for the next meeting of Kildare County Council, Celbridge Area Committee. "That Kildare County Council being aware of the extremely dangerous condi- tion of the Bond Bridge, Maynooth, resolves to take the necessary action to make it safe for pedestrians and moto- rists."

### Presentation Convent

Deputy Stagg has made representations on behalf of the Presentation Convent School who are seeking to have a school secretary retained under the Work Expe- rience Programme.

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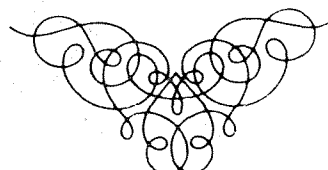
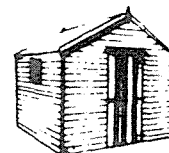
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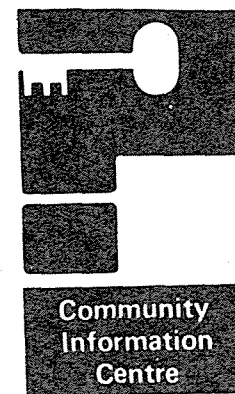
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## Residents' Associations News...

### GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - APRIL 1987

The incoming PRO my first task is to tribute to the outgoing PRO Donal Mahon and to hope that I can fill his shoes! The first meeting of the newly elected Committee was held 9th April.

Committee consists of: Chairman: Michael Quinn, 13, Laurence Ave.; Secretary: Richard Farrell, 11, Greenfield Ave.; Treasurer: Tom Purcell, 44 Laurence Ave.; P.R.O.: Muireann Ni Bhrolachain, 58 Laurence Ave.; Straffan Way: Michael Callaghan, Jim Doyle, Michael Quinn; Greenfield Drive: Mary Farrell, John McGinley; Maynooth Park: Peter O'Land; Laurence Avenue: Caolon Clifford, Pat Kinsella.

The main item on the agenda was the Annual Hearing concerning the objection to permission granted to the Fast Food Centre in the Shopping Centre. The hearing was held on Friday 10th April, at the County Council Offices in Naas. Our case was eloquently presented by Michael Quinn, Chairman - at very short notice. We await the outcome.

Despite the low attendance of 46 at the Annual Dinner Dance, held on the 12th March in the Setanta - a good time was had by all. We wish to thank our sponsors: Tom Geraghty, Donovans, Agents, Gerry Mulcahy, Butcher, and approximately 50 other businesses - too numerous to mention here. However, a low number resulted in all in attendance receiving at least one spot prize! It was decided that the residents of Straffan Way should hold a meeting to discuss their concern about the effects of the upgrading of the Straffan Road. The meeting was planned for Wed. 29th April in 14, Straffan Way.

It is heartening and uplifting to smell the newly mown grass again and flowers beginning to bloom. Spring must be here at last!

Muireann Ni Bhrolachain P.R.O.

### RAILPARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Railpark Residents' Association has been leading a quiet existence over the last few years. Among its activities have been the maintenance of the green areas on the Straffan Road end and in the rescent. It was also responsible for persuading the County Council to fill in the

ditch skirting the edge of the estate.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Association was held in the Geraldine Hall on 15 April, and while the attendance was relatively small, all were agreed on the necessity for continuing the good work.

Joe Buckley, Chairman for the last five years, gave an account of the achievements of the Association over the years, and Frank McCarrick, treasurer, described the slight tinge of red surrounding the accounts. A quick whip around from the attendance soon brought a blacker hue to the funds, which will mean that the grass can be cut within the next few weeks.

The election of a new committee was relatively painless; Frank McCarrick (3) was elected chairman unanimously, with Eamonn MacKeogh (119) taking over as treasurer. Kay MacKeogh (92) accepted the not too onerous position of PRO. Other committee members are Joe Buckley (125), Eddie Tobin (108), Pat McIntyre (30) and John Byrne (117). The figures refer to housenumbers, not ages! It was agreed that issues to be tackled are:

- maintenance of the green areas
- repair of footpaths
- dumping domestic rubbish on the green
- improvement of the entrance to the estate including repair of the wall
- replacement of dead and vandalised trees
- erection of speed limit signs
- erection of direction signs for house numbers

There are many other issues requiring either input of money or muscle. The first committee meeting will be on 27 April, so expect to hear from us in the next issue.

A final word of thanks to the outgoing committee, especially Joe Buckley and Frank McCarrick for all of their hard work on behalf of the residents of Railpark. Many residents may be unaware of the amount of work done on their behalf. They may take for granted that the grass cuts itself and the ditches dried up all on their own. In their unobtrusive way the committee achieved a lot. The incoming committee hopes to carry on the good work and perhaps to expand the co-operation of everyone of course!

Kay MacKeogh, PRO

### SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

From the 22nd to 24th May a very special act of praise and thanksgiving will take place in St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, to celebrate 100 years of Mothers' Union in Ireland. The Festival of Flowers will be a central part of this celebration in our Diocese.

The Mothers' Union is a world wide organisation of the Anglican Communion. Its purpose is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

It is fitting that the Festival will be held in a beautiful Cathedral dedicated to that remarkable woman St. Brigid - the only Irish Diocesan Cathedral to be dedicated to a woman, apart of course from the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The building as it stands to-day is a magnificent one and very different to the clay and wattle Church which St. Brigid built about the year 480 on or near this site. It is a beautiful setting for a Festival of Flowers.

The floral arrangements depicting the aims and objects of the Mothers' Union have been designed by Mrs. Doreen Adams who has an international reputation in this artistic field.

The Festival will be open to visitors on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 22nd, 23rd and 24th May from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily and the admission is £2.

For those planning a day's outing, it will be of interest to note that reciprocal arrangements for the weekend have been made with the Japanese Gardens and the National Stud and details of this arrangement can be had from Mrs. Jane Galbraith, Tel. No. 251887 (01).

At the Cathedral, morning coffee and afternoon teas will be available, together with souvenirs, handicrafts etc.

### CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

Six members from the parish are busily travelling around the country to Choir practices for the two Choral Festivals taking place in the diocese. The first will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trim on Sunday 3rd May at 7.00 p.m. and the second in St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare on 10th May, also at 7.00 p.m.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the fact that we are to lose our Rector Rev. James Hammond. He will be a great loss not only to our parish, but also to the local community. He came to us in October 1979 having previously served as a Curate in St. Bartholomew and Monkstown. He is leaving us to go to Skerries where he will be instituted on Friday 29th May. We wish him all the best as he takes up this new parish.



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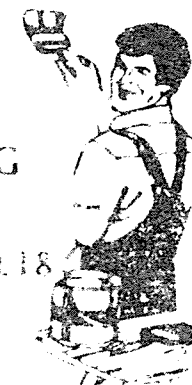
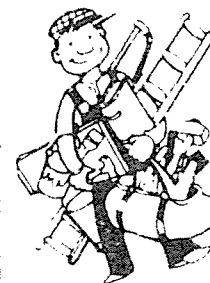
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# SPORTS NEWS



## THE REVIVAL OF MAYNOOTH COLLEGE ATHLETIC CLUB

After a long period of hibernation, Maynooth College Athletic Club has this year come to life again, having just completed one of its most successful periods in its long and colourful history. Indeed, so rapid has been its progression rate, that it is now widely regarded as one of the most active clubs on the Maynooth College campus.

The success story can be traced back to the Club's A.G.M. last June, when under the direction of Club Chairman Padraig Sweeney, and secretary Christy Mitchell, an ambitious set of plans for the club's rejuvenation were drawn up. They included the following:—

- to initiate a recruitment drive to increase the club's membership
- to organise a series of road-leagues to be held in the College
- to pursue the club's long-term objective of acquiring an athletic track on campus
- to organise a fund-raising event for charity, and
- to host an inter-varsity athletic championship.

