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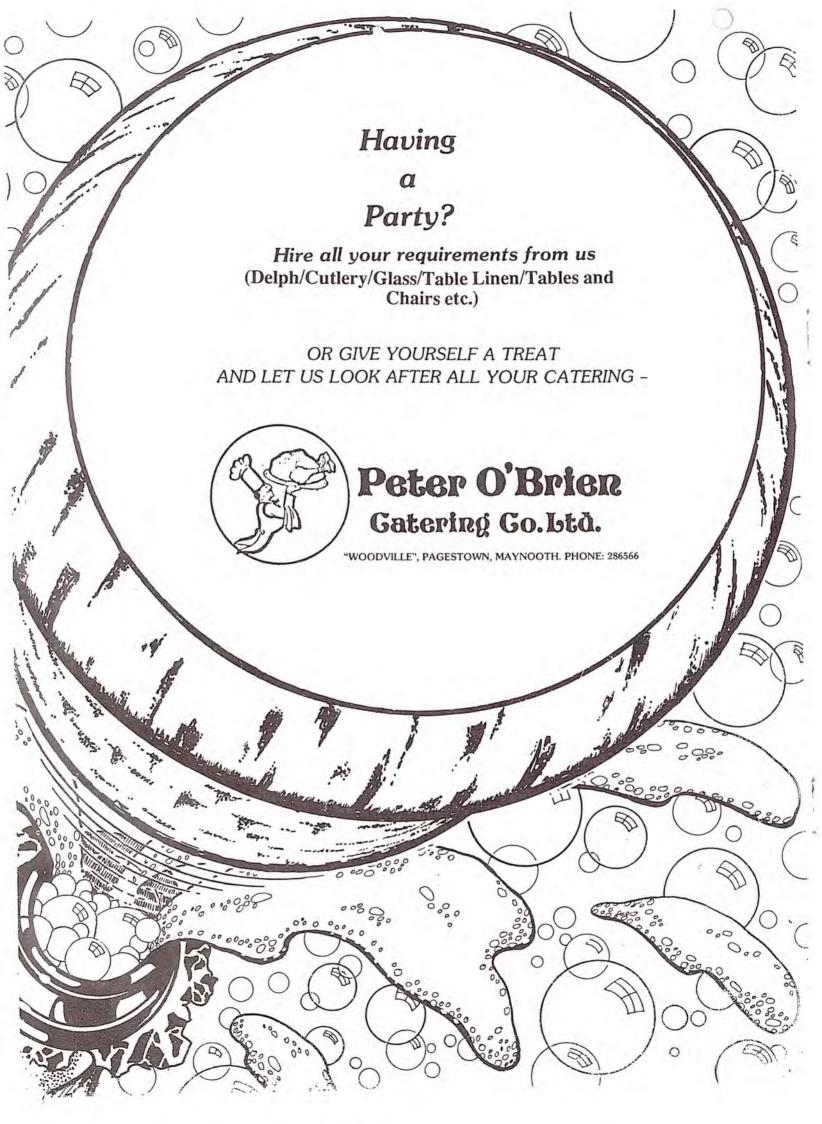
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Any contributor seeking further guidelines in this matter is invited to contact the committee.

#### NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

We request all of our contributors to make sure their material is legible. If possible, material should be typed, but as not everyone has access to typewriters, the best way to present material is to use either neat legible writing or block letters, on one side of the paper only.

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# **Editorial**

The Young Drinkers

The problem of under age drinking has surfaced again in Maynooth, we are reliably informed. The Newsletter has received reports of wholesale abuse of alcohol, by young people who are unable to handle the effects. Many of the functions attended by Maynooth teenagers, alcohol is served regardless of the age of the consumer. The enevitable occurs in the form of drunkeness and violence. We would ask parents to discuss with their children the problems caused by alcohol, particularly for young people whose lives can be ruined so easily. Observe your children when they return from functions. If they have been served alcohol while they are aged under eighteen, remember, a crime has been committed. It is up to parents to control this abuse of our young people. Parents would be up in arms if drug pushers were found in our midst. In some ways alcohol can cause as much damage as drugs to vulnerable young people. Don't let the alcohol pushers flourish in Maynooth.

#### Welcome

This month we welcome on board two new Social Employment Scheme Workers, Christina Saults from Parson Street and Anthony Morgan from Carton Court.

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# Community Council

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

In her report to the Annual General Meeting the Chairwoman stated that a lot of work had been achieved in 1987. The new Council and Executive had taken office in April, and the majority of the Executive were not only new to their positions, but also to the Council itself. The Secretary's Report had fully documented the activities and achievements, and many new events had been entered into.

She thanked the Executive, particularly Mary Murtagh and Dominic Nyland, for their time, hard work and support.

The sub-committees, both Council and non-Council members.

Frances McNicholas and Kathy Robson for their invaluable work as Administrators in the Council office.

Shelly Breslin, Mary Moran and Janet Nolan for their work as Assistant Administrators in the office.

The Social Employment Scheme workers for their work on the Newsletter, the Exhibition, and their willingness to help with any of the various activities during the year.

A special thanks to the Administrators and to the supervisor Norah McDermott for the time and energy which they contributed to the Council in the office.

The Editorial Committee of the Maynooth Newsletter.

Tom Ashe and the caretaking staff of Maynooth Post Primary School.

John Saults and the authorities of Maynooth College for the facilities.

Those not involved in the Council who helped with the Open Day in Carton House.

Proinnsias Breathnach and John McGinley for their advice and help.

The Chairwoman said that since the Social Employment Scheme had been renewed further progress would be

made in 1988. She stressed the importance of the Old Maynooth Exhibition and pursuing the Swimming Pool project. It was obvious that finances were extremely healthy but there was a need to fund-raise vigorously. She also stated that support should be given to the Community Enterprise sub-committee in their efforts to begin co-operatives and provide badly needed employment.

Finally, she thanked the Council itself for its support and contribution. The AGM re-elected the outgoing officers.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain.

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES**

The Community Council offices still operate from Town Centre Mall with their new entrance from the Main Street alongside the delicatessen. Kathy Robson is our Administrator with Assistant Administrator Janet Nolan.

Sports Complex/Swimming Pool
Tom Ashe of the Post Primary school
approached the Community Council
with the view to establishing a
swimming pool. It seemed a good
idea to pursue this and leave the idea
of the sports complex for a while. A
committee has been set up accordingly.

Community Enterprise Programme A committee was established with the view to extending secretarial services in Maynooth. An application was made for an AnCo course. However after a survey carried out on various skills the offer of an AnCo course was withdrawn. This is now under investigation by the committee.

The Secretary of the Community Council Mary Murtagh has made representations to the various authorities on issues such as piped T.V., public transport, public conveniences, crime and policing, Laraghbryan, cutbacks and the sports complex.

The Community information centre still operates from the Library under the direction of Frances Daly.

We have four sub-committees:

- 1. Communications. They are dealing at the moment with the old Maynooth exhibition and are a link between us and the Newsletter.
- 2. Youth affairs, who are involved in Community Games and are responsible for the Douai Boy's Choir.
- 3. Tidy Towns sub-committee have tried very hard to clean areas around Maynooth but the public response was very poor.
- 4. Social and Recreation were involved in St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Week, Carton House opening and our Halloween Dance.

We also had a very successful Flag Day last year.

The Newsletter and old Maynooth exhibition are helped by our social employment scheme workers under

the supervision of Norah McDermott.

This year we acquired Christmas tree lights for the tree in the Square.

The Community Council would like to thank everyone who has helped them over the last few months. We hope that 1988 is an even better year.

Mary Murtagh. Secretary.

#### MAYNOOTH ENTERPRISE GROUP

Under the auspices of Maynooth Community Council a new sub-committee has been formed. The ultimate aims of this group are to provide employment in the area. We now require expertise in all areas from dedicated committed people to carry out the aims of the enterprise group.

All enquiries to:-

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain, Chairwoman, . Maynooth Community Council,

OR

Contact:

Community Council Office, Town Centre Mall, Main St., Maynooth Phone: 285922

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 1987

#### Summary of Income and Expenditure

	1987	1986	Change
	Ir£	Ir£	Ir£
Income	4456.58	1308.81	3147.77
Expenditure	(2607.11)	(2418.35 )	188.76
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Dominic Nyland Treasurer.

