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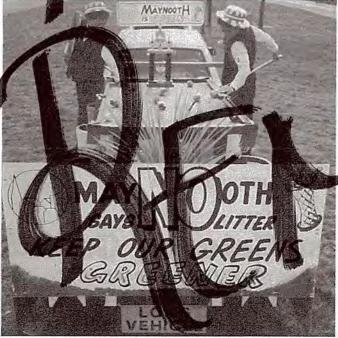
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Maynooth Tidy Towns - Not so Green.

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### **EDITORIAL**

#### **EDUCATION**

The weeks after Easter saw the focus of media attention firmly on education, as the three major teacher unions held their annual conferences. Apart from the heightened interest in the possibility of the Minister for Education, Mrs. Hussey, there was much discussion on the problems posed for the future of education.

The problems highlighted include those with which Maynooth parents and children are all too familiar, including high pupil teacher ratios, reduced subject choice through cutbacks, as well as teacher stress. Despite the extension of free education in the 1960's, access to education, particularly third level, is still the preserve of the wealthier elements of society. Many schools now require a 'voluntary contribution' just to provide the school with essential equipment. This contribution has been described as a 'roll tax', and makes it even more

difficult for poorer families to ensure that their children obtain the same quality of education as children from wealthier families. Given that education is so important in providing children with the skills required to earn a living, the quality of the education which the child receives is crucial - and the elements which go to ensure this quality include the amount of individual attention available, remedial teachers, career guidance, range of subjects, and good teachers.

Good education and good health are essential to the well being of society. Both areas are unequally distibuted today, leading to a cycle of deprivation, which has made Ireland one of the most stratified societies in Europe.

With these issues in mind, we wish all students taking exams within the next few weeks every success.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Maynooth Tidy Towns,

Dear Editor,

mini-bollards are placed on the kerbing. We shall keep you advised.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Farrell, Secretary/PRO

rurther to your editorial (re-parking on the Galway Rd./ Green), we respond as follows:

We would hope that when people see the effort that is being put into cutting the green, and in the near future the planting of flowers, common pride will make them park their cars in the proper car park. We hope that it will never come to the stage that was outlined in the editorial.

Once again we ask **KEEP CARS OFF THE GREEN** - before a serious accident takes place. Finally, we have requested that

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In the care of unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person or their representative the right to reply in this magazine subject only to reasonable lengh, the laws of libel and our right to respond to such reply.

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### VACANT SEATS

The following seats are still vacant on the Council and we are asking Residents Associations to nominate people for these positions.

- 1. Rail Park/Straffan Road (1 Seat)
- 2. Greenfield Estate (2 Seats)
- 3. Kingsbry (2 Seats)

(Because of other committments Liam Caomhanach is unable to take up the position and Malachy McCann will be representing the College Academic Council instead of Kingsbry).

- 4. Beaufield (1 Seat)
- 5. Outlying area C (Dowdstown/Taghadoe) (2 Seats)

Town Centre Mall, Main Street, Maynooth.

Mr. Philip Greene, President, Leixlip Chamber of Commerce, Bank of Ireland, Leixlip.

The Town Clerk, Leixlip Town Commission.

Re: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Dear Madam,

As you are no doubt aware we are the organisers of what now has become one of the biggest St. Patrick's Day parades outside Dublin. We are effectively the only parade in Kildare. We are very encouraged to see so many businesses and clubs from Leixlip taking part. We think that this can be improved on if we co-ordinate participa-

tion through your good offices for future parades.

Now that we have finally got Kildare County Council's support on detours, Maynooth is an ideal town for holding such an event. Traffic from Dublin is detoured through the back lanes and traffic to Dublin takes the Moyglare Road route.

We are very lucky in that we have our own Brass & Reed Band (St. Marys) to lead our parade and we also have the participation of vehicles from the Fire Brigade and Eastern Health Board showing off the strength of the North Kildare local services.

We hope that with your active support we can make the parade the best in the Country. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

John McGinley, Secretary.

Mr. P. Flynn T.D., Minister for the Environment, Dail Eireann.

Dear Mr. Flynn,

Further to our petition of the 10th May 1989 we now submit a petition with revised boundaries which are agreed with Kildare County Council. The agreed boundaries are N4 Motorway/Carton Demesne/ Jacksons Bridge/Development Boundary, Moyglare Road.

This includes the following areas:-Maynooth Town Centre, Rail Park, Straffan Road, The Crescent, Railpark Estate, Greenfield Estate, Carton Court, Kingsbry, Greenfield Cottages, Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4, Beaufield, Newtown, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Moyglare Road, Moyglare Village Estate, Laraghbryan East, O'Neill Park, Leinster Park.

# TOWN COMMISSION STATUS FOR MAYNOOTH

Patrick Moynan, 209 Kingsbry, Maynooth. Patrick O'Brien, 109 Moyglare Village, Maynooth.

Bridget Saults, 9 Parson Street, Maynooth. Peter Finan, 291 Greenfield, Maynooth. Tom Flanagan, 754 Greenfield, Maynooth. David Moynan, 2 Convent Lane, Maynooth.