Such was the level of enthusiasm, organisation and commitment, that all of the club's targets were achieved with great success:

The club membership increased to — 360 members; an exciting series of internal 'road races' were held over distances ranging from 1 — 3 miles; a 12 hour road-relay was held on the 16th December 1986, around Maynooth's village in aid of Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin. A total of £600 was collected and donated for this charity event; an inter-varsity road-relay championship for both ladies and men was held on Saturday 7th February, 1987, on Maynooth's

historic campus, with a total of 16 teams from Irish Universities and Colleges around the country in attendance. This was the first time an event of this type has been held by an Irish University, and hence Maynooth College Athletic Club is very proud of this fact.

This historic occasion concluded with a successful dinner and disco-band that night.

The promise of a grass athletic track in the short term, by the College authorities, to be completed by June 1987, was a major milestone for the athletic club. The long term goal of the club remains a synthetic athletic track on campus.

In addition, the Athletic Club has organised a weekly aerobics session (under a qualified instructor) on Monday nights from 9 — 10 p.m.

The main thrust of the Athletic Club's rising fortunes can be attributed to the Committee's emphasis on the 'fun' and health aspects of athletics rather than on the competitive nature of the sport.

It is hoped, that with this principle in mind, that the Maynooth College Athletic Club can build on its success story to date, and culminate in a new era of athletic excellence.

Yours sincerely,  
Padraig J. Sweeney  
(Chairman, Maynooth College  
Athletic Club)

## MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The past months' action has all taken place on the roads where Patsy McCluskey has been in tremendous form following here Cross Country achievements. On three consecutive Sundays she has taken the Veteran Ladies' All Ireland 5 mile and ½ Marathon titles and Dunboyne's Easter Sunday 4 mile. Other ladies in action in the 5 mile were Margaret Noonan and Marie Gleeson who finished 2nd and 3rd 0/40 respectively. In the corresponding men's event Brian Redmond (2nd 0/40) Pat Maher (3rd 0/40) and Peter Keegan (1st 0/45) combined to take 3rd Vets Team. Also in action were Noel McCluskey and Mick Gleeson.

The ½ Marathon also incorporated the Leinster Championship, thus making Patsy McCluskey a dual champion while Marie Gleeson finished 4th 0/40. Peter Keegan took 1st Leinster and 3rd All Ireland in the 0/45 with Pat Maher 3rd 0/40 Leinster. These two with Tony Gallagher won the Leinster 0/40 team and were 2nd All Ireland. David Tolly, Mick Gleeson and Noel McCluskey also competed.

In Dunboyne Margaret Gillick 36th, Margaret Noonan 28th and Helen Redmond 31st in overall position helped to bring the 0/30 team to 2nd place. In the men's Liam McNamee (3rd 0/35), Brian Redmond (1st 0/40) and Peter Keegan (2nd 0/45) all took individual prizes with Tony Callaghan joining Redmond and Keegan to take 0/40 team. Hammy Cunningham had a superb performance for 17th position and also competing were Vincent Watson, Jolley, Gleeson, McCluskey, Mick Gillick and Pearse Breslin. In the Juvenile events Carmel Noonan was our best performer with a fine 2nd placing after she had made all the running. Lisa McCluskey also ran well for 6th place and Catherine Gleeson was 15th. In the Girls U/10 Aisling Redmond finished 12th with her sister Fiona in the same position in the U/12. In the Boys U/14 Brendan Lawlor finished 9th with Gavin Gallagher 11th.

Carmel Noonan was also involved in the winter championships where she finished runner-up in U/14 Javelin. Helen Treacy's excellent 86 form continues judging from her victory in the Junior event at the same championship.

The club would like to take the opportunity of thanking Paddy Dunne for the use of his trailer and yard in connection with our St. Patrick's Day float.

On 7th June there will be a real festival of road racing in Maynooth with events from U/8 to U/14 open to everybody. The climax of the afternoon will be an open 10K with numerous prizes and spot prizes to be won. All this is being organised by Bru Bosco Youth Club with the co-operation of Maynooth A.C.

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Just a reminder about Community Games dates:—

- May 2nd Art. 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.  
Post Primary School
- May 7th Gymnastics. 5 p.m.  
Parish Hall
- May 17th Athletics — G.A.A. Grounds  
12 p.m.
- June 6th Swimming — Stewart's Hospital — 6 p.m.

All perpetual trophies **MUST** be returned to Community Council Office on or before 30th April 1987. Every competitor must fill in and return entry forms if taking part in Swimming, Athletics, Art and Gymnastics.

Competitors can take part in *three* individual events overall but a *maximum* of *two* events in any one discipline, i.e. Swimming, Athletics, Art and Gymnastics. All forms may be returned to any of the names mentioned on the entry form.

Our house to house collection will take place from 30th April to 7th May and we would appreciate everyone's help in this venture as it is our main fund raising event for the year.

## MAYNOOTH LADIES' SOCCER

Maynooth Ladies A.F.C. played their first friendly match on Monday 31st March at the Dublin Rd. against Leixlip. Although the result was 1—0 to Leixlip (who are in Div. 3, while Maynooth is Div. 5), Maynooth had a good game. For some of the girls this was their first full game. Altogether it was a satisfactory match.

On 13 April, we travelled to Ratoath to play our first League game in Division 5. With only a few minutes gone in the game Ratoath scored. Maynooth seemed to be playing a better game, missed a few scoring chances. At half-time the score was 2—0 to Ratoath. In the second half Pam Burke scored, with Ratoath scoring again, the score being 3—1. Ashling Kelly came on as substitute for Geraldine Fitzpatrick and within a short time of coming on had scored. Allison Conlon had to be taken off due to injury, leaving Maynooth with 10 players. The final score: Ratoath 3 — Maynooth 2. The team was: M. O'Riordan, T. Fitzpatrick, P. Dempsey, F. Kearney, L. Boyce, G. Fitzpatrick, S. Breslin, P. Burke, C. Fitzpatrick, A. Conlon, C. Prendergast. Sub.: A. Kelly.

We would like to thank John Carey for sponsoring a football.

## MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

The Rector was recently presented with a cheque for £1,000 by the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club. This was part of the proceeds from the Egg and Spoon Race held on New Year's Day. The money is for the Restoration Appeal of Maynooth Church. We are indeed delighted that once again the Lions Club has been most generous to this Appeal. We appreciate their continued support and interest in Maynooth Church.

## MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking very sincerely everyone who supported so generously our recent Annual Collection. The total amount collected was £755.97. This amount will go towards our Annual Outing on Saturday 20th June. Thanks to our collectors especially non-committee members Mrs. Burke and Kelly at Ladychapel.

Our March Party took place on Sunday 15th in S.V.D. House. It was a most enjoyable afternoon with visitors from Celbridge, and Clane present. We will have our Easter Party on Sunday 26th April and our final Party for this season will take place on Sunday 17th May in S.V.D. We will be able to give a full report of our Easter Party and Easter Bonnet Competition in the next issue. We would like to thank the Superiors of both S.M.A. and S.V.D. for their kindness and support to us during the year and all our many kind benefactors.

Carol Burton, P.R.O.

## BRU BOSCO NOTES

We proudly announce that at long last the floor of our Club has been sanded and topped with three coats of Hard Glaze Ronseal. It is grand job, and we can thank first "The All Priests Show" who funded the project and secondly our hard working Technical Support Team, consisting of and headed by John McGarry, with Johnny Bosco and Flash Gordon *not* standing idly by, plus Mickey Mac, and Pat Cleary (who seems to be the general factotum these days) and not to be outdone, Flash roped in his Dad too! The Canal Group were great, as they put up with the inconvenience of Drawing water etc. for the whole week. The Club is only opening officially on 20th April. Congratulations to all. Oh, I nearly forgot a very important person (would not do at all) Ma Dowling herself, who came along to put the finishing touch to all. Fancy all those strong men could not get along without the female touch. Things are really looking up again what with our new door on the snooker room which was a perfect fit. (This came from John Connolly who came down twice to see what our problems were and how he could help out). John's good lady sent us down beautiful plush ruby red lined velvet curtains, a perfect fit for the stage. When we get the place re-painted and the rail up we will be all style.