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# Letters

10th Jan. 1988.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to complain about the state of the footpaths in Maynooth Main Street. When I walk down the town there are puddles everywhere. Cars drive on the footpaths and splash me. There are potholes all over the place. When I walk by "O'Neills" Butcher cars nearly knock us down. I can't understand why the County Council spent money on the Dunboyne Road beside the Convent when they would have a better investment out of cleaning and fixing up the paths in the main street.

Yours sincerely, Edward Kehoe, Donoughmore House, Pikes Bridge, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

#### Residents' Associations News.

#### GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The committee met again early in the New Year, having survived the Christmas holiday.

Lighting

Because Kildare County Council have disconnected so many lights on our Estate the committee will be calling to each house with a petition to the Council. We ask every household to sign, so that we can make a strong case for reconnection.

#### Fence — Laurence Avenue

Excellent work has been carried out on the fence by members of committee. But there was very little additional

help from other residents.

#### 67 A Bus

This bus is now running regularly, and timetables are found in Aidan's shop and at the newsagents in Abbey St. beside the 66 bus-stop. Since we have long pressed for this service, we would hope that residents will avail of it now that it is in operation.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

With the lights disconnected, there has been, and there will be, an increase in crime and vandalism in the area. Therefore, Richard Farrell and Tom Purcell are to hold a meeting to organise the Watch programme. Those who expressed interest will be contacted shortly.

Supper Dance

We are delighted to announced that the annual Supper Dance will be held on the 27th February in "Slevins" of Dunboyne. This is a Saturday night, tickets are extremely cheap at £8 each and the music will be provided by the Partners. Come out and support the function, since we often complain that there is nowhere to go! This is the time to come out of hibernation and to celebrate the end of winter! There will be plenty of spot prizes, and the more that attend the merrier!

Finally, we sympathise with Dolores Quinn, 13 Laurence Avenue on the death of her mother, Mrs. Kinsella, just before Christmas.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, P.R.O.

# CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A belated "Happy New Year" to all our residents. The Christmas party was a great sucess and those who couldn't make it missed a very enjoyable night. Our thanks to Jack and the staff of the Leinster Arms. Congratulations to all who won turkeys in our non stop Christmas draw. We now revert to the usual monthly draw.

The good news from the Department of Agriculture is that our trees are not suffering from 'Fireblyte', however uncertainty still exists as to what is killing the trees, although some of the damage is attributed to our dogs and residents are again asked to exercise strict control of their pets.



#### **COLLEGE NEWS:**

The most talked about event in the College this month is the recording of Songs of Praise featuring Maynooth College and the Community. The recording of this programme started in the middle of January but it will not hit our screens until late March or April.

During the month we had two visits. One, John O'Connor, the well known pianist, who delighted both students and staff with a lunch-time concert on the 18th. AND Cardinal Josef Glemp, Primate of the Catholic Church in Poland. Cardinal Glemp attended an ecumenical service on the 21st.

The Science and Nature programme ZERO featured (yet again) Prof. Susan McKenna-Lawlor and her company Space Technology Ireland Ltd. (STIL). This time we got to see some of the BOYS that work with her. Rumour has it that the company hope to expand their building in the college even more in the year.

In the John Paul II Library the Librarian is exhibiting vandalised books and explaining the care of them. This is the first exhibition of its kind in Ireland. The Librarian is hoping to educate students and staff on how to use a book. The exhibition is well worth seeing and continues until the end of February.

Exam fever is already hitting the students. There have been sightings of the early birds catching the first dew as they make their way to the Library before the staff. That's definitely called exam fever!!!

#### MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Members are asked to note that a new system of membership charges has been introduced, as and from the 1st January 1988.

All adults will pay an annual membership charge of £2.00. In addition, a fee 10p per item will be charged on items (i.e. books and cassettes) borrowed from the Adult Library.

All members of the Juvenile Library

will pay an annual charge of £1.00. There will be no further charges on items borrowed from the Juvenile Library — and children are now allowed to borrow childrens tapes.

Persons who have paid a full membership fee within the past year will not be liable to any further charges until their current member-

ship expires.

Since exemptions from the membership charges have been discontinued, those whose membership fees have here to fore been waived on foot of these exemptions will be liable for the new charges from January 1st, 1988.

Recent additions to stock in the branch include:

#### FICTION

Hogan, Desmond — The Leaves of Grey.

King, Stephen — Firestarter. Nelson, Dorothy — Tar and Feathers. O'Donnell, Peadar — Islanders. Tolkien, J.R.R. — Farmer Giles of Ham.

#### NON FICTION

Baigent, Michael Et Al — The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail.

Murphy, Dervla — On a Shoestring to Coorg.

A Portrait of the Artist as a young girl
— La Rue, Danny — From Drags to
Riches.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our borrowers and browsers a very happy New Year.

Margaret Walsh-Gannon.

#### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION BOY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

On Saturday, February 13th, we are giving you all a chance to turn the clock back, by rocking to the music of the "Sixties", when we present our 60's night in the Hitchin' Post. Judging from the great night we had last year, there is lots of fun in store for us. There will be prizes for the best dressed in ladies fashion, so now is your chance to launch an attack on the attic. There will be lots of other prizes too.

Tickets are on sale at £2.00 each, (now thats value) and can be had from committee members, boy's school or at the door on the night. Come early and avoid the crowds.

Anne O'Malley. Secretary.

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#### TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK:

We are delighted to report that £1,349 was raised in sponsorship. Our thanks to all who walked or who sponsored a walker. The cheque was presented to Maynooth Old Folks Committee by Deputy Stagg just before Christmas.

#### ADVICE SERVICE:

We would like to remind people that Emmet Stagg attends at the Meeting Room, Caulfields each Saturday from 4.00 approx. unitl 5.30.

#### MOYGLARE ROAD:

The following reply was received by Deputy Stagg:

"Re: Complaint from Mr. T. Ashe, Principle, Maynooth Post Primary School.

#### Dear Deputy,

I refer to yours of the 25.11.87 concerning the above.

The Salesian College is situated on the Maynooth to Celbridge Road, a Regional Road which carries heavy traffic. The improvements in progress at present have been sought for a number of years and are being financed by grants from the Department of the Environment.

The Maynooth Post Primary School, however, is situated on the Moyglare Road, a County Road, which the Council must repair from its own resources. It is superfluous for me to point out at this stage how inadequate these resources are. In these circumstances there are no funds available at present for County Road improvement works."

There has been copious correspondence between the Council and Mr. Ashe about the state of this County Road. I have arranged for some routine maintenance work to be carried out on drainage and pavements as early as possible in the New Year.

#### PLANNING DECISION:

O. Reilly, Finerty House, Dublin Rd., has been granted permission for change of use from residential to three shop units and four 1-bed flats.

#### PLANNING APPLICATION:

The Eastern Health Board have applied for permission for change of use of a house in the Square to a Group Support Hostel.

#### INFORMATION:

If anyone would like to join the Labour Party or would like some information about the Party, please contact the undersigned at 209 Kingsbry. Phone 286865.

Patrick Moynan, Branch Secretary.

#### FINE GAEL NOTES

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael was held on Tuesday, December 8th., 1987.

There was a large attendance of Members. Deputy Bernard Durkan attended the meeting as did Guests Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick, former Ceann Comhairle and T.D. for Cavan-Monaghan, and Mr. Michael Begley T.D. for Kerry South.

The Chairman addressed the meeting and thanked the members for their diligent work during the year which had resulted in the re-election of Alan Dukes and Bernard Durkan to Dail Eireann. He also thanked the members for their marvellous efforts in raising funds.

Following the Election of Officers, there was a wide-ranging and lively discussion with Deputy Bernard Durkan and the two visiting Deputies, which covered such areas as: the Education and Health cuts, the Single

European Act, Extradition, the Irish Language and the B + I Line. In conclusion Deputy Fitzpatrick, encouraged the members by saying that the Fine Gael performance in the last election in Kildare could be repeated country-wide.

#### 2. Acquisition of Carton House and Estate

Deputy Bernard Durkan has received the following reply from the Taoiseach regarding the above:

"Carton House and Demesne are in private ownership. There are no current proposals to acquire them for the State".