Eilis O'Malley, 5 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth.

Richard Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

Gerard Durack, 158 Kingsbry, Maynooth. Dolores Quinn, 13 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth.

John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain, 58 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth.

Peter Connell, 27 College Green, Maynooth. Mary Simon, 103 Railpark, Maynooth. Peter Holland, 72 Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

Larry O'Brien, 510 Newtown, Maynooth. Tom McMullon, 63 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

Kevin Murphy, 557 O'Neill Park, Maynooth.

Michael Kelleher, 7 Carton Court, Maynooth.

Gabriel Martin, Leinster Park, Maynooth. Ian McKenna, 214 Kingsbry, Maynooth. Bridie O'Brien, 15 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

Yours sincerely,

John McGinley, Secretary.



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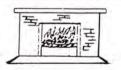
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#### SWANS NEST

This month we start with what may be bad news, but which we hope will be good news. Recently water levels of the canal in the Maynooth rose due to the opening of Lock gates further up stream. While it was never intended, the rising waters rose dangerously close to the swans nest where the eggs were being hatched. Swift action however by committee members brought the water down to a more acceptable level and we can just hope and pray that all is well in the nest. It is comforting to see that the swans are still sitting on the nest.

#### COMMITTEE

In last months Royal Canal Notes we published details of the incoming Canal Committee which had just being elected and regretably omitted the name of committee member Gerry McGlinchev. Gerry is one of our very active members and does a vast amount of work for which we are very thankful.

# ROYAL CANAL

### **NEWS**

#### WATER SAFETY

With the Canal Harbour and the advent of fine weather many people will no doubt be strolling along the canal. The amenity is there for everyone to enjoy, but we stress that the canal is a public waterway and normal water safety rules should be observed at all times by those frequenting the

#### OFFICIAL OPENING

As stated earlier Maynooth Harbour is now complete and will be officially reopened on Sunday May 27th at 1.30 p.m. This event is being organised in conjuction with the reopening of the entire canal from Blanchardstown to Mullingar. It is hoped that both St. Mary's Brass Band and Maynooth Accordian Band will attend and various side shows are being arranged. A good afternoon's entertainment is in store.

#### **CANAL JAMBOREE**

The Royal Canal Jamboree which takes place on the 6th May at the North Kildare Club is now at an advanced stage of organisation and we are pleased to announce that the Mermaid as seen on the Kenny Live show on R.T.E., will be in attendance and she will be giving away lots of tickets for free trips to Mosney. The All Ireland School Canoeing Championship will take place on the canal during the Jamboree. R.T.E. will be there to televise the now famous "Its a Knockout" and no fewer than 24 teams have entered the contest. The Jamboree Queen will be chosen at a disco in the Marquee at the Jamboree site on Saturday May 5th and will preside at the Jamboree. C.K.R. Radio will be broadcasting live from the Jamboree and will be playing all your requests. Maynooth Brass Band will give a recital and many side shows will be there. The Pub Tub Derby will also take place, so be there to see how the team from your local gets on. A special swimming pool is being installed at the North Kildare for the Jamboree and this fabulous pool will be raffled later during the Jamboree.

Gerry Fitzpatrick P.R.O.

The last party was held in the Post Primary School on April 1st. Our thanks to Fr. Ernest for celebrating Mass and to the members of the Accordian Band, Vincent Mulready and Josie Moore for providing the excellent entertainment.

#### ACTIVE AGE WEEK

This usually takes place in the Autumn but this year it will be during the week 13th -20th May. Happily so because this coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Maynooth Old People's Committee.

Our programme is as follows: Sunday 13th May Prayers in the local churchs 3 p.m. ICA Hall Tea and Entertainment provided by the ICA.

### **OLD PEOPLES' COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 15th May 10 a.m., from the ICA Hall Visit to Castletown House 8.30 p.m. Caulfields back room 'Sing Along'

Thursday 17th May 10.30 a.m. in the ICA Hall 'Special Bingo' This will be an extension of our normal session with extra prizes.

Sunday 20th May 3.30 p.m. Mass 6 p.m. Meal and Entertainment to celebrate our Silver Jubilee

Throughout the week there will be a display of the handiwork of our Senior Citizens in the library.

We are also holding two competitions.

- 1. Make a 25th Anniversary Card.
- 2. An essay about the last 25 years.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Kitty Thompson of Greenfield who celebrated her 90th birthday on 5th April.

#### THANKS

To the girls of the 5th and 6th classes in the Convent. They organised a jumble sale in the school which raised £177. Much of the money was sent to Trocaire but they gave a donation for the old people to let them know of their love and concern for their welfare.

#### SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences to Agnes Boyd on the death of her husband Kevin. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

#### ANNUAL OUTING

This will take place on June 2nd and we shall be going to Skerries.

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### POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

### VICTORY CELEBRATIONS

A very enjoyable function was held in the Gymnasium of the school last Friday evening April 6th. The victorious Senior and Junior football teams were being presented with their medals by the well known trainer of the Meath team, Sean Boylan.