Talking of stage brings me straight to the good news that our Drama group has gotten through to the Semi-Finals of the C.Y.C. Drama Festival. The theme this year was "The Rhythm of Life", an original play written by Salesian aspirant John Cork. For the music we are also indebted to Salesian House. Hopefully we will produce this play and another already written for the older group in our Hall, and prove to all Maynooth that we really do more than play pool and snooker.

## Co-operation North

This year we are twinning with Rathfriland, roughly 8 miles outside Newry. Date and details will have to wait until next issue.

## Table

Last month I appealed for a kitchen table or some such needing repairs and along came Dave McDonagh, Maynooth Park, the first day the Newsletter was out and gave us a grand Desk with a flat top, 5 ft. wide, and a drawer each side. How's that for style? How were we going to get it down to the Hall? No problem, yet another Maynooth Park man, Mike Hyland, offered to carry it down in his van. Many thanks to all concerned. We could do with yet another table. Come on, somebody, ring 286111 or call 69 Maynooth Park. We are sure to be able to twist somebody's arm to collect. Next month we should be able to tell you what our Summer Programme will be.

## 10K

As you can see from the enclosed description for our 10K, it will be run on Sunday June 7th, so ladies, gents and young folk, start getting ready. The run will be through the beautiful Carton Demesne for the Juniors, Seniors and Veterans. Tell all your friends who may never have been through the Demesne. If you cannot run, you can always walk. However, President Ledwidge has given us permission to use the Arts Block on the Kilcock Road, for Juveniles U/8, U/10, U/12 and U/14. They will of course have their own special prizes.

## Salesian Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 16th May. Buses from Maynooth, booked now with the Salesian Sisters, Auxillia Hostel, Kilcock Road.

## Una's Birthday

Meanwhile could we end on a happy note and wish our Treasurer Una Cleary a very happy 21st Birthday. Una has been with us from the very beginning. She is an all round young lady, keeps us under control, keeps our heads above water, buys all the food for the camps. Cooks like a dream. I better say no more or the I.C.A. might grab her. Bless you always Una!

Peig Lynch P.R.O.

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B/G U/8		B/G U/10			U/G U/12		B/G U/14		
60m	80m	100m	200m	Hurdles	100m	600m	100m	800m	L. Jump

Walk 1500m	U/13	Boys/Girls	
Modelling	U/14	Boys/Girls	
Art	U/8, 10, 12, 14, 16	Boys/Girls	
Gymnastics	U/8, 10, 12, 14, 16	Boys/Girls	
Shot Putt	U/14	Boys/Girls	
Puck Fada	U/12 Boys		U/14 Girls
1500m	U/16	Boys/Girls	
100m	U/16	Boys/Girls	
H. Jump	U/16	Boys/Girls	
Discus	U/16	Boys	
Javelin	U/17	Girls	
100m	U/17	Boys/Girls	
Marathon	U/17	5000m Girls	10000m Boys

Swimming

B/G U/8		B/G U/10		B/G U/12		B/G U/14		B/G U/16	
F/Style		F/Style		F/Style		F/Style		F/Style	
		B/Stroke		B/Stroke		B/Stroke		B/Stroke	
						B/Stroke		B/Fly	

Competitor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

1. Art Competition, May 2nd, Post Primary School, from 10 am – 1 pm
2. Local Games will take place on 17th May, 1987 in G.A.A. Grounds, 12 pm
3. Gymnastic competition will take place 7th May, Parish Hall, 5 pm
4. Swimming competition will take place 6th June, Stewarts Hospital, 6 pm
5. A competitor may take part in three individual events overall but a maximum of two in any one discipline i.e. Athletics, Swimming, Gymnastics.
6. Forms to be returned by **1st May, 1987** (Every competitor must fill in and return form if taking part in Swimming, Art, Athletics, Gymnastics).

Extra copies available at the addresses below.

Forms may be returned to any of the following:

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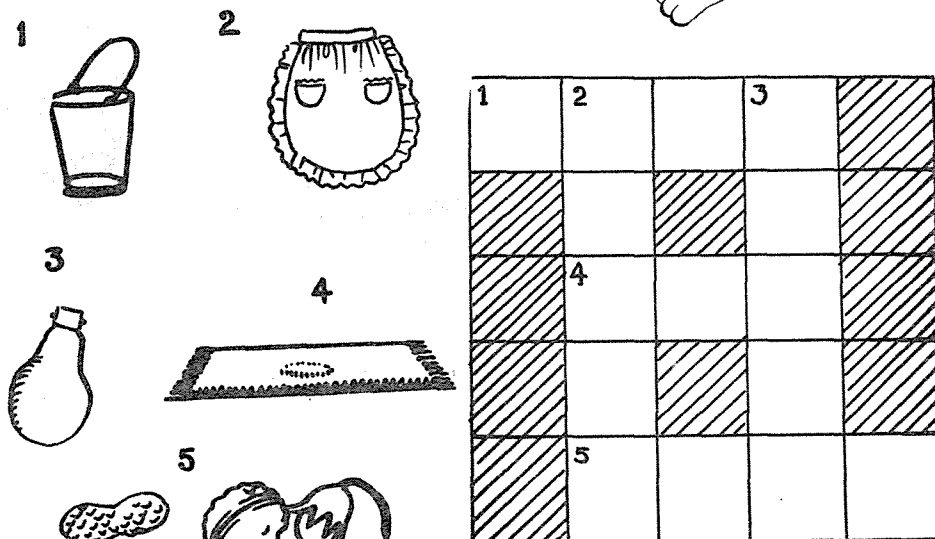




# Childrens Corner.



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4. Wise  
5. Years  
6. Mouth

## THE RABBIT AND THE FLOWER



Story as told by  
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Once upon a time in a far off land a little rabbit lived all by himself. His burrow was his castle and he was such a busy rabbit he never had time to be lonely. Everyday he cleaned his burrow. He was so particular that he even cleaned outside his front door. Imagine his surprise when one day he went as usual to inspect the outside of his home only to find that a huge green stalk nearly blocked the entrance. His eyes travelled up the stalk and on top was the most beautiful flower he had ever seen. He was stunned, he retreated back into his kitchen to think what he could do. He knew that if he cut the stalk with his sharp little teeth, the flower would die. He was in a dilemma. He went out to look at the flower again and decided he could not destroy her, instead he tended the flow, watering and weeding all around the root. Gradually the rabbit and the flower became friends, and after a while they fell in love. So passed the most wonderful summer the little rabbit ever knew. One morning nearing the end of Summer on going out to greet his beloved, he thought she looked a little sad. Then she told him she was going to die. The poor little rabbit was horrified. "You cannot die", he said, "you are too

beautiful". The lower explained gently that it was only given to her to last the Summer months, but she added: "I want you to promise me something". "Anything, anything", said the little rabbit. The flower replied, "on the morning you come out and find my head drooping, I want you to eat me". "No, No", cried the rabbit, "I will not do that. I dig you a grave, and make a large stone and write on it: here lies the most beautiful flower in the world. I cannot do as you asked, I love you!" The flower smiled as she answered: "I love you too, that is why I want you to eat me before I die, because that way I will always live in you, and we will never be parted, we will always be one!"

"Come to me Lord, and live within me  
Fill my soul with your life and love.  
You are the vine, and we the branches,  
Though we are many, in you we are one."

Hoping all our little friends, who are soon to make their First Communion, will like Francois' story and have a lovely day.  
ay a prayer for Francois. He is in Africa.