#### 3. Irradiation of Foodstuffs

Deputy Bernard Durkan has received the following reply from the Minister for Health regarding the treatment by irradiation of foods available in Ireland:

"There is no irradiation of food taking place in this country and no commercial enterprise has applied to the Nuclear Energy Board under the Nuclear Energy Order 1977, to use an irradiation device in regard to food.

At present there is no test to determine if a foodstuff has been irradiated. Labelling of irradiated foodstuffs will ensure that the consumer is properly informed. The E.E.C. is currently addressing the question of the labelling of irradiated foodstuffs and when the relevant E.E.C. directives are adopted these will form the basis of Irish legislation in this area.

The foodstuffs which are being irradiated abroad at present and are most likely to be eventually imported into Ireland are strawberries, spices, grains, potatoes, mushrooms and chicken products. Officials of my Department are currently involved in the preparation of an E.E.C. Directive to regulate food irradiation, which will include specific labelling requirements".

#### 4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Branch will take place on Tuesday, January 26th. in the I.C.A. Hall. New members are always welcome. Deputy Bernard Durkan is available to meet Constituents each Saturday in the Geraldine Hall at 3.00 p.m. approximately. All matters are treated in strictest confidence.

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#### **BRU BOSCO NOTES**

Many thanks to the editorial committee of the Newsletter for their good wishes to me personally. I am still getting get well cards, and Mass cards and have come to the conclusion that I am as well known as the proverbial begging ass, but sure come to think of it that is exactly what I am, as most of my time since I came to Maynooth has been spent begging for some organisation or another.

I am still at a slight disadvantage as P.R.O. as I have to wait on the news to come to me and everybody is so busy dashing here or there they hardly have time to stop and pass on information. Still as there has been no bid for a take over of my position I will do my best. (no Larry Goodman in Maynooth!)

#### Don Bosco's Centenary

The hundred anniversary of Don Bosco's death on the 31st of January is the cause of all the extra pressure, as so many things are being done to celebrate this event. The Club will hold their own Academy for parents, and friends, and then there will be a much more extensive Academy which will include the whole of the Maynooth area, and in which all friends of Don Bosco, young and old can participate.

Many Contests and Competitions will be held during the year to mark the centenary, Song Contests, Bosco Art Competition, Craft Competition, which will include knitting, crochet, embroidery, patchwork etc. Soft Toys,

rush & cane work, nail pictures, weaving, woodwork, metal work, upholstery, pottery, moulding etc. Youth Project, which should consist of some form of community work, crossword puzzles and all kinds of outdoor and indoor activities. This as you will appreciate is a very brief outline further details can be had from Salesian House.

#### Co-Operation North

Some members of the Club are off to the College of Technology, Bolton Street, on Tuesday 19th January, where the presentation of awards for Co-operation North will take place, and then, the ever energetic Eilis O'Malley, will head North for the presentation of awards in Belfast. She told me on the sly that she is anxious to see which has survived best—the Murals in the Harbour Field or the Murals in the Market Square, Belfast, but mum is the word. We will wait for the verdict, then I can tell all.

#### Lay-Leaders

We are still looking for Lay Leaders. If anybody out there over 18 thinks they can help out with any of the Competitions for Don Bosco's centenary, come along to the Club any Thursday night in particular, and join in the fun even on a temporary basis.

#### Roof-Problem

Expert advice is needed with a slight but tricky problem we have on the roof where a small valley from the back porch joins the Function Room. The rain pours in and we cannot seem to get it right, and it is ruining all our new plaster and paint. This is an S.O.S. PLEASE HELP.

#### Drop-in-Centre

Since we started the Bru Bosco Youth Club, even before the Anco Project, nothing but good has come out of the Geraldine. A few minor set backs, but that is life. When the Anco project on the Hall was near completion we took out another on the Canal. As we realised it was more than our Committee could handle, we invited the Royal Canal Amenity Group to Maynooth, and had the Anco Project transfered the results of that you all have seen

for yourself. During the later part of 1987 a group of Club members got together and they thought as they were un-employed they would like to research the possibility of a Drop-in-Centre for Maynooth. So in their own time and with their own few bob they trudge all over Dublin, having cups of tea in every available Drop-in-centre, talking to the unemployed. I travelled with them just for support, I am glad they invited me, I got an insight into a whole new world. The optimism among the unemployed amazed me, the dignity they had achieved out of nothing filled one with admiration and hope. The young people negotiated for a Team Work scheme, Darndale sent down their respresentatives to cheer them on but FAS intervened, and it was necessary to change the scheme to S.E.S. which was for over 25s - As you all know the Lantern Drop-in-Centre has now opened but I think it is important to state that it was all due to the initiative of Bru Bosco young people who as it were blaze the trail. So salute Patricia Cleary, Yvonne Cleary, Hilary Blunt, John Dowling and Gordon Read. Let their compensation for the many hours they gave to this project be the success of the Centre, and may many find a sense of achievement there.

Peig Lynch P.R.O.



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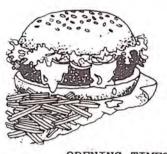
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#### I.C.A. NOTES

The monthly meeting took place on Thursday, 3rd December. Mrs. Bridie Brady presided and welcomed everyone including new members. Madame President extended sympathy to Teresa Mooney on the death of her mother, also to the families of the late Mrs. Mulready, Dr. Cowhey and the victims of the Enniskillen bombing.

Congratulations to the ladies of the set dancing team who were placed 2nd overall in the Co. Kildare set dancing competition in Newbridge on November 28th, also to Mrs. Martina O'Hare who received her certificate for drama. Vice-President Mrs. Betty Moore thanked the members of the Church of Ireland for the pleasant evening she had at the institution of their new Rector, the Rev. Gavin Williamson on November 25th. We wish Rev. Williamson and his wife every happiness in Maynooth.

This months competition, a "Christmas table decoration" was won by Mrs. Joan Howard-Williams, 2nd Mairead Scanlon, 3rd Mrs. Joan Shannon. Mrs. Betty Farrell received a special commendation.

Next months competition will be a "slice of Christmas cake".

Crafts promoter Mrs. Mary O'Gorman displayed Christmas tree decorations, soft toys and cushions made by the ladies of the craft night.

The new year meeting took place on Thursday, January 7th. Mrs. Betty Moore presided and welcomed everyone. Mrs. Moore extended sympathy to Mary Farrell on the death of her brother-in-law.

Mrs. McMyler thanked everybody who supported the I.C.A. annual Supper Dance on November 27th in Slevins in Dunboyne. A lovely meal was served and an enjoyable night was had by all.

This months competition was won by Mrs. Gee. 2nd Mrs. M. Doyle, 3rd Mrs. Joan Howard-Williams. Next months competition will be a "Valentines Day Card".

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Farrell who got 2nd place in "The main meal with wholefood" competition in Naas on December 7th.

Crafts continue every Monday night 8 p.m.—10 p.m. Badminton every Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall 1100 a.m. — 12.30. Set dancing every Wednesday night at 8.15 p.m. New members welcome to all activities. Next meeting will be

held on Thursday, February 7th at 8 p.m.

I conclude by wishing all fellow members a Happy New Year.

Kay Burns. P.R.O.

#### Glór na nGael

Tá Glór na nGael bunaithe i Maigh Nuad. Eagraíocht náisiúnta é a chabhraíonn leis an bpobal an Ghaeilge agus an cultúr a bhaineann léi a chur chun cinn. Más suim leat an Ghaeilge, is cuma an cainteoir dúchais nó foghlaimeoir ar bheagán Gaeilge tú, bí linn!

Glór na nGael is being established in Maynooth. This organisation, which celebrated its silver jubilee last year, helps the community to organise Irish cultural events. If you have an interest in Irish, join us! Even if you have only the 'cúpla focal'', you will be very welcome. Information can be had from Goretti Ní Riagáin, Phone (01) 271509.

Beidh oíche cheoil ar siúl againn Dé Máirt 2 Feabra i seomra na Gaeilge i gColáiste Phádraig (in aice leis an linn snámha). Tosóidh sé ar 8. p.m.