In the course of his address Sean emphasised the importance of playing games, fitness and a commitment to the team. Aer Lingus provided the catering and Fr. Thynne was the genial Master of Ceremonies.

The senior team Captain in a reply thanked the teachers for their commitment of time and energy in preparing the two winning teams. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Holt trained the Seniors while Mr. Dunne and Mr. McKeon trained the Junior teams. Well done to one and all.

ming to rock climbing to canoeing. We hope all concerned will have a pleasant time.

Our 2nd years are all geared up for their trip to Wales at the end of May. This will be both educational and social. The slate mines in Llechwedd will be visited, Snowdon mountain railway together with a shopping visit to Chester and an evening of fun at the Rhyl Sun Centre.

For an investment of one hundred pounds once off, or in four instalments of twenty five, you can contribute to the provision of extra facilities in the school. Plans are well advanced for two fenced-in tennis courts which, it is intended, to hand over to a tennis club which hopefully will be organised so that everybody in Maynooth can enjoy the use of this facility. We would appeal in particular to past pupils and past parents who would like to show their appreciation for any help given by the school in the development of their children. Now is your chance to give something back - buy a Bond!

#### **MOCK INTERVIEWS**

The Mock Interviews have been held once again this year and our gratitude to all those who responded to the request to act as interviewers in a wide selection of careers.

There is of course the first prize of one thousand pounds which can be won in November. Buy a Bond now for one hundred pounds or in four instalments of twenty five pounds between now and November. Contact Mr. McManus in the Post-Primary School.

#### SCHOOL TOURS

Our 1st year students are getting ready for their school tour to Smarmore Castle, Co. Louth - May 7th to 11th. This is an adventure, sporting, outdoor activity centre which will provide a great variety of activities for the boys and girls from archery to swim-

### BOND SCHEME

Finally, - Past, present and future parents and students are invited (requested, arm twisted!) to participate in our Bond Scheme.

A party of twenty two first and second year students will set off for a month to the Kerry Gaeltacht in June. Needless to say they will return with a "Fior Bhlas".

GAELTACHT

### MAY DAY

Maypoles and May Queens traditionally greet the first of May, which for many centuries has been traditionally celebrated among the Latin and Germanic peoples.

However, there is some confusion regarding the origins of May Day. It is supposed to be named after Maia, the mother of Mercury, to whom sacrifices were offered on the first day of the month. Other scholars believe that May Day festivals stem from the rite, practised in honour of Flora, the Roman goddess of spring.

May Day is currently celebrated as a festival for children, marking the re-appearance of flowers during the spring.

May Day is greeted by dancing around a garlanded pole, a Maypole, from which hang streamers held by dancers as they perform. It is also celebrated in many European countries as a labour holiday, comparable to America's Labour Day. In the Soviet Union and other communist countries, May Day is especially significant. Observance of the holiday by some workers in Europe and the United States, probably dates from the celebration of the Second International, an assembly of socialist and labour parties, convened in 1889.

Christina Hession



Photo: Oliver McCrossan

The winning team of the preliminary round of the National Safety Council/new P.M.P.A. Junior School Warden Competition from Maynooth B.N.S. who will represent the school in the regional finals in May.

Kneeling: D. McLoughlin, R. D'Arcy,

2nd Row: J. Greene, N. Kavanagh, D. Moore, B. Boland.

Back: Mr. C. Doyle RSO, Kildare C.C., Garda P. Kearney, Sgt. J. Canny, Mr. E. Doherty, New P.M.P.A., Mr. J. McBride, Teacher, Mr. E. Doyle, Area

Officer N.S.C., Mr. D. Downes, Teacher, Mr. P. O'Connell, Principal.

### **ICA NOTES**

The April meeting was held on Thursday the 5th and our President, Madeline Stynes welcomed everyone.

Congratulations to Maynooth Guild who won the St. Brigids Shield for the Best Guild in Kildare, for the seventh time.

Congratulations also to the ladies in the beginners Drama Group who brought home a beautiful trophy from the Drama Festival

won by:

Betty Farrell 1st, Mary Doyle 2nd, Margaret Hoolihan 3rd.

Sympathy was extended to Viva Kearins on the sudden death of her brother.

The May competition is a bunch of wild flowers. Betty Farrell gave a very interesting demonstration on flower arranging.

Thank you Betty. All activities continued held in Prosperous on March 30th. The with Arts and Crafts - Mondays 8 p.m., April competition "An Easter Card" was Badminton-Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30 - 12 noon.

> The May meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd at 8 p.m. in the ICA Hall, the Harbour. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Geraldine Tracey, P.R.O.

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### MAYNOOTH SPRING FAIR 1990

When Maynooth people tell you that on the last weekend in April the Maynooth Spring Fair is the biggest attraction in County Kildare, West Dublin and South Meath, you have to take their claim seriously. Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th April, sees the Spring Fair in its fourth year. It started in 1987 as a once off fund raising event between the local Royal Canal Restoration Group and the Management Committee of the Boy's National School. Its success that year has been built on in each subsequent year with the slogan "BIGGER AND BETTER".