Peig Lynch (Salesian Co-operator)

## COLOURING COMPETITION

### Winners of April Edition

Ages 4 - 7.

1st Prize:  
Virginia Breslin, 2 Leinster Pk, Maynooth.

2nd Prize:  
Grainne Carwood, 79 Kingsbry, Maynooth

Runners-Up:  
Pearl Byrne, 342 Greenfield, Maynooth  
Darragh Carr, 21 Rail Pk., Maynooth  
Ciaran McKeivitt, 41 Laurence Ave, Maynooth

Ages 8 - 12

1st Prize:  
Clare Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth

2nd Prize:  
Elizabeth Whittaker, Mariavilla, Maynooth

Runners-Up:  
Marlene Filbert, 47 Cluain-Aiobhinn, Maynooth  
Brian McGlinchey, 10 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.



Extra copies of the children's colouring competition page are available in the Community Council Office.

There are now two categories for the Children's Colouring Competition.  
Ages 4 - 7 and 8 - 12

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

# STREET



# TALKING

**In Yer Bike!**  
 Few of a number of proposed new businesses in Maynooth in the near future, including a bicycle shop in what was formerly the post office in the Main Street. As the flattest county in Ireland, Kildare will never be a prime skiing resort, but it is ideally suited for cycling, potholes notwithstanding. With summer coming, a tour on two wheels around the countryside is an excellent way of keeping fit.

Looking ahead, the Nissan Classic Cycle Race is again scheduled to pass through Maynooth. The event, upgraded in international standing this year, will be held in the first week of October and will range down as far as Kerry. Last year Maynooth was the first town passed through after the start; this year Maynooth will be visited as the race reaches its climax on the last stage, with Sean Kelly, Stephen Roche, Martin Early leading the rest of the field (we hope) from Naas through Maynooth and on to the final laps in Dublin.

Given the interest provoked by the event, surely it will be an occasion for the local businesses (new bike shop included) to organise a mini-street-festival for the crowds which will undoubtedly turn out.

## Coal Shoulder?

During the months the Newsletter received an anonymous letter, presumably from a resident of Kingsbry estate, making allegations about the coal supply business carried on by Billy McCrory, and objecting to the Newsletter's carrying advertisements for his goods. The complainant not having signed the letter, we were unable to check, even in confidence, the precise details of his or her grudge and whether or not there were grounds for pursuing the matter. The writer did give the impression of a coal yard being established in a Kingsbry back-garden.

We did, however, contact Mr. McCrory who talked frankly to us. His comment is that his coal lorry, loaded, is often parked outside his house overnight. No coal or fuel (other than the usual amount for his own household purposes) is kept on his premises at Kingsbry. He is providing a service for the community, and many of his neighbours appreciate his being there

when running low on fuel at a weekend or after hours. There is a dog kept, as a guard against overnight theft.

As to the rights and wrongs of this issue, "Street Talking" makes no pronouncement. We would merely observe that it is a situation which the Kingsbry residents, who include Mr. McCrory among their number, should be able to settle. But anonymous letters of complaint are immature and unhelpful in every respect.

## Shops and Stops

Residents may have been alarmed at recent newspaper advertisements regarding the sale of Greenfield's Shopping Centre (in receivership); this, however, is unlikely to affect the day to day business of those traders with space in the Centre. The supermarket and other units will

continue as heretofore.

Meanwhile, Finerty House at the Dublin end of the village is being offered for sale by Coonan's for conversion to shop units. Finerty House, recently divided in a number of self-contained apartments, is one of three distinguished houses on the approaches to Maynooth; it will be a loss to our townscape.

The proposed development does show how Maynooth's street is lengthening. With the shopping mall and Post Office at O'Brien's, more and more business is conducted at that end of the town. Is it not high time that a controlled pedestrian crossing was provided at that spot? This would help the pensioners who have to get to the post office, the residents of O'Neill Park, the children from the convent, and shoppers generally. Local representatives, please act!

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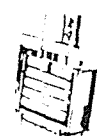
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## PADRE PIO

Did you know that a Padre Pio Prayer Group was formed in the parish over a year ago? The group meets in Church on the last Thursday of the month. It consists of Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary. The prayer for canonisation of Padre Pio is said.

Padre Pio was the son of a very poor Italian couple. He joined the priesthood at fifteen. During his life he received many blessings and lots of sufferings from God. He had the wounds of the Crucified Christ for fifty years. He spent many hours hearing Confessions. Many hardened sinners received many graces because of his holiness. His sanctity was talked of world wide and thousands flocked to assist at his offering of Holy Mass.

His unquestionable obedience to his superiors at all times and in all situations was exemplary. All this together with his many sufferings, he offered up to God in atonement for sinners.

He died almost twenty years ago but left behind many spiritual children, who meet at his Prayer Groups, once a month, all over the world.

The first Irish Seminar on Padre Pio was held in Maynooth College almost three years ago. Nineteen hundred people from all over Ireland attended.

May 16th of this year is a very special Padre Pio Prayer Day, which will be held in the Sports Complex in Belfield University College, Dublin.

Put the date in your diary. It is the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the holy Italian priest of your own time.

There is an Irish Office for Padre Pio literature and videos at 58, Dufferin Avenue, Dublin 6. The Maynooth Prayer Group have a video - the latest made in his life. If you would like to see it, just ring 285453.

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## FAMILY SOLIDARITY

Family Solidarity founded its Maynooth Branch last August. Meeting is held in the SVD hostel on the last Thursday of each month.

- The reason for its formation:
1. to defend your constitutional rights
  2. to oppose any laws which undermine Christian family values
  3. to seek to ensure that your children receive proper morally based sex education and formation in charity
  4. to campaign for the restoration of a just and equitable child tax allowance and a just level of family taxation
  5. to advise and support Irish families, especially those in difficulties.

"For evil to triumph it is only necessary for good people to do nothing" - Edmund Burke

So, all you good people, listen well:- Public Meeting of Family Solidarity in the Parish Hall on Ascension Thursday at 8.30 p.m. Please make a note of the day and date - **Thurs. 28th May.** We will have a guest speaker from the head office.

Membership is open to all residents of the Republic of Ireland who are prepared to accept the aims and objectives of the movement. Membership is not restricted by any regard to race, sex, class or creed.

The philosophy of Family Solidarity derives from:-

1. The Natural Law
2. The Irish Constitution
3. Principles of Social Justice
4. Familiaris Consortio
5. The Charter of the Rights of the Family.

The National Branch of Family Solidarity was founded in Church Street,

Dublin in August 1984. I attended that meeting and was convinced that we needed such guidance in Maynooth. It took two years to get a Branch established. The effectiveness of our Branch depends on your full co-operation, folks. Please lend a helping hand. We all have our own time tables to follow, this I understand, but please give just one evening a month to this worthwhile work. As Archbishop Kevin reminded us - "No family, no individual has the right to be unconcerned or to leave it to others to do the needful, to every family, to every individual the message must strike home: this is your affair - the future of the Irish family depends on you".

Looking forward to meeting you.

Regina McKibben (Sec.)



# TEEN WORLD

## INFO

Swedish heart-throbs A-Ha have just announced that they are to record the next track from the new Bond movie: Living Daylights.

Morton, Pal and Mags join such serious Mega-stars as Paul McCartney, Riley Bassey, Carley Simon and Duran Duran as Bond songsters.

Last week the boys were introduced to a bevy of beauties who will appear in the movie, at a reception to announce the deal. The only qualms that Morten had was that he wasn't picked to play Bond. That job is going to Timothy Dalton. Incidentally, the lads all agreed that they were big fans of Bond, having seen all the movies. (The film The Spy Who Loved Me, starring Roger Moore, is partly filmed in Scandinavia).

Recording the Bond theme means the band are guaranteed a massive world-wide hit, but let's hope that the same problems that hit Duran won't happen to them.