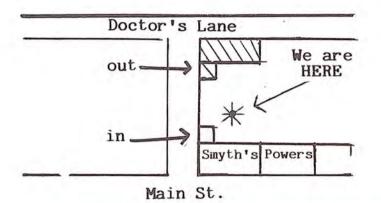
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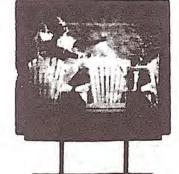
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# Muintir Mhaigh Nuad



Bridie O'Brien interviewed by Jim Cunningham

Everyone knows Bridie O'Brien and no wonder, for Bridie has been involved in much community activity in recent times. Her first venture was as secretary of the *Trees Committee*. She has also been involved with the Scouts, been an active member of the Community Council and is currently Chairwoman of the Council's Social and Recreational Sub-Committee.

Bridie was born and reared in Maynooth and is of old Maynooth stock. Her father was a Dubliner, but her mother's family have been in the town for at least 200 years. She numbers among her ancestors a famous pickpocket of the eighteenth century who mixed in high society in London, was deported to Australia, but ended up a prison governor.

Except for 5 years spent in England and a brief stay near Belfast, Bridie has lived all her life in Maynooth.

During her time in England she trained as a nanny and worked first in London and then in Blackpool looking after the children of the famous foot-

balier Stanley Matthews. She has very fond memories of the Matthews family who were lovely people.

After returning to Maynooth, Bridie worked in the College for thirteen years, initially cleaning the chapel and later looking after the professors' rooms. She has the distinction of being the first woman to be entrusted with this sacred task. While having affection for individuals whom she met during her time in the College, she is quite critical of the relationship, or more accurately, the lack of it, between the College and the town.

While still employed in the College, Bridie also began working in Caulfields Bar on Saturdays. She has worked in Caulfields for 21 years.

Obviously, Bridie has never been afraid of work and it is probably not surprising that she should have become involved in voluntary activities. She has seen Maynooth change

from being a country village to a major dormitory town and feels that an effort was, and is still necessary, to integrate the new residents into the life of the community. She is quite philosophical about the influx of people to the town, saying that people must settle somewhere — so why not in Maynooth.

Although she says that the expansion was, in general, good for Maynooth, you still detect a great nostalgia for the Maynooth of her youth when she could whip a top up and down the middle of the Main Street. There wasn't much to do, but as everywhere in those days, people made their own fun. The town was quiet and despite its proximity to Dublin, there was very little traffic to the city.

Bridie has had her share of hard times and tragedy in her life. Her mother died when she was only two years old. Her daughter Catherine was killed in an accident and she herself had a heart attack some years ago. But there is a lot of steel in Bridie O'Brien. She has survived and, no doubt, will be around for a long time yet, making her contribution to the development of the new enlarged community.

Maynooth, which would be a much poorer place without her, has reason to be grateful.

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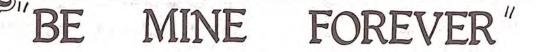
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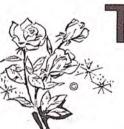


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A Focal Point of Local History Mary Cullen

Over the next couple of months Mary Cullen will deal with aspects of local historical interest.

As well as the foundations at Laraghbryan and Donaghmore we have a record of another monastery in the area, at Taghadoe, 21/4 miles south of Maynooth and also in the old territory of Ui Faelain or Offelan. The Annals of the Four Masters refer to Taghadoe under the year 765 when they record that "Folachtach of Teac Tuac, abbot of Cluan mic Nois, died". The usual explanation offered for the meaning of Teac Tua is "the house of St. Tua" the Silent, who was connected with the neighbouring monastery of Clane, and this is the meaning adopted by Lord Walter FitzGerald, one of the best authorities on the local history; of the country, writing in the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society, vol. ii., no. 2, 1893. Father MacSweeney in his article in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record (quoted in the last Newsletter), opts for an alternative explanation and suggests that the name may refer to a family or clan rather than to an individual. In this interpretation the name would meanly "the house of Tuathal" and would refer to the O'Toole family, and he points to the neighbouring townland of Toolestown in support. This is plausible since monasteries were often named after the clan who founded or supported them, as Laraghbryan itself was. The O'Toole territory was Uí Muiredaig, or Omurethy, which can be seen to the south of Ui Faelain in the map reproduced in the last Newsletter. The clan name was Ui Muiredaig, "the descendants of Muiredach", a king of Leinster who died in 725. They and the Ui Faelain were related and both traced their decent from Dunlang, king of Leinster circa 241 A.D., and from him came the original clan name of Ui Dunlainge. The Ui Dunlainge split into three branches in the eight century, the Ui Dunchada in Mag Laigen the plain between the Liffey and the Wicklow mountains, the Ui Faelain to the west of them on both sides of the Liffey in North Kildare, and the Ui Muiredaig to the south between the Barrow and Wicklow mountains. When surnames began to be used by the Irish clans in the eleventh century each of our families adopted the names of other members



explanation offered for the meaning of the dynasty, the Ui Faelain taking of Teac Tua is "the house of St. Tua", that of Bran and becoming who is identified as Ultan tua or Ultan \( \begin{align\*} "O'Byrnes" and the Ui Muiredaig that of Tuathal, king of Leinster who the neighbouring monastery of Clane, and this is the meaning adopted by "O'Tooles".

While the annals give us little detail of the role of our monasteries in the lives of the people of the Maynooth area it seems likely that they supplied whatever pastoral care the people enjoyed. This was because the Christian Church in Ireland had developed in a unique way. Very early in its life, not long after the time of St. Patrick, monastic life became very popular, and the number of monasteries mushroomed, reaching; more than 800 by the end of the 6th Century. The ruling clans founded or patronised monasteries and often supplied their abbots from within the clan itself. The abbots, thus linked with the politically powerful, gradually usurped the administrative role of the bishops and the place of the diocese as the unit of administration was taken over by the territories of the monastic paruchia, the group or family of monasteries all tracing their foundation back to a single saintly founder. In spite of all the efforts of reformers this situation persisted until the 12th century, and Dr. P.J. Corish, writing on "The Christian Mission" in A History of Irish Catholicism concludes that by the 11th century the non-monastic pastoral clergy had disappeared and what pastoral care there was, was supplied by the monasteries.

The larger monasteries were the nearest approach to the modern town developed by Gaelic Ireland before the coming of the Normans. The towns of Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Cork and Limerick were originally coastal strong-points established by the Viking invaders in the ninth century and which developed into com-

mercial centres. Within the monastic settlement diversified crafts and trades developed. The inhabitants[ supplied all their own needs in food, clothes, building, tools, vehicles, books, sacred vessels, etc. In them were created the illuminated manuscripts like the Book of Kells, that remain among the chief glories of Irish culture, and from them went out the great stream of Irish monks to Britain and the continent. The monastic settlement was usually enclosed \ by a circular stone or earthen bank with a ditch outside. Inside stood the church or oratory made of wood or wattle and daub, and around were the cells or huts of the monks usually made of wickerwork. There would also be a guest-house and refectory and, in the case of a larger monastery, a school and scriptorium. In those parts of the country where stone was more readily available than wood, the buildings would be of stone. Not every monastery was wealthy enough to support a scriptorium, and the fact that the Annals of the Four Masters record the death of Laraghbryan in [ 856 of Cormac, "bishop and scribe", may indicate that it was a settlement of some importance.

NOTE: A detailed account of the Irish Monasteries will be found in Marie and Liam de Paor:; Early Christian Ireland (Thames & Hudson).

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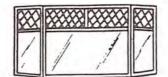
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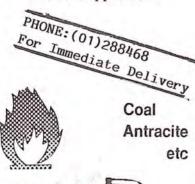
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REPAIR/ALTERATIONS

#### Residents against Local Charges

There was a joint meeting of the Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip and Maynooth Residents Against Local Charges organisation in Caulfields, Maynooth on Wednesday 16th December. A detailed report of the work of each organisation was given, in response to Kildare County Council's recent campaign of non-collection of refuse and the threatened water disconnection. Their work included a series of public meetings, a leafleting campaign, public demonstrations and marches and the establishment of help telephone lines and extensive media coverage.

The meeting was also addressed by Councillor Colm Purcell who brought the representatives up to date on the developments at County Council level. He reported that at the Council's last meeting on Monday 14th December a majority of councillors (Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael) refused to support a motion from Emmet Stagg and Colm Purcell, obliging the County Manager to resume full refuse collection and stop water disconnections. The majority only agreed to a "moritorium" on water disconnections until December 31st '87.

The representatives then agreed that every town would continue its various campaigns and a liaison group was established to co-ordinate activities and to help to expand the movement throughout the County. It was also agreed to hold a fund-raising function in late January for planned legal action against the Council.