The Maynooth Spring Fair is held in the Boy's National School and adjacent grounds. Ground space is rented to exhibitors at the same rates as in 1987. You or any exhibitor can rent a minimum size sales pitch for two days for £45 all in. Last year the organising Committee had to close applications for sales space when the figure of 107 units had been reached. The organising Committee believe that success depends on widespread and effective advertising, and in its first three years has gone public on national radio, 'Live at 3' (twice), AA Roadsigns, Newspapers and Roadside Hoardings.

From the start Maynooth Spring Fair has not been just another Trade Fair. Fringe attractions are always organised to encourage people to attend in greater numbers. To date these attractions have included live radio broadcast by Radio 2, the Sam Maguire Cup, wine and beer making competitions, free valuations and antiques, coins, stamps and medals.

It's a great day out from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Use the day to visit historical Maynooth - St. Patrick's College, the restored Royal Canal Harbour, the Fitzgerald Castle, the Round Tower and Connolly's Folly.

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### COLLEGE NOTES

#### CANTEEN AND RESIDENCE TO BE BUILT

Hot on the heels of the recent announcement that the Government has given the goahead for the construction of the first phase of the long-sought new Science Building comes news of two further buildings which the College authorities hope to get under way shortly. The first of these is a new, purpose-built canteen to replace the present overcrowded facility in the Arts Building. The idea seems to be to locate it on the New Campus so that it would be linked to both the present Arts Building and the new Science Building when completed. This would also release space in the Arts Building for conversion into additional offices and teaching rooms which have become increasingly necessary due to the rapid expansion in student numbers in recent years. If Government permission is forthcoming, the possibility is that the new canteen could be built during the coming summer.

Meanwhile, the College is advancing plans to build a residence for lay students on the campus. The earmarked site is off the Moyglare Road, beyond the Post Primary school, and adjacent to the SMA Hostel. Details regarding the number of students to be accommodated, facilities and costs etc. are not yet available. Nevertheless, it is now quite clear that after many years of stand-still, the campus will shortly be a hive of construction activity, which argurs well for the future.

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The College Authorities are currently investigating the establishment of an association of college graduates, or "alumni", as they are more grandiosely known. Such associations are now the norm among universities, with their get togethers great occasions for nostalgia and renewal of old acquaintances (not to mention appeals for hand-outs from the College President!). So, if you see groups of middle-aged people staring dumbfounded into the new lounge in the Roost, or asking after Doss in Caulfield's, you will know what is up.

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#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The temporary-looking building on the New Campus which houses most of the Arts Faculty was opened in 1976. Some people still call it the "New" Arts Block, although for most it is simply the "Arts Block".

However, having given the matter weighty consideration at its last meeting, the College Executive Council has now deemed it desirable that the erection in question should be known henceforth as the "Arts Building'.

A similar designation is to be applied to the forthcoming edifice to house the Science faculty. Perhaps it is time to consider naming the buildings in question after illustrious people with past (or even present?) associations with the college. In the meantime, while it is unlikely that instant expulsion or dismissal will ensue should any students or staff be heard to utter the unmentionable word "bl..k" in the vicinity of high-ranking college officials, it is probably wise to be careful just in case.

#### NEW STUDENT OFFICERS

Congratulations to Vincent Martin and David Hall on their recent election to the positions of Student Union President and Vice-president, respectively. Vincent is currently studying for the Higher Diploma in Education, while David is in First Arts. They will take up their full-time posts on July 1st.

Meanwhile, the present incumbents of these positions are still beavering away on behalf of their constituents. Following a recent survey which showed a very strong demand among the student body, the Student Union presented proposals for an Examination Appeals procedure within the college. As it happens, such a procedure is currently being considered by the Senate of the National University of Ireland for implementation NUI colleges, including within all Maynooth. The Maynooth Student Union proposal has been forwarded by the college to the NUI Senate for inclusion in that body's deliberations. Meanwhile, congratulations to Pauline Madigan and John O'Sullivan for their initiative in this matter.

### Glór na nGael Maigh Nuad

Cruinniú Poiblí/Public Meeting

**BUAIGH DUAIS** 

Dé Máirt/Tuesday 8 Bealtaine/May 8.30 p.m. The I.C.A. Hall Maigh Nuad Failte romhaibh go leir.

#### AN SORCAS

Líon na boscaí seo a leanas leis an bhfocal ceart.

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- 5. Ceoltóiré le chéile.
- 6. Bíonn slua mór istigh ann.
- 7. Duine a bhionn ar mhuir an chapaill.
- 8. Cócó agus Bóbó, b'fhéidir?
- 9. Suilann sé nó sí in airde ar théad.
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Q. I am married with 3 children. My gross pay is £140p.w. In spite of this low wage I have to pay nearly £8 tax and £7.70 PRSI each week. What will my tax position be as your own tax office. a result of the recent Budget?

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For further information contact your own tax office or Maynooth CIC.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the citizen.

A. From the 6th April the exemption limit for a married couple under 65 years will be £6,500. An extra £300 for each dependent child is added to this. This brings the exemption limit up to £7,400 or £142.30 p.w. in your case. So you will be exempt from tax this year.