Pet Shop Boys

## ELECTRONIC DUO

Pet Shop Boys are at the moment writing and recording material for their new album which they hope to release in September. The band release a new single in June. Singer Neill Tennant was once a journalist for Pop Magazine Smash Hits,



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David Bowie

## CONCERT NEWS

By the time this issue of the Newsletter goes to print Duran Duran would have played their concert in the RDS. Only 6,000 tickets have been sold. They had been due to play two concerts, but because of bad ticket sales they now only do the one gig on Wednesday 22nd.

David Bowie is coming. The Megastar has finally agreed to add our Green Shores to his World Tour diary. The date: July 18th at Slane Castle. Roll on 18th July!

## TOP 10 SINGLES (Virgin Megastore)

1. Ferry Aid — Let it be
2. U2 — With or Without You
3. Mel & Kim — Respectable
4. Pogues & Dubs — Irish Rover
5. Boy George — Everything I own
6. Madonna — Le Isla Bonita
7. Prince — Sign of the times
8. Judy Brucke — Can't be with you to-night
9. Club Nouveaux — Lean on Me
10. Alison Moyet — Weak in the presence of beauty

## TOP 5 ALBUMS

1. Joshua Tree — U2
2. Graceland — Paul Simon
3. Men & Women — Simply Red
4. (NEW) Into the Fire — Brian Adams
5. Different Light — Bangles



# GIGS WITH A STING

Stockton's Wing, In Tua Nua, The Dubliners, Joe Dolan to name but a few of the guests that have appeared in the Mill in Celbridge. Two of the gigs are going to be reviewed and we hope we do not offend anyone with the... Firstly, Stockton's Wing. They gave a great performance and the general atmosphere of the gig was happy and lively. It was a sit-down gig and everyone joined in, what with clapping and stamping to the sound of the groups jazzed up version of traditional Irish music. The crowd were delighted with the performance and screamed for encores. The price of the ticket was £5 and that also included a disco afterwards with a bar extension. Everyone seemed quite happy to have spent a fiver as a good night was to be had by all. The group itself seemed to enjoy themselves as they sang some of their more popular songs like "Walk Away, Talk Away" etc.

In Tue Nua, the latest thing since U2 in Ireland, played in the Mill in early April. The name In Tua Nua rings a bell and they are a well liked group with all ages. There is of course a certain cult between Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Lucan that go crazy even when the

name is spoken. They are called the UNDER 18's, actually they are well UNDER 18. Well, THEY were in the Mill in all their glory awaiting their pride and joy In Tua Nua. The style of clothing seemed to be black, black and more black. While the music played on, the underaged followers seemed to be well on, or should we put it straight for those of you who are naive — "DRUNK AS SKUNKS". It was an absolute disgrace. There were *girls and boys* of no more than 15 years of age falling all over the place drunk. You just did not look the part unless you were dressed in black, were loud mouthed, showed off, fell a few times, spilt a few pints all over some innocent person, also were full of drink and UNDERAGE. There was of course a lovely sign hanging over the bar reading No Under 18's Served. It should have read No Under 12's. That would have been more accurate. We are not branding every teenager that was there as the above, just most of them. We did see SOME quite normal teenagers just there to listen and enjoy the music. Whereas the others had something up their sleeve beside their arm. It was a pity the Mill allowed such a thing like that to happen.

They need not deny that this behaviour did not go on because there were bouncers looking on is disgust. They did nothing about the carry on. If they were served at the bar in the first place then there was nothing anyone could do except look on and feel contempt for the little fools. If the Mill went to the bother of putting up a sign then why not adhere to it?

There was a disco after the gig, but as you could well imagine we had had quite enough pints thrown over us and stepping into techni-colour yawns, that we left. It was an awful pity it happened because In Tua Nua were excellent. The ticket was also £5 for this gig, which also included a disco (no bar extension) and a Liga biscuit.

There are certain rumours going around that Light a Big Fire and Blue in Heaven are supposed to play in the Mill in the near future. Hopefully we will be able to improve our report on their gigs.

Well all you underaged drinkers, WATCH OUT — we could put our finger on YOU.

## Happy Events in the Harbour

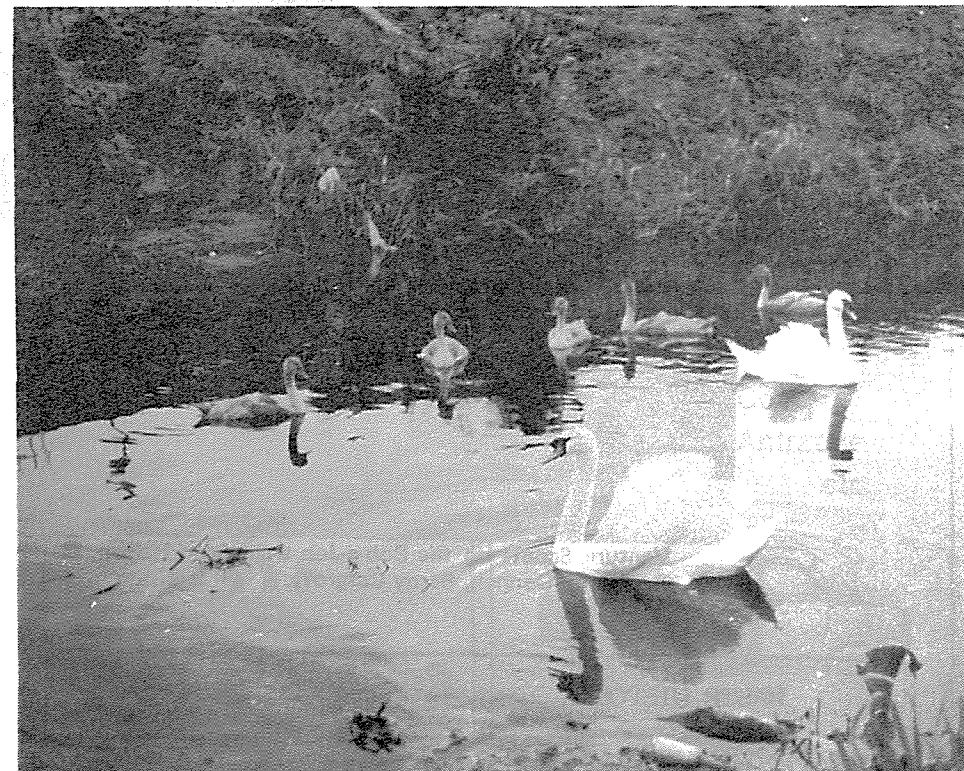
The swan family in the harbour are busy preparing for another batch of new arrivals. There has been considerable construction work involved in building a high rise nest, and all of this carried out without any government grants by the happy couple themselves.

Some residents will have followed with great interest the progress of last year's brood. Starting off with nine cygnets, natural processes whittled the number down to five. These grew slowly into fine swans over the year, and have now moved off to other territories.

The harsh winter, particularly the snows in January nearly finished off the family. As the canal froze over, the swans became iced in, to the concern of many admirers. They were quickly rescued by the local fire brigade who risked losing various parts of their anatomies in their efforts to release the very frightened swans.

With bread from the Elite bakery, and grain from Kavanagh's Mill, the swans were well looked after, by the fire brigade, and many others who took the trouble to ensure that they would survive.

The swans give a great deal of pleasure to the many people who venture along the canal. A debt of gratitude is due to all of those who helped to look after their welfare.



## Scouting in Maynooth

Since the formation of the 8th Kildare Scout unit in Maynooth we have developed from just a handful of members to over 120.