(Contact may be made with 13, Laurence Avenue, Maynooth).

LIAISON COMMITTEE

# NORTH KILDARE RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES (Celbridge, Kilcock. Leixlip, Maynooth) WILL BE HOLDING A DANCE IN THE HITCHIN' POST AT 8.00pm ON SAT 20th FEBRUARY. MUSIC BY RENDEZVOUS

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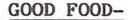
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#### BAND BULLETIN

Sorry we missed our regular chat last month but I was caught completely by surprise by the early closing date. I blame it all on the Christmas spirit or maybe it was the lack of it. However, down to current topics and the year ahead. The first landmark of the new year is our A.G.M. and we should be in a position to "unveil" the new Committee in our next bulletin. We hope to have some new faces to help look after the affairs of a Band where. at long last, the younger members are beginning to outnumber the notso-young. It gives us tremendous pleasure to see just how keen the iunior members are to make a success of their individual instruments. We have some naturally gifted musicians coming along and we hope to show vou the fruits of their endeavours sooner, rather than later, this year.

On this subject can we say a most sincere thank you to all who supported our 60's Night, Carol Recitals in December, and a special thank you to those who supplied prizes for the 60's Night. The proceeds of both of these have gone towards providing much needed costly instruments for our junior classes. So successful in fact, was the 60's Night that we have been inundated with requests for a repeat performance. There is a strong possibility that we may be able to oblige some time next month so watch this space for further details. Next month also should see a return visit to Limerick, scene of our major victory last year in the Marching Band Competition but we should have more on this in the next bulletin. See you then!

#### **COMMUNITY GAMES**

It's Community Games time again and time to get into training for your respective events like athletics, swimming, gymnastics, art, football, soccer, hurling, variety, chess, draughts, cycling, badminton, basketball, tennis, pitch and putt, rugby and rounders. Now there has to be something in that list that suits everyone. We would also love to hear from anyone who would manage and train teams for any of the above events. Over the last year or two we could not have some of the team events because we had no managers. The A.G.M. of Youth Affairs Committee will take place on Monday 22 February in Community Council office at 8.30. New members always welcome. Further information can be had from Community Council office. Phone 285922.

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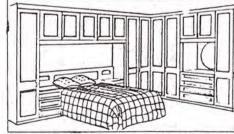
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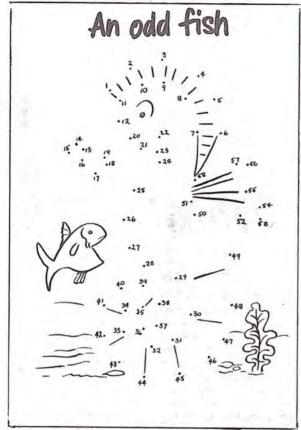
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Runners-Up Fiona McIntyre, 30 Rail Park, Maynooth.

Louise Cox, Mulhussey, Kilcock.

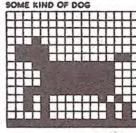
Stephen Redmond, 481 Straffan Rd, Maynooth.

Ages 8—12 1st prize: Darina O'Malley, 5 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth.

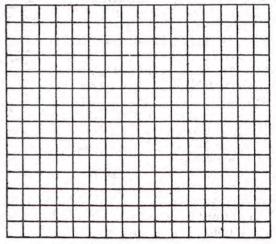
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Runners-Up Anne-Marie Gallagher, 23 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

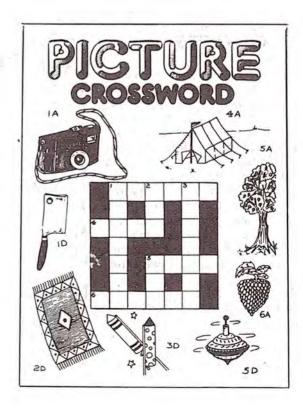
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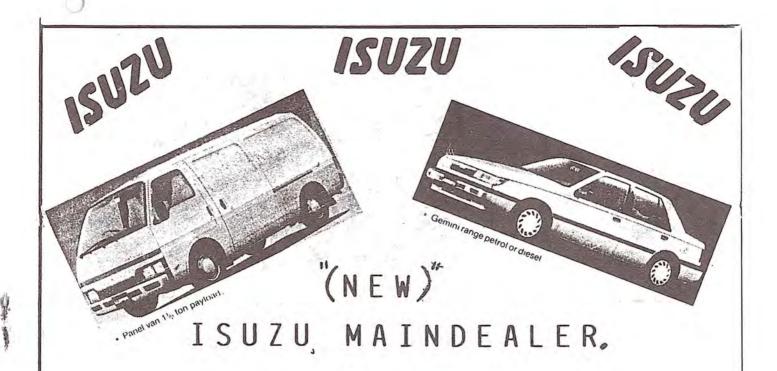


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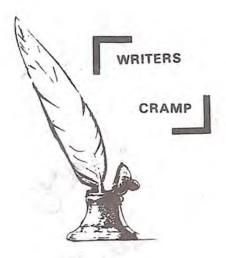


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Painfully their threshing pinions overcame

The obdurate, rush-hindered way
And carried with them out of mind
Their unsung, sad De Danann lay.
P.O'D.

#### "WINTER'S APPROACH"

It is the season of despair, The tombstone of the year, Where once I saw an old man there, Nothing to me comes near. And how the melancholy wind, Sings harshly in my ear, Making dear life abruptly recind, It's sustenance, a tear. High above the bird does watch, It's eyes blacker still, And all the while time moves a notch, For this is the winter kill. See them there, the old and bent, Moving swiftly to their houses, Their bodies defenceless from the death that's sent, And their frail old heart arouses. How short it seems since the valley

Where once was green and living, But now we loose our hopeful sight, And are filled with profound misgiving.



This is the season of darkness and fright,

When all the land lies mourning, For us there is no joy or delight, In the bleakness of the morning.

Declan Connaughton, Brownstown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath.

#### PRINCIPLES

He kept a gun beside his bed,
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Gabriel Martin

#### MAYNOOTH'S NEWEST AUTHOR

Mr. Patrick Devaney, one of our regular poetic contributors, has just published his first book. Entitled "Rua, the Red Grouse", it gives us a rare insight into the life of our bogland and its inhabitants over the four seasons. "Rua" is the 1st of his kind and the story relates his struggle for survival, aided by well-disposed humans and opposed by moneygrabbing men in the name of "progress". The book is very informative and at the same time a truly absorbing read. It is illustrated by Don Conroy and is sponsored by Bord Na Mona for the Irish Peatland Conservation Council. It is on sale in Easons and as Pat says — it is for anyone from sixteen to sixty years!

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#### **EDUCATION CUTS!**

The Parents of Maynooth Post Primary pupils were asked to attend a meeting in Lumville House, Newbridge on the 18th January to voice their objection to the new Pupil-Teacher ratio of 40-1 as proposed by the Minister for Education, Mary O'Rourke. The parents obliged and turned up in force to join their colleagues from all around Kildare. Representatives arrived from parents associations of V.E.C. schools in Kildare town, Newbridge, Athy, the Curragh, Castledermot, Rathangan, Prosperous, Naas and of course, Maynooth. The chair was taken by Joe Feeney of the Co. Executive of V.E.C. Parents and he introduced Josephine Cashman, Secretary of Parents Associations, Mr. Jones of the T.U.I. and the T.D.'s representating the constituency, Paddy Power, F.F. and Charlie McCreevy, F.F., latecomers, with apologies, were Bernard Durkan, F.G., Emmet Stagg, Labour and Alan Dukes F.G.

Mr Feeney explained to the meeting that the cutbacks proposed for V.E.C. schools would mean reduced teaching hours, a shorter week and fewer teachers. The options available to pupils would be severely curtailed and the weaker pupils would suffer the most. There would be less money for equipment in practical subjects and the whole standard of education would fall.

The representative from Maynooth's Parent Association, Mr. Halley, explained that we would lose three teachers next September whilst the number of pupils were rising steadily. This was just not acceptable to the parents who would see their children's education deteriorate, their options reduce and possibly have to drop subjects they were already taking for exams.

be called cost-effective! The T.D.'s were allowed their say at this point. Mr. Power insisted that cuts had to be made but he would ask the



Mr. T. Ashe & Mona Murphy at the meeting on 18th Jan.