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### DUBLIN ARTS DIARY

Recently Italian Cinema has given us two remarkably similar films Ettore Scola's 'Splendor' and Giuseppe Tornatore's 'Cinema Paradiso'. Ostensibly hommages to the 'hot medium' both also are evocative portrayals of small town life in pre- and postwar Italy. The award laden Cinema Paradiso, recent winner of the best foreign film Academy Award and winner of the

CINEMA PARADISO -SCREEN COLLEGE ST. who has created a carnival of characters which Federico Fellini would be envious of.

The film flags ever so slightly in the absence of Noiret most noticeably in the latter stages where the impish Toto has grown into a more sedate adolescent. Now the omnipresent cinema which has suffered conflagration and reconstruction, is suffering



Grand Jury Prize in Cannes in 1989, is a spellbinding film not least due to another amazing performance from Phillipe Noiret in his one hundredth film role. The pervasive nostalgic atmosphere is enhanced by a narrative that unravels in flashback which has its catalyst in the persona of Alfredo (Noiret) and its genesis in Rome. Here Salvatore, an accomplished director returning from work hears of his old friends death, news which reawakes memories of his childhood in post-war Sicily. Alfredo the projectionist of the eponymaus cinema is a compassionate fatherly batchelor who is the closest companion of the fatherless Salvatore / Toto (Jacques Perrin). This central relationship infuses an enchanting movie with its heartwarming aura and ele-

vates it into the stratosphere of contemporary cinema. Unlike the cosiness of Peter Weirs 'Dead Poet's Society' which incidentally shared the same cinema bill, it is a thought provoking study of the medium executed in impeccable style. One scene in particular, which is shot from the perspective of the Paradiso screen, equates Tornatores' audience with the 'real audience, a situation not unlike that evinced in Velazquezs', Las Meninas, where the realism of the subject is questioned. This polemic of art versus life recurs throughout the movie giving an added dimension to its pastoral simplicity. The cinema itself serves as the cynosure of the village populace, a microcosm of its culture, which is depicted in endearingly comic fashion by Tornatore in the birth of the cool medium of television. Alfredo in parallel with the Paradiso has physically degenerated having in an ironic quirk of fate lost his sight in the aforementioned fire. Salvatore eventually heeds the advice of his aged mentor leaving for the mainland and doesn't look back.

Cinema Paradiso is destined already to become a classic of the nineteen nineties and has to be seen on the big screen. Highly recommended viewing especially for the cineastes.

Donal O'Donoghue

# ANNUAL POETRY COMPETITION

Once again it is time to invite entries for the 1990 Poetry Competition. There are three categories this year:
Under 12 years of age;
12 - 18 years of age;
Over 18 years of age;
Substantial prizes will be offered to the winners. Closing date for receipt of entries, June 12th 1990.

All work must be original work of entrants and must not have been published before.

### POETRY CORNER

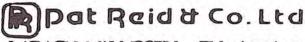
#### TO MARIGA

You were always unlike us Even when you joined our meetings In a cardigan with torn elbows; We crafted hard pragmatic plans; You spoke of fragile lovely things As if they were the common currency: Birth and privilege afforded you perspective, Lets space and calmness in Until they were necessities. How then could you abide The suburb's onslaught: Our motors cruising down your drive, Our children plucking blossoms from your trees. Our lovers kissing in your ruined gazebo?

Dear life - bewildered princess Sleep quiet beneath your folly With Maytime beauties that you loved Piled here in fresh-cut splendour: I lay this cottage-grown rosemary Beside the stately arum lilies.

#### P. O Duibheannaigh

Note: Mariga Guinness died in May 1989. She is buried at Connollys Folly.



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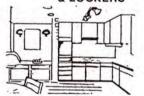
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#### When You Need Them by Clairr

O'Connor. (Salmon Publishing. £4.50 on sale in Maynooth Bookshop).

Clairr O'Connor's collection of poetry has recently been published in an impressively presented fifty-seven page volume by Salmon Publishing. The poems are nothing short of wonderful, rounded and finished with a quiet power of intimacy which leaves one silent in its wake.

They range through three sections with a cleverly orchestrated progression of theme. Part one, 'From the Belly', unveils the earth mother slowly and very painfully becoming human, fighting the restrictions of domesticity and finding a sense of release only on/in moonlit nights ("My blood-tears tick/new time, spotted moon." "Moonless I lurch about, / Osiris my guide / but somehow I never/get it right." "Only at night do I feel unpacked.") She is constantly doing battle with the realm of the domestic where everything seems to be too particular to contain her; it demands order, structure and is governed by the imperative of having to "stage first impressions." The myth and archetype of this section is superbly evoked by the careful use of words which, in themselves, are connotative of mystery and power: 'Savage', 'Moon - Dragged', 'Birthings', 'Passage', 'Mudmen', and by the recurring images of villages, smoke and fire, dance and face painting. All very primitive, superhuman. The driving force behind this presentation is centred in female fertility and in aspects of the earth mother or goddess. But the wonderful achievement of this section comes with the poems from 'Playpens' onward. Here Clairr O'Connor begins to show the goddess moving into a more mundane realm, slowly from archetype to individual:

In the kitchen / head tight as a bandage / I burn and spill . . . / Only at night do I feel unpacked.