The general activities vary from each group within the troop with leaders participating in games, artwork and various crafts with the beaver Scouts. As the age group increases greater independence is given to the groups up to the Venturers, where the Venturers develop their own activities and projects. Such activities have included overnight hiking, winning up with other units to expand possibilities of further activities, Regional Quizzes, and outdoor pursuits. The most ambitious activity in the Venturers since the setting up of the group three years ago was the Irish Explorers Belt held in Scotland. The group sent two teams of two on a hike of one hundred and twenty five miles in which projects of historical and geographical nature were carried out and a daily log of the hike was also kept. The Venturers are going to the Isle

this, the group is fundraising by doing odd jobs. A phone number will be given for anybody interested in having jobs done such as window cleaning, cleaning out stables, car washes, painting, gardening and almost any other jobs possible. Recent activities have included fundraising for charities such as the Lions Club.

The Venturers are a mixed group, involving young people between the ages of 15 to 20 years.

The scouts are of a younger age from 11 to 15 years. Of late the group have increased in numbers which gives more chances to the members to meet others of a similar age group and to learn of the different people within the Maynooth locality. The Scouts meet on Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m.

Cubs cater for younger people interested in Scouting. At the moment there are two Cub packs in Maynooth due to their popularity. The groups meet on Saturdays at between 2.30 and 4.00 and on Tuesdays between 7 and 8.30 p.m. Earlier this year the Maynooth cubs took Tuam by storm and stayed overnight in Tuam's well equipped Den.

The youngest section of the scouting movement are the Beavers. This is more of a formal playgroup which meets with other Beaver groups for activities assisted by their leaders and Venturers if needed.

The members of the Scout troop are thankful to all of the leaders and for the time they have given and the dedication shown at all times.

Anybody interested in joining the group from Beavers up to the leaders, can contact Anthony Muldowney at 286033.

Also, anybody wanting jobs or any work done up to Mid June can phone 286769 between 7 and 9 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Thanks to all who have supported us throughout the years. Without Community support and the constant help of our leaders, many young people in Maynooth would have lost out on much enjoyment.



Venture Scouts on the Bob-a-Job trail: Sean Halton, Maria Gillespie, Kerry Clifford, Robbie McDonnell, Barney Cosgrove.

## BOB'S



## KITCHEN

### CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS EN CROUTE

#### Serves 6

- 6 Chicken Drumsticks
- 2 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
- Salt and Pepper
- 2 Tablespoons French Mustard
- ½ lb Rough Puff or Flaky Pastry
- Beaten Egg to glaze

1. Skin and wipe drumsticks. Heat oil and fry drumsticks for 5-10 minutes until browned.
2. Drain drumsticks and allow to cool. Using a small sharp knife slash flesh at ½" intervals.
3. Sprinkle drumsticks liberally with salt and pepper. Streak with mustard.
4. Roll out Pastry and cut into strips 1" wide and about 12" long.
5. Brush edges with beaten egg. From thick end of each drumstick wind pastry strips around pressing to join.
6. Completely cover drumsticks.
7. Place drumsticks on baking tray and leave for 30 minutes.
8. Brush chicken drumsticks with egg and bake in oven 220°C (425°F) gas mark 7 for 25 minutes.

### CHICKEN STEW

- 1 3 lb Chicken
- Salt and Pepper
- Bouquet Garni
- 8 Medium Onions
- 8 Medium Carrots
- 8 Potatoes
- 2 oz Butter
- 2 oz Flour
- ¾ Pint Chicken Stock
- ¼ Pint Milk

Put chicken into a large saucepan with water to cover, salt, pepper and bouquet garni. Cover the pan, bring to the boil, then simmer gently for 15 minutes. Add the vegetables and simmer for further 45 minutes. Heat the butter in another pan, stir in the flour and cook gently for 2 to 3 minutes. Gently blend in ¾ pint stock from cooking the chicken and the milk. Stir as the sauce comes to the boil and thickens. Season well. Serve with the chicken and vegetables.

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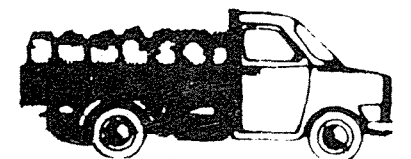
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# POETRY COMPETITION RESULTS

HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW?

Newsletter is happy to announce winners of our recent competition:—

**It Section:**  
 ick Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive,  
 nooth.

**8 yrs:—**  
 ian Byrne, Barrackstown Stud, May-  
 th.

**ler 12's:—**  
 re Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive,  
 ynooth.

prize giving ceremony took place in  
 ynooth Library on Monday 13th  
 ril and was attended by the judges,  
 ry O'Donnell and Bill Tinley (both  
 ets in their own right), the sponsors,  
 amus Smith, Vice-President of the  
 llege and Joe Wall of Cardinal Press,  
 prize winners with their families and  
 ichers and members of the Newsletter  
 ff. Prionnsias Breathnach attended  
 one of his last official duties before  
 nding over the Chairmanship of the  
 ommunity Council. The winning poems  
 are read out to well deserved applause.  
 re judges commented favourably on the  
 eshness and clarity of Clare's poem and  
 ie sensitivity of Gillian's subject and her  
 ourage in writing it. Mr. P. Devaney, a  
 gular contributor of ours, was praised  
 ighly for his work and Bill Tinley  
 marked he could become a poet of  
 ational importance.

Other sponsors who could not attend  
 ere Mr. and Mrs. Barry of Barry's  
 ewsagents and Mr. Henry Cahill of  
 ahill's Newsagent.

## Booklet of Short Stories and Poems

The Newsletter has decided to co-ordi-  
 nate and publish all entries in last year's  
 short story competition and all entries  
 in our recent poetry competition. We will  
 give more details of this in our next  
 issue.

## AUTUMN

Summer is gone  
 Autumn is here  
 She has damp brown  
 leaves in her hair  
 Swallows are gone  
 The trees are bare  
 Breezes stir and bustle

Clare Devaney, 11 yrs

## A FORBIDDEN WISH

I have one wish in this old world  
 My wish is to be born  
 In your womb I am curled  
 Of me you only scorn

But I have caused your heart to ache  
 I give you stress and strain  
 But what right have you to take  
 My life each drop, each grain

But that is what you think  
 I see into your mind  
 Of murder on the brink  
 Mum, think of me be kind

Don't you hear my little cry  
 for my talents which to use  
 Which will be wasted as I die  
 Whilst you through life will cruise

But in time you may regret  
 What you do to me  
 To me you'll leave an unpaid debt  
 Of life I'll never see

Yet mother dear, I'll forgive  
 Your thoughtless act so cruel  
 for not allowing me to live  
 Abortion; Break its Rule!

Gillian Byrne, 17 yrs

## MAN OF ARAN

I won't speak to the strangers.  
 Let them smile and call their HELLO'S  
 Like cuckoos circling the island;  
 The devil take their friendship.  
 Currachs basking near the beach,  
 Our maze of limestone walls,  
 A straw-thatched, whitewashed cottage —  
 These are the things their cameras seek,  
 Sharp greedy eyes snapping us up.  
 They don't approve our sameness,  
 The bungalows built just like theirs,  
 Outboard motors, electric lights, canned  
 food,  
 Headstones carved in Galway.  
 They prefer the picturesque  
 And disregard the price it costs us,  
 The sweat the scythe exacts,  
 The dash by boat or plane to reach a  
 doctor,  
 The binding-severing sea  
 That hems us in when they depart  
 Back to their towns and cities,  
 Leaving us their likenesses,  
 Our children mouthing English phrases.

P.O'D.

Well whatever price he/she is, you better  
 add another £5 onto the cost. The new  
 dog licence law went into action on 1st  
 April. The licence costs £5 for one dog.  
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 licences must be produced. If you have  
 more than 25 dogs a communal licence  
 can be purchased for £100. The licences  
 can be bought in our local post-office.

A dog must wear a leash when out an  
 about with its owner. You could be  
 fined anything from £100-£500 for  
 your little darling if you don't have  
 a licence. If your mutt is found rambling  
 around (looking for a spare tree) and is  
 put in the pound, up to £100 has to be  
 paid for its release.