Parents from around the county expressed strong concern through their reps. and Maureen Ganley, Assistant General Secretary of T.U.I. asked the audience to write under the Alliance of T.U.I., V.E.C. and Parents Assoc. to express their disapproval of the new Pupil-Teacher ratio and cited instances of Woodwork classes unable to afford wood, using cardboard instead and Home Economics being taught by demonstrations rather than practice.

Mr. Seamus Purcell of I.V.E.A. made the very telling point that the state would be spending far more on prisons in the future if children, classified as troublesome, cannot be educated properly. This could hardly

Minister to clarify certain points relating to practical subjects. He stressed that job-sharing, career breaks and voluntary redundancies would ease the situation and that the new National Council for Curriculum reform would ensure that standards would not fall.

Mr. McCreevy could see no reprieve in the cuts as there was no more money available now and possibly none until 1992!

Mr. Stagg emphasised that education is a right for every child, not privilege and that there should be a major change in direction of the Book of Estimates. The electorate had given no mandate for cuts in education and a two-tier system of education was

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just not acceptable. He said there were several options open to the Government e.g. Wealth tax and tax on Multi Nationals.

Mr. Durkan suggested that renegotiations should commence with the social partners with a a view to reducing pay awards. This could ease the situation and he suggested following the resolution Fine Gael put to the Dail last year.

Mr. Dukes followed the same line but added that the estimates had still to be finalised and he believed the Government had more money to spend than they were admitting and he envisaged that the cuts in pupilteacher ratio would not be needed.

The meeting was then thrown open to the floor and one of the first speakers was Mr. T. Ashe, Principle of Maynooth Post Primary School. He stressed the difference in treatment of pupils of V.E.C. schools and those attending Blackrock, Belvedere, etc. Fee paying schools were getting a grant of £100 per pupil while V.E.C. pupils received £52 per annum. He asked the meeting to please define the term EQUALITY. Mr. Ashe described the new pupil-teacher ratio as disastrous and stressed that the full effects will not be felt for some time to come.

The T.D.'s present were asked to sign a petition condemning the new ratio but all declined with the exception of Mr. Stagg who was given a rousing ovation by the meeting. Joe Feeney reminded the T.D.'s of where the voting power lay in the country and the meeting closed with the reminder of a Rally organised on 30th January in Athlone to protest about the cuts.

#### DR. BILL COWHEY

Maynooth suffered a tragic loss last December with the death of Dr. Bill Cowhey. For almost thirty years he was Doctor, friend and confidante to the people of this district. His warm and sympathetic manner endeared him to his patients as much as the treatment he prescribed. The sight of Dr. Cowhey, disdaining modern transport, striding down the main street or cycling on one of his many calls will always be remembered by the people of Maynooth. He has been part of the fabric of the town for so long it is hard to imagine it without him. Although his loss to us is great it is as nothing compared to the grief of his family. The whole town, I am sure, join us in offering our deepest sympathy to them on the loss of not only their Father but also, so recently, their Mother.



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Keep your eyes and ears open and we will post notices around the town and we will tell as many as we can by word of mouth. We would then ask you to tell everybody else you meet so that everyone gets to know when the Credit Union is open for business.

A map of the Credit Union area and the list of townlands is included in this Newsletter.

#### YOUNG SCIENTIST Maynooth Post Primary

Congratulations to Janet Whittaker on her award in the Young Scientists Exhibition in January.

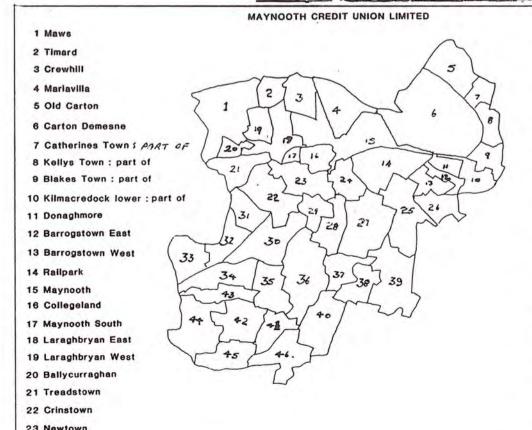


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Press the garlic, salt and pepper into the chicken joints, blend the oil with the cinnamon and brush the chicken with this, using all the oil. Place the chicken in a casserole. Top with the sliced tomatoes and olives. Remove all the pips from the sliced oranges and lemons. Place over the tomatoes and olives, add the wine. Cover the dish and cook in the centre of a moderate oven, 180°C. 350°F or Gas Mark 4 for 1 hour 15 mins. Serve with pasta.

#### Stuffed Pork Escalopes

4 slices pork fillet, about 1/2 inch in thickness

#### Stuffing

1 oz butter

1 small onion, finely chopped parsley - 2 tablespoons finely

chopped

2 bacon rashers, derinded and finely chopped

2 oz mushrooms finely chopped

2 oz breadcrumbs

salt and pepper

#### Coating and Frying

2 oz butter

1 oz flour

1 tablespoon oil

#### Garnish

4 slices lemon

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Slit each fillet of pork horizontally to make a good pocket. Heat the oz of butter and fry the bacon, onion and mushrooms together until the vegetables are soft. Blend with the other ingredients for the stuffing. Carefully insert into the pockets in the meat. Blend the flour with a little salt and pepper, coat the meat in this. Heat the 2 ozs of butter with the oil in a large frying pan. Fry the pork for 2 to 3 minutes on either side, lower the heat and cook for a futher 7 to 8 minutes turn once over during this time. Serve topped with the lemon and parsley.



Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

The Club held their Annual Show on

Tuesday 8th December. This was an outstanding success. The Demonstration of Flower Arranging was by Marcella Campbell, who kept her large audience spellbound with her interpretation and design. During the evening a bring and buy sale was held, proceeds of which were donated to Kildare Branch National Association for the Blind as well as the profits from the entire show. The Committee are extremely grateful to Fr. Power, Divine Word Missionaries and the ladies of his staff who served teas,

success. Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th February 1988 in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 p.m. Demonstration of flower arranging by Nuala Hegarty. New members always welcome.

and to those who attended and helped

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#### POST PRIMARY SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

Jan '88

Aer-Lingus Young Scientist 1988 — Congratulations to Janet Whittaker on winning 1st Prize in this years competition in the Junior Biology Individual Project Section. This is a tremendous achievement in what is surely the most competitive section of the whole competition. Janet's project investigated the sterilizing qualities of a microwave oven and her findings led her to conclude that it is a very efficient method of sterilization. Janet is a second year student in the Post-Primary School, Maynooth and is now looking forward to a project in the Senior Section.

Well done also to all the boys and girls and teachers of the school who took part in the various activities prior to Christmas in raising funds for the needy. As a result of a variety of Projects, Sale of Work, Disco and Carol Singing, a cheque of £1,000 was presented to the local Saint Vincent de Paul to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for others and a further £200 was sent to 2 Little Sisters of Assumption in Ethiopia to help them in their work with the very many needy there.

Don't forget the social highlight of the year on Friday, February 5th '88 when the Post-Primary School holds its 11th Annual Debs Ball in the Keadeen Hotel. If you are interested in going then you should make immediate application for tickets because this year has the biggest number of Leaving Certificate students to date and tickets will be difficult, very difficult to get. So don't leave it too late, you have been warned!

The Post-Primary School again was the location for the Old Folks Annual Christmas Dinner. Nearly 170 of our Senior Citizens were treated to a magnificent meal very generously provided by Peter O'Brien. It is always a pleasure to see the local Post-Primary School being used by the Community it serves. It is just another example of the two way support that should always exist between a School and the Community.

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#### **SPORTS**

#### COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

College Green (0) 2 Carnacross Utd. (2) 3

This eagerly awaited battle between the two joint second placed teams in the Division proved to be just as exciting as the pre-match build-up led us to believe. Sadly defeat in this game really puts it up to us to finish in the top two or three now. Our home form this year has been poor to say the least. Against the run of play we found ourselves 0-2 down at half time. A series of incredible decisions from the man in black left both sides scratching their heads. Carnacross were awarded a penalty, which was a very harsh decision in our view. Almost immediately after converting the penalty, they took advantage of a disorganised defence to go two in front. Incredibly Carnacross got number three early in the second half. The home side stepped up a gear and pulled two goals back, one from Ciaran McGroarty and one O.G. We should have got more than two goals, but Lady Luck had sadly deserted us on this particular Sunday morning.