The images of restriction are everywhere and the sense of there being something far more universal than can be confined in a house is overwhelming:

In bed I wake

The moon threads the curtains, The brasseyes of our bed stare. The dream serpent wakes me

(...)

In sudden winter
The house lies
down in snow,.
Fear slouches off
his skin and lodges
in my eye sockets;
The guest, shifteyed
Ophidian, secures
his habitation.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

She manages to convey the impression that the pain of this movement is something wholesome and natural; formative, despite her efforts to reject it.

Part two, 'Another Space', sees the woman of part one needing companionship and being overtly concerned with birth, growth, children. The poems chart a rapid progression into an area where it is necessary to 'Hit the Brakes' and where it becomes essential to 'find another space, my own.' Existing side by side with this desire for a 'glass island' is the opposing need to contact; long distance contact with her companion and an over-riding desire for total intimacy with nature ('its not easy / to find oceans when you need them'). The pain is all too silent. 'Waves and Voices' part three, slides through the noise of New York, listening to and watching the many manifestations of entanglement; pawnbrokers skewering owners' dockets; the great 'escape' of the druggist's wife; the plight of a woman who has had her breast removed and sees it everywhere, and, towering above them all, great aunt May - 'squaw long years'. Here the goddess has returned to the movement of the poems in the person of an ancient matriarch (the 'hag' dimension):

From her black ark ashore great Aunt May Remembers the energy of waves,

The complete silence of sea under moon.

In this final section, Clairr O'Connor has come back to the mythical and the primitive. "I just don't wanna / play - act no more" shoves the entire movement towards a resolution of sorts; driving a determined passage through despair and back to a wholesome universality. 'Ceremony', the final poem in the book is rounded by the tones of acceptance and connotates completion - it is both brutal and compassionate, mysterious and definitive at one and the same time.

(...)
Feel the shape of the bowl
Without speaking Drink.

These poems are mature in anger and strength. They flow from page to page and back again, endlessly rocking a cradle of love and motherhood. It is one of the finest attempts yet in Irish literature to make room in the house for the goddess in suburbia.

P. Hussey

#### **OPERA MINIMA**

(24 pp; £1.75 softback - on sale in Maynooth Bookshop)

A unique bilingual anthology of poetry written by two locally resident poets has recently been published. 'Opera Minima' a collection by Bill Tinley and Edoardo Zuccato is a series of sixteen works of which Tinley's six poems constitute the first part of this unusual collection which is completed by Zuccato's Italian penned pieces (three of which are in the Milanese dialect). Each work is translated into its companion language.

Tinley's oeuvre comprises what are ostensibly love poems tinged with a sense of vague regret. 'Reunion', 'Tattoos', 'Sleeping Together' and 'Wanting a Child' are written within these parameters in conventional fashion, honest and frankly undisguised writing, whereas 'A Black and White Photograph' and 'Sacco, the "Fasting Man" are subtly masked in themes of photography and abstinence respectively. Imagery and emotion mingle fluidly in this writing 'The streetlight blooms its yellow disc again As we revive our wilted passion

The quilt a trampled field and overhead The grantic midges drawn towards your lampshade'

a technique that is employed with considerable dexterity in "Tattoos", an invigoratingly clever treatment of sexual calligraphy or more succinctly 'the hieroglyphics of desire'. Such inventive syntax imbues the text with a vital dynamism as evinced in the concise terminology of 'jamjarred' and 'days and weeks, weep into phases of the Zodiac'.

This economy of composition is epitomised in the terse language of 'Sacco, the "Fasting Man", a work lean and hungry like its subject, notable for its clarity of desperate urgency. Perhaps in its epitaphic niche Tinley has decided there has been 'enough of the symbolic' and evokes Beckett with a plea for the communications of silence. This is an apt endpiece to a collection which advocates the emergence of a promising young writer, who unlike the eponymous Sacco, appears to have plenty more to say. Edoardo Zuccato's poetry is in immediate contrast to Tinley's, embracing urban consumerism and rural landscape in a staccato mimalist style. Hints of William Carlos Williams abound, most noticeably resonant in 'Script for all possible films'

'As then two lonely birds Swallowed in the white Chirp 'one' On the screen of the sky' A measured academic cadence pervades this writing which tends to petrify its impetus (a possible result of translation?). This characteristic however does enhance on occasion as in 'of the deserted railway along the river' creating a synesthetic effect with its incongrous imagery

'Some shouts in the background the code of a laughter

then not even the time to say 'Amen'.,

The dedication of the writers is attested to by the book which they compiled, typeset and published with a cover designed by Kevin Horan. The result, Opera Minima is an interlude with enough inspirational arias to make it well worth the price of admission.