Maybe this will clamp down on the  
 uncaring owners of dogs in the estates.  
 Your dog might have cost nothing when  
 you got it first, but now it could cost  
 you up to £500. A mans best friend  
 might be his dog, but we think Gold-  
 fish are going to come back into fashion,  
 afterall it will be another 2 years before  
 you'll have to have a licence for them!

## ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Our most ambitious project to date came  
 to a conclusion on the weekend of the  
 4th & 5th April. The first Maynooth  
 Trade Fair was an outstanding success,  
 from the school's and our point of view  
 in filling all available space with exhibi-  
 tions and for the exhibitors the number  
 of people who attended. About 2,500  
 adults. The profits from the Fare are  
 being shared equally between the school  
 and the Canal Group which in reality  
 means — the money goes back into the  
 community.

It is hard to know where to start —  
 thanking all who helped make the pro-  
 ject a success. The School Committee,  
 who worked long and hard over the  
 weekend, the Canal Committee and  
 Community Council workers who have  
 been working on the project since Janua-  
 ry, in particular Mary Horn, Trade Fair  
 Secretary, for her ideas and hard work,  
 Mr. P. O'Connell who has seen his school  
 taken apart and overrun by thousands,  
 the teachers and volunteers who looked  
 after night security.

The work on the canal has come to a  
 stop at the moment but we hope to be  
 back in production in about a month  
 with a new project under the National  
 Manpower Social Employment Scheme  
 which will see the completion of the wall  
 at Bond Bridge and the building of the  
 slipway in the harbour. Our fund raising  
 continues and we are looking for new  
 ideas in this area. So if you can help we  
 would love to hear from you.

M. Connolly, P.R.O.



Newsletter Poetry Awards: Bill Tinley (Judge), Patrick Devaney (Winner), Mrs. Byrne (Mother of Gillian, prizewinner), Clare Devaney (Winner), Professor W.J. Smyth (College, sponsor), Joe Wall (sponsor), Mary O'Donnell (Judge), and Carol Clifford (competition organiser).



Eugene O'Brien opens the Trade Fair.



Carol Clifford, Proinnsias Breathnach and Kay MacKeogh at the NEWSLETTER stand in the Trade Fair.



# GARDENING GUIDE

## LAWNS

More important than the quality of the grass or whether it's weed free is the overall shape and texture of the lawns. A large expanse of grass will look better broken up in some way: a small lawn will be more interesting if it has a distinctive shape.

Small circular lawns can be very effective in a small garden. So can a rectangular, sunken, or raised lawn. If you also look after the grass so that it's always healthy and green, even a small patch of grass will look right if it clearly forms an important part of the garden design.

## BEDS AND BORDERS

### Casual Planting

Try using bedding plants in groups as fillers between young shrubs and herbaceous perennials, or to bring colour to the front of a border.

### Formal Bedding.

The basic designs are usually geometric, oval, round or square island beds, viewed from all sides, lend themselves well to formal bedding.

One of the basic rules about plant height is to have dwarf plants in front of tall ones. It not only allows the dwarf plants to be seen properly it also conceals the stems of taller plants. It is best to plant very tall plants against a wall otherwise they may need staking.

### Planting Summer Bedding

If you're buying your bedding plants make a point of looking for healthy plants, look for:-

- 1) Good Leaf Colour
- 2) Even growth within seed trays or growth of pots.
- 3) Moist Compost.

### Preparing The Ground

Bedding plants don't need a particularly rich soil, and they don't need a lot of feeding, but they will respond to a little extra care when you prepare the ground.

Aim for a minimum of 8-10 inches of good topsoil. Fork over the ground and try to work a bucketful of garden compost or peat into each square yard. If the soil is very heavy, it will also be worth adding the same amount of coarse sand. If it's very sandy it is worth being a bit more generous with the peat.

If the soil's very dry and there is no prospect of immediate rain, water the beds thoroughly the day before planting. Unless the compost is already moist, water the plants before planting, then allow them to drain.

## Gymnastic Classes

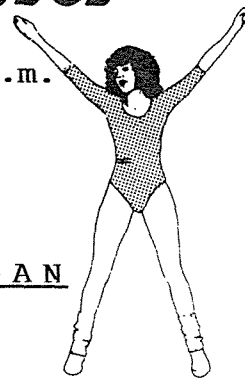
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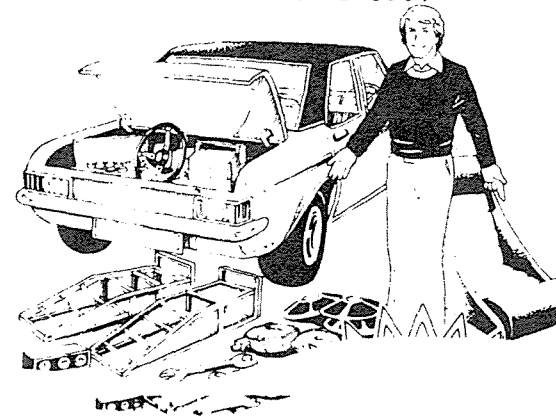
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# BLINDS

## TAGHADOE

Some people may be unaware that among  
our many historic buildings in the  
Maynooth area is a round tower, located  
in Taghadoo. To get to Taghadoo, turn  
right at the E.S.B. station on the Straffan  
Road, or left at Lady Chapel on the  
Jewtown Road.

This area has an interesting history.  
The name means the house of St. Tua,  
who was connected with the monastery  
in Clane, founded in the 6th century.

Like all religious settlements near the  
coast it was attacked by the Danes in the  
9th and 10th centuries and to provide a  
place of refuge for the community and  
their valuables a Round Tower was built.  
The Taghadoo Round Tower was built  
of limestone and the middle portion of  
the tower is much better built than the  
remainder. The present remains are 65  
feet in height; it is 9 ft. wide inside the  
base and 51 ft. in circumference. The  
doorway is 12½ ft. from the ground and  
the wall of the doorway is 3½ ft. thick.  
Near the top are a series of holes in the  
wall of the tower which may have served  
to support scaffolding. The tower may  
not have been completely finished.

On the coming of the Normans there  
was a church and tower at Taghadoo.  
It was small, similar to the other small  
churches at Laraghbryan and Donagh-  
more, near Maynooth. About 1170 the  
extensive lands of North Kildare, in the  
Maynooth area were granted to Maurice  
Fitzgerald, who built the castle in  
Maynooth. In 1240 one of the Fitzgeralds  
gave to the church of St. Thomas the  
Martyr of Dublin the church of Taghadoo.

Following the Reformation about  
1539, the church became unused. About  
100 years after the Reformation, in  
1641, a great rebellion swept over the  
North Kildare area. Armies marched and  
counter-marched, burning and destroying  
what belonged to the enemy. After 1641  
the old church in Taghadoo was reduced  
to a ruin.

The 1655 Survey of County Kildare  
shows that the lands of Taghadoo were  
owned by George, Earl of Kildare. There  
was on the lands of Taghadoo one castle,  
that in 1641 had been valued at £60 for  
letting purposes, but which was ruined  
in the rebellion and in 1655 valued at  
£40.

In 1794 a drawing of Taghadoo, look-  
ing from the North-West, showed the  
tower on the right and a badly ruined  
church on the left. The gable of the  
church, near the tower, had a cross on  
its summit.

In 1831 a new Protestant church was  
built, probably with the materials from  
the remains of the castle mentioned in  
1655. The Ordnance Survey Map of

1837 shows the ruins of the Catholic  
Church and the new Protestant one.  
The base of the tower was used as a coal  
shed for the new church and a gap was  
broken in the base to enable the people  
to get in and out.

This church was used up to 1870  
when the Church of Ireland was dis-  
established and the church again fell  
into disuse.