Towerview Utd (1) 2 College Green (1) 4

The four weeks lay-off over the festive season found us in creaky form against the bottom of the Division side. As usual we started badly, betraying our advancing years, but finished as usual on a high note. One minute into the game we were 0-1 down, but by half time Ciaran McGroarty put us on level terms. Disaster struck again and we were 1-2 down early in the second half, despite having all the play. The match drifted on and after countless misses it looked like the game would slip from our hands. Manager O'Connor and Club Captain McGovern, both sidelined through injury, made an inspired substitution bringing on Tom Coffey with twenty minutes left. Five minutes later the man from the Ox mountains equalised. Almost immediately afterwards Tom laid on number three, with Ciaran McGroarty finished for his 11th goal of the season in the league. Tom (who else) also had a hand in Michael Martin's goal which made it 4-2. The home side coasting to a win, suddenly found the game

completely out of their reach. Purcell, McGroarty and Martin ruled the roost in midfield. But it was College Green's answer to Dermot Keely, John NEWS Hughes, who took the man of the man plaudits, playing at centre half for Tony O'Connor.

> Robinstown (1) 3 College Green (3) 6

This had to be one of the most eventful games in the League this season. Plenty of goals, goal-mouth incidents and a hard brusing encounter against one of the best sides in the Division. Shortly after the kick-off we gave the opposition the by now customary one goal lead. Shortly afterwards Gerry Murtagh converted a penalty and two goals from Ciaran McGroarty made it 3-1 at half time. However, the home staged a magnificent comeback to level the game at 3-3. Gerry Murtagh restored the lead, scoring direct from a corner. McGroarty made his hattrick and "super-sub" Coffey wrapped it up with goal no. 6. John Hughes and Ciaran McGroarty were exceptional in this extraordinary match. Paddy McGovern had a fine game as stand-in goalkeeper (is there no limit to his talents?) This win lifted College Green into 3rd place in the table.

Forthcoming Fixtures

24/1/88 home to Shambo 31/1/88 not scheduled yet 7/2/88 home to Rathkenny Rovers 14/2/88 home to Double D 21/2/88 away to Tara 28/2/88 probably home to Corbawn Utd.

Yours sincerely, Declan Forde.

#### MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The Leinster un-even age juvenile and Intermediate Men and Ladies cross-country Championships were held in Leixlip. It was wet and cold and the going was hard for all concerned. In the girls U/9 Michelle Gillick was 25th overall.

U/13 girls: Fiona Redmond 16th and Emma McCluskey 17th and those girls were on the county team which came first. In the girls U/15 Lisa McCluskey put in another fine performance to win the gold. Lisa is proving to be very consistent in her running this year. Carmel Noonan 10th and Catherine Gleeson 27th. These girls were on the county team and received bronze medals.

In the Intermediate Ladies Mary Farrelly ran a hard race and held on to 4th place. Helen Redmond was 11th and they too were on the county team winning gold.

The Intermediate Men also saw three of the club's members on the winning county team. Liam McNamee 4th, Pat Maher 8th and Brian Redmond 9th. These three plus Tony Callaghan 28th got 3rd club too. David Jolly 41st overall. It is most important to remember that all club members should be training hard, as the All Ireland Championships are coming up soon.

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN LADIES SOCCER CLUB

After a very successful season last year we have now once again commenced training on Wednesday nights in the Post Primary School Gym at 8.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us. Further information at 286914. We would like to thank everyone who has sponsored and supported us throughout last year. Also a special word of thanks to the Management, staff and customers of the Leinster Arms where we hold our weekly draws on Saturday nights.



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Speaking of the impression which Maynooth makes on passers-through — and on residents — it is good to see that Market House, the building opposite the gates to the Avenue which is slap in front of anyone driving in along the road from Dublin, has recently undergone an extensive facelift inside and out. Market House contains the offices of solicitor Declan Foley and of opticians.

Another premises which has had a refit is Coonan's the auctioneers, with a bright new display in the office.

Wednesday is half day for the town, and a number of shops still observe early closing on that day. And, as someone seeking medical attention recently found out, so do all the doctors in Maynooth. There is no surgery available on that afternoon. Anyone even marginally familiar with the demands made on a G.P. will know that they work long and unremitting hours, and are liable to callouts at any time of the day or night. They need some period of rest, in the interest of themselves and of their patients. But it does seem odd that all three should close up their sugeries on the same afternoon. Surely it would be more sensible to arrange it so that the afternoons off are staggered, and so ensure a regular consultation service through the week.

The Newsletter spoke with one of the local doctors about the situation, who confirmed that no change is foreseen in the immediate future.

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#### Across

- 1, 16 & 9. Dirty unclean clock? IOU accepted arrange to collect charges if residents will pay (7,6,7)
- 5. Mix one hundred into gin and this (5)
- 8. Get your bread here and mix it into first half of eleven (5)
- 9. Our community has one (7)
- 10. Attends to details and expands (7)
- 11. Some pie, Cecil? Yes (5)
- 12. According to Yeats, moon's are silver, sun's are golden delicious?
- 14. Throw suet at sculpture (6)
- 17. Style of house a royal one too (5)
- 19. Local butchers where one is quids in (1'6)
- 22. This skipper has a hill in 2 (7)
- 23. Stephen owns a store in Dublin (5)
- 24. John? Ben? No let out (5)
- 25. Moslem veil (7)

#### Down

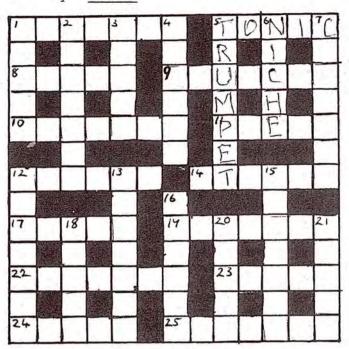
- 1. What is done in 8 sounds necessary (5)
- 2. Salmon-leap in 1 Across, stop for 66 but not for 67A (7)
- 3. Beer? Right! On the look-out (5)
- 4. Cue sex change? Pardon! (6)
- 5. Blow this for a musical instrument (7)
- 6. Alcove for H . . . with nice surround (5)
- 7. St Patrick's, for instance, has support in old king (7)

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Winner of January's competition was:

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- 12. The Newsletter has a definite one, and might publish it (7)
- 15 & 13. Come, eneter a line crookedly written, or make a phone call courtesy of this (7,7)
- 18. 1 Across or Down, for instance, make up 26 or six respectively (6)
- 18. Storehouse e.g. Conyngham Road Garage (5)
- 20. Nobility of 1 Across learner surrounded by listeners (5)
- 21. Get it from 19 Across; well done! (5)

#### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



Birthday greetings to my mother Nanny Connolly 350 Greenfield who will be 90 years on 1st Feb. with love from Madge and grandchildren also my granddaughter Yvonne McCarron, 2 years on 27th Feb. Love Nanna, Peter, Imelda and Ann.

Happy 90th birthday to Mrs Anne Connolly on 1st Feb., 350 Old Greenfield, Maynooth. From Eva, Pat, Barry, Marcella, Lorraine, Robert and Aoife.

#### MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The society regrets to report that 1987 has been another bad year for the society. During the year we had the death of twenty seven members R.I.P. The large amount of deaths has resulted in a running loss to the society of approx £2,000. The society paid out death benefit to the amount of £7.500 during the year. The deficit has mainly come about by defaulting members who have not paid their annual subscription. The society has decided that this situation will not be allowed to continue. The society has been instructed by the Auditor and the Registrar of Friendly Societies to advise defaulting members that if their annual subscription is not cleared by the Annual General Meeting that they will be excluded from the society Roll and also forfeit all claims against the society. Defaulting members will also be excluded from rejoining the society at any further time. This rule as registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies will be strictly enforced as and from March 1st 1988.

The society sits every Sunday morning in the Band Room Hall from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the benefit of members wishing to pay their annual subscription.

The A.G.M. will be held in the Band Hall on Sunday 27th February 1988 at 3 p.m.

The annual Mass for deceased members will be offered on the same day at 11 a.m. All members are invited to attend.

P. Nolan. Hon. Secretary. K. Murphy. Hon. Ass. Secretary.



#### IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

November 1987.