Donal O'Donoghue

# MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

On the 5th March we celebrated our second birthday. The Maynooth Credit Union has grown tremendously in that short period. On St. Patrick's Day we again took part in the Parade - this time entering a float. Great praise and thanks must be given to Oonagh Breslin who designed our float depicting some gorgeous squirrels being thrifty and making plans for the future. We hope that some of the on lookers to whom we distributed leaflets will be encouraged to come along and find out more about The Credit Union and join it.

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This month we are awaiting the decision of the Appeal Court in London on the fate of Finbar Cullen, John McCann and Martina Shanahan. Our anxiety at this point can be nothing compared to that of the three themselves and their families, and we extend our solidarity to them particularly at this time. We understand at the moment that they are awaiting two distinct decisions by the judges; (a) Whether to allow the application to appeal in the first instance, and (b) their ruling on that appeal, the application to appeal having been accepted, by mutual consent, as the appeal itself. Leave to appeal the severity of the sentences has already been granted. Where to find the balance between hope and realism in all that, is difficult to say. What we can be sure of is the encouragement which the three get from local support such as ours. Below is an extract from a recent letter from Finbar, which speaks for itself.

> Frankland Prison 26-3-90

Dear Friends,

This is just a note to let you know how much your hard work and support is appreciated and how much it means to me .....

... Among the things which sustain me from day to day here, and keep my head and spirits high, are the regular reports I hear of your wonderful support and efforts for Martina, John and me. The recent burst of activity has been great for our morale at what is a difficult time. I was especially moved by the description of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth - it certainly sounded like a brilliant occasion and everyone seems to have surpassed themselves! ..... Many thanks to each of you for all your concern and support. It is one beacon of hope which never fails me, not even in the darkest hours behind Franklands walls.

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Band activists, like the weather are now beginning to warm up and we already have a pretty full diary for May. One of the main events this month is the Royal Canal Jamboree in the North Kildare Club on 6th May where, through the generosity of the Lions Club, we hope to add to our Uniform Fund. A great deal of work has gone into the organisation of this event, which includes the famous T.V. spectacle 'it's a Knockout', and we hope all our friends will support the Jamboree. We may just 'miss the bus' but for those of you who buy your Newsletter early we are holding a 'Sixties Night' in the Hitchin' Post on Friday 27th April at 8.30. There will be a real honest to God live Showband providing the music and if you feel like coming in your '60's gear you will be even more welcome. We promise all a great night out. Proceeds of the night will also go towards our Uniform Fund and we hope you will have patience with us during the year as we go about Fund Raising for our new uniforms. Our present set is almost 10 years old so we should not be bothering you for another ten years at least. Finally, may we thank the Lions Club for their surprise 'Congratulations Advert' in last months Newsletter. We were delighted to see our dual victory being recognised and we are grateful for their consideration. We hope for many more triumphs in the future. Hope to see you here again next month with a little more news.

Paddy Boyd

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Meetings on third Monday of each month in the M.A.D.E. centre. Next meeting on Monday 21st May at 8.00 p.m. Demonstrator: Mrs. Imelda O'Reilly.

New members welcome adm. £1.50. On June the 9th the Clubs' Annual outing will be to Lough Rynn in Co. Leitrim. More details later. On June 21st, 24th A.O.I.F.A. Flower Festival and National competitions will be held at St. Patrick's College. The theme of the festival is 'What a wonderful world'. It is hoped all Club Members will take part in the competition.

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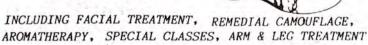


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#### NEW COMMITTEE

The incoming committee members have been elected as follows:

Gerry Delaney - Chairman
Joe Geraghty - V. Chairman
Ian McKenna - Secretary
Kieran O'Grady - Treasurer
Maureen Fitzsimons - P.R.O.
members are: Kevin Coyle, Breds

Other members are: Kevin Coyle, Breda Barrett, Jack Butler, Kathleen Keogh.

# RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

### KINGSBRY RESIDENTS

The incoming committee would like to thank last years committee for all the time and effort they gave to organising last years events. This year the committee will be following their footsteps in endeavouring to replace any dead or broken trees throughout the estate. Recently a number of trees have been vandalised late at night and we appeal to any residents who witness the defacing of trees to report the perpetrator to the committee. Another problem in the estate concerns a few individuals who continuously dump their household and other refuse at the back of the estate and on empty building sites in the estate. Aside from being unhealthy and dangerous for children, it is extremely inconsiderate of

others. Dumping is illegal and anyone seen disposing of their refuse in this manner will be reported to their council.

#### **FORTHCOMING**

EVENTS
We would like to thank all residents who subscribed to the Residents Association and for grass cutting fees. Last year we organised many social events which were both well attended and enjoyed by all. This year we hope that even more residents join in: it's a great way of meeting and socialising with your neighbours. It is hoped extra events this year will be arranged starting with a pitch & putt competition in May.

Pitch & Putt

- May

Mixed - Five-a-side

- June

Childrens sports day/Barbecue

- July

Golf competition/Annual Dinner Dance

- August

**Snooker Competition** 

- September

Bowling

- October

Pub Ouiz

- November

Childrens Xmas Party

December Prior notice will be given at all forthcoming events.