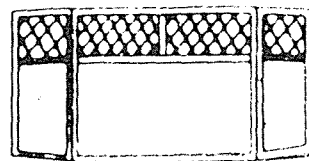
In 1886 the Round Tower became a  
National monument. The door in the  
base of the church was built up and the  
ivy stripped from the tower. During later  
years the cemetery that had been used for  
burials probably all through its history,  
became overgrown with weeds and trees.

However the Office of Public Works  
have done a magnificent job in recent  
years, in stripping away the ivy and  
vegetation smothering the buildings and  
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to appreciate the view of the tower  
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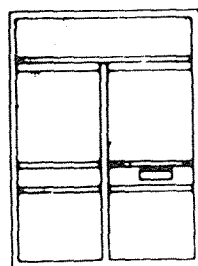
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their engagement.

### SYMPATHY

Sympathy to Adrian Downes and Anne  
Burns of Railpark on the death of  
Adrian's mother in Sligo.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The daughter and family of the late  
Mary Murray wish to thank all those who  
sympathised with us during our sad  
bereavement, to all who attended removal,  
Mass and funeral, to those who sent Mass  
cards, wreaths and floral tributes. A  
special thanks to our family doctor and  
nurse for their kindness also the priests of  
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### Band Bulletin Note

The Bands Concert will be held on Sunday,  
3rd May, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall,  
Maynooth and not on 26th April, in Kilcock  
as had been previously stated in last months  
Newsletter.

### THANKYOU

Dolores Quinn wishes to thank all  
those residents of Greenfield Estate  
who voted for her in the recent  
Community Council Elections.

### INTERNATIONALS in NORTH KILDARE

The North Kildare Invitation Rugby  
Seven-A-Side Tournament held in the  
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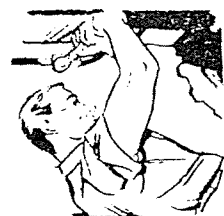
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### DEBS BALL 1987

In 1977 six students from the previous Leaving Cert. year came together to discuss the possibility of setting up a Past Pupils Union. In order to ascertain whether there would be any interest in this idea they decided to hold a dinner dance, confined to past pupils of the school. During this time the school approached the newly formed committee to see whether the Leaving Cert. of that particular year could also be included, as it would provide a fitting ceremonial Debut night.

This year Maynooth Post-Primary school celebrated its tenth annual Debs Ball at the Hotel Kaedeen, Newbridge on the sixth of February. The evening was both formal, on the one hand, and relaxed on the other. After a splendid meal: for which thanks must be extended to all the staff of the Hotel Kaedeen, for their top notch service, thoroughly enjoyable dinner, not to mention giving up their free time for the evening.

Mr. Thomas Ashe, Principal, and Mr. Ciaran Dockery, Vice Principal, presented each individual Deb with a scroll commemorating their Debs night, as well as all their years in the school. Father Supple gave an encouraging speech which was also full of praise.

Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Year Master, and Chairman of the Debs committee for this year, was presented with a token of the Year's affection and esteem. Mrs. Marie Gorey, Mrs. Clare Martin and Mrs. Mona Murphy were all presented with bouquets for their unfailing help in making the Debs night succeed. Six members of the very first Debs night were also presented with special presentations, among them Dominic Nyland, who has been a constant helper and organiser of the Debs through the years. Mr. William Coughlan, a much loved teacher, was also given a special presentation, for helping to organise each Debs Ball, since its inception. Master Darren Gaffney and Miss Patricia Nevin gave a joint speech on behalf of the Year and Michael Kelly and Sarah Breslin also delivered a joint speech on behalf of the committee. Miss Bernadette Travers presented the bouquets.

During the years the PPU worked hard in many ways in order to raise funds to have a debs night. One of their most successful and innovative ideas was that of Organising scholarships to the Kerry Gaeltacht. Unfortunately, over the last two or three years the PPU has ceased to function due to lack of manpower, but if there are any Past Pupils who would like to help it would be greatly appreciated. A word of thanks must also go to the band, Panache, who provided non-stop live music through the night & performed brilliantly. Also thanks must be extended to Mr. Oliver Crossan for his first class photography, which will be a reminder to all of us of our Debs night.

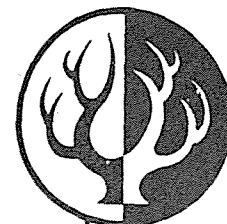
Without the interest or permission of Mr. Thomas Ashe and Mr. Ciaran Dockery, the Debs would not and could not exist — so, many thanks.

Finally, as this was the tenth annual Debs Ball it was a special one for we the students. Cuirimid buiochas croiuiil do gach einne a ghlac páirt ann and here's to the next ten years.

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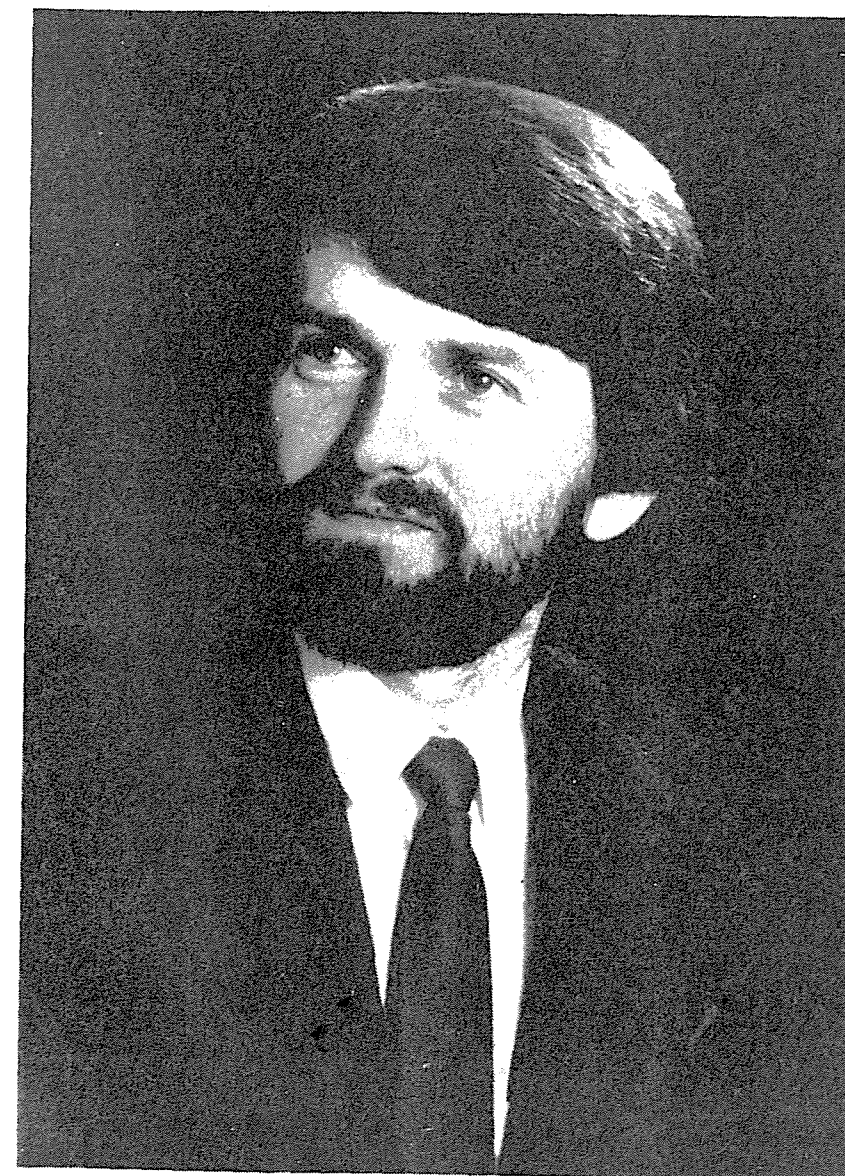
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