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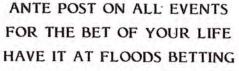
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The nineteen workers are doing great work cleaning and landscaping the Harbour area. The plans for the slipway have been submitted to the Office of Public Works for approval and as soon as we get the go-ahead weather permitting work will start. The dredging of the Canal eastward towards Leixlip continues sponsored by the Office of Public Works.

We are running a "May Day Fair" on Saturday, Sunday, 16th April, 17th April, again in association with the boy's National School. Two workers employed by the Community Council under the National Manpower Scheme will help with the event. All enquiries to the Community Council office. Ph. 285922. Fund raising is taking a lot of the committee's time and we seem to be fighting an uphill battle, more committee helpers and new fund raising ideas are urgently needed. The people of Maynooth have been very generous in the past but we urgently need more funds and

help. If you feel you can do anything for us contact Norah McDermott at the Community Council office phone 285922. It would be a pity to see the project close due to a lack of funds.

The Royal Canal Amenity and Restoration Group Committee are as follows:

Chairman: Matt Kennedy. Vice Chairman: Brian Horn. Secretary: Norah McDermott. Treasurer: Declan O'Connor. P.R.O.: Hugh O'Sullivan.

Committee are Eileen Fitzpatrick, Peter Finan, Maura Cullen and Philip McDermott.

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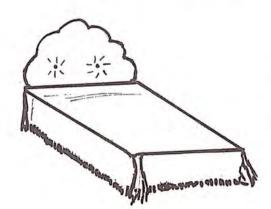
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#### VITAL STATISTICS

Did you know that there were 1345 permanent private households in Maynooth in 1986, and that out of a population of 5525, 1497 were aged under 14 years, another 1438 were aged between 15 and 24 years. There were 1711 aged between 25 and 44 years, while only 591 were aged between 45 and 64 and those aged over 65 years numbered only 288.

There were 156 widowed persons, only 31 widowers, compared with 125 widows. Unmarried women seeking males are in luck as single males outnumber single females by almost 300 — 1879 single men, and 1581 single women. Of those who were ever married not widowed, there were 944 men and 965 women.

Seen dining in the Country Shop last month was BBC broadcasting personality Cliff Mitchelmore, who was over on a preliminary 'reece' for the forthcoming "Hymns of Praise" programme from the College.

Will the owners of bank accounts numbers 88044533, 69181997 and 00019022 kindly contact telephone number 286234 where they might hear something to your advantage? Maybe they could explain to the person at the other end of the phone precisely how receipt slips bearing their account numbers came to be on the pavement in front of the Bank of Ireland pass machine on 16th January 1988? Certainly numbers 88044533 won't be able to pay the fine for littering the pavement if it turns out that the receipt dropped from his or her hands to the ground as he or she only had £30 left in the account. However 69181997 is in a better financial situation, and can well afford to throw money around

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with the receipts. This person actually has all of £1021.68 in the bank.

Eye Hear would like to meet this phenomenon, someone who is actually in the black personally and who doesn't mind blackening the streets of Maynooth either. Amazing the things you learn about people from their litter.

#### BURGLARIES

Recent media reports have highlighted a problem that Maynooth residents have long known. That is the problem of spates of burglaries, which it now appears are the work of hordes of young criminals invading Maynooth from other areas. The Community Council appeals to all residents to be vigilant. A register of burglaries is being kept in the Community Council office, so if you have been burgled, please inform the office.

#### PILLARS OF THE HOUSE

Maynooth must be unique in that two of its residents were featured in the recent collection of poems written by women in Ireland over the last few centuries. Claire O'Connor from Railpark has two poems, while Mary O'Donnell from Newtownmacabe has one poem published in this comprehensive collection. Mary's piece was singled out for special commendation by Derek Mahon in his *Irish Times* review of the anthology.

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#### **DEB'S DANCE**

February 5th sees the highlight of the Sixth Year's social round. The Hotel Keadeen will play host to the cream of Maynooth's Post Primary school. The young people, their parent's and teacher's, dressed up to the nines, will dance the night away to the music of Panache. Here's wishing them a lovely night.

#### **TIDY TOWNS**

By the time you read this you may have heard from us through our circular begging-letter. Money is needed for a few basic improvements in our Tidy Towns effort and we hope you will be able to help in some little way. However, if you cannot, our annoyance will be very insignificant compared with our annoyance at the utter blackquardism of those antisocial residents who continue to use the Black Lion road and other places as TIP-HEADS. Last year the skeletons and in some instances the carcasses of up to fifteen animals were taken from that Black Lion roadside and we don't intend to let this happen all over again. But we have a battle on our hands for only three months ago a full-size beast (friesian) was left to rot on the avenue to the disgust of all who tried to pass. And the Avenue is one of the attractions of Maynooth! This is repulsive behaviour and we of the Environmental Sub-Committee or the Anti-Barbarism Committee (The ABC), if you prefer, would like to feel that the residents of Maynooth in general will not tolerate it. So far there is no great evidence that there is any shift in attitude with regard to litter but maybe we're over pessimistic.

Here's hoping! Gabriel Martin (P.R.O. for the A.B.C.)

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Dr. William Cowhey

The family of the late Dr. William Cowhey wish to thank all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad bereavement, all those who attended the removal of remains. Mass and Funeral and those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to the following for the help -Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan and Fr. Thyne and all the Priests who officiated at the Mass, Dr. C. O'Rourke and Dr. D. Nolan, Maynooth Ambulance staff, Garda Siochana and also to all our friends and neighbours who helped in so many ways. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Anne Brady Jones. Died 12th December 1987. The husband, children, mother in law, father, mother, brothers, sisters, sisters in law, brothers in law, nieces and nephews wish to thank all our friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and support in our tragic loss. For all who sent Mass cards and flowers, and a special thanks to Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C., Fr. Thyne and C.C. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

The Brady Family, Clock House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of the late Patrick Dempsey 144 Mariaville, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, all those who attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral. Also those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and sympathy cards. A special word of thanks to Dr. Maurice Cowhey, Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C. and Fr. Thyne Fr. Frank Power, Presentation Sisters and S.S.P.S. Sisters. To our very good neighbours and friends for their help and kindness. A very sincere thank you to all. Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mullally, Graiguesallagh, Maynooth

The family of the late Pauline Mullally wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who called to the house, attended removal of the remains, Mass and funeral, those who sent telegrams, letters of sympathy and wreaths, those who travelled long distances and all who had holy Mass offered. A special word of thanks to the priests of the parish for their kindness. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the intentions of all.

#### **BROTHER EAMONN BEAGAN**

Many residents of Maynooth and graduates of the College will have been saddened to hear of the death of Brother Eamonn Beagan, formerly in the Department of Education in the College, in South Africa. Brother Eamonn was buried in Athlone in January. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

#### SYMPATHY

Sympathy to the husband, parents, brothers, sisters, relatives of the late Ann Jones formerly Ann Brady, Clock House, Maynooth.

Sympathy to the family, relatives of the late Patrick (Paddy) Dempsey, Dillons Row, Maynooth.

Sympathy to husband and family of Mrs. Roseanne McCartin, Smithstown who died recently.

Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. P. Burke, Ballygoran on the death of their son.

#### RETIRED

Edward (Ted) Smith, Laraghbryan has retired after forty years service on the P.W. Dept. staff of C.I.E. He was presented with an inscribed wristlet watch and lighter by workmates. We wish him many happy years in retirement.

#### **RECENT BIRTHS**

Congratulations to William and Meave Fegan, U.S.A. on the birth of a baby boy. Maeve was formerly Maeve Cowhey, Leinster Park, Maynooth.

#### Recent Engagement

Congratulations to Rita Dempsey and Declan Gilheany on their recent engagement from all their friends in Maynooth.

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

Congratulations to Dennis Breen, Claremount House, Maynooth and Mary Costello, Skerries who were engaged recently.

Congratulations to Sean Nyland, Greenfield, Maynooth and Ann Gannon, Celbridge on their recent engagement.

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

John Saults, Parson Street. Jan 10th. Mrs. G. Ternan, Parson Street. Jan 11 Her Grandchildren:

Maeve, Avondale Leixlip. 11 Jan 24th Gillian, Highfield Kilcock. 6 Jan 24th Ray Troy, Avondale Leixlip. Jan 8th

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