#### NEW COMMITTEE

Following a year in which the Residents' Association almost went to the wall, the caretaking committee were delighted to get a good turn-out to the A.G.M. held on the 20th of March this year. There was a great show of enthusiasm by those present and there was no problem getting a new committee elected. The officers being;

Frances Campbell
Chairman
Ursula Forde
Secretary
Eileen Canning
Treasurer
Pauline Kearns
Social Officer

### COLLEGE GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Members: Paul O'Brien and Matt Shortt.

The Associations representative on the Community Council Peter Connell will also attend committee meetings to keep us informed on more global issues.

#### COMMUNITY DAY

As we had such a successful Community Day last year, it is decided to organise a similar day but a little earlier this year. Last year a lot of people who would otherwise have attended were on holidays so we thought we would opt for late June this year. Our Social Officer, Pauline Kearns, will get a sub-committee together and collect money on a weekly basis with a 'draw' each week before the big day. The date will be settled by the next edition of the Newsletter.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

It's subscription time again folks and by now the heavy gang will have called to your house and threatened your family so we are sure that you gave with good grace. If you were not at home (or in hiding), any of the above committee members would be only too glad to accept your contribution. The money is needed as soon as possible so that we can arrange for grass-cutting before some children disappear in the long grass never to be heard of again.

### Chiropractic, The Way to Bodily Harmony

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Your nervous system is made up of your brain, your spinal cord and spinal nerves. Messages are assembled in the brain and carried through the spinal cord and into every area of the body via the nervous system. The bones of the spine protect the spinal cord and nerves because of their extreme importance to the function of the body. Sometimes a bone in the spine can move or be moved out of it's normal position. It will then press on spinal nerves, a situation which the chiropractor calls a "subluxation". The effects of a

subluxation can be observed, but often the damage occurs so slowly that it may take months, even years, to produce a noticable malfunction in the body. These malfunctions can manifest themselves in many ways, but often the problem is highlighted by pain in the body's structure, including the spine, shoulder, neck, armor leg. Chiropractors specialize in locating and correcting these subluxations, and by doing so, restoring the body's normal function.

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when the nerve system is free of interference.

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To ensure that you have correct chiropractic care, you should make sure that the practitioner you attend is a fully qualified doctor of chiropractic. Fully trained doctors of Chiropractic in this country will have completed at least four years full time training at a recognised Chiropractic College and most will be members of the Chiropractic Association of Ireland. If you have any queries about Chiropractic, you can contact Dr. Linda M. Finley who has recently moved her practice from Clonsilla, where she has been for three years, to Maynooth. Dr. Finley's Phone Number is 6285962.



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#### SLOW DOWN

You will also have received a strongly worded letter concerning cars being driven at speed through the estate. This follows a decision taken at the meeting to urge people to slow down before there is an accident. One committee meeting has already taken place and more are planned over the year so you will hear from us ad nauseum. We would like to thank everyone for their support to date.

Ursula Forde Secretary

### LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At a well attended meeting the following Committee was elected:

Matt Carroll
Chairman
Patricia Begley
Secretary
Michael Murray
Treasurer
Paddy Boyd
P.R.O.

Committee: Mona Dempsey, Ollie Bright, Jennifer Keogh, Bridie O'Brien, Vincent Doyle

Doyle. Sergeant Canny has met the residents in connection with the Neighbourhood Watch, following which, information leaflets were distributed in the area. There was a very positive response to these leaflets, which have been returned to the Gardai and residents will be advised of all developements as they arise.

Following much hassle and frustration on the part of our residents we at long last seem to be nearing a solution to the age old problem of speeding traffic on the Pound/ Convent Lane. This has been a serious problem for many years and despite several accidents nothing has been done, until now that is with the grateful assistance of the Gardai and Sgt. Canny in particular, we may soon be able to walk down the lane without thinking that we had been transported to Mondello Park. We hope to be in a position to give further details at the next residents meeting which will be held in Caulfield's meeting room at 8.30 on Thursday 17th May.

We would like to welcome our new residents one of which has joined our committee and hope they will all become actively involved in the association.

Finally may we encourage those who have not yet paid the annual subscription of £5 to drop it in to any committee member before our next meeting.

#### I. BARRY

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### GARDA TALK

#### ATTENTION PARENTS

A recent incident where a young boy was molested by a male, at the Harbour, Maynooth is being investigated by the Gardai. We advise all parents to supervise their children, and not to allow them to wander. This is a very serious situation, and we would appreciate any useful information concerning this occurrence.

REMEMBER PARENTS, THE BEST DETERRENT TO THIS TYPE OF CONDUCT IS CONSTANT SUPERVISION OF YOUR CHILDREN; AND KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND WHO THEY ARE WITH.

## TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAR

Unfortunately, Maynooth like other centres with close proximity to Dublin gets its fair share of crime, and to this end, stolen cars are no exception. A recent increase in this particular type of crime causes concern, and we feel obliged to point out the importance of securing your car properly. It is after all probably your second biggest expenditure after your home.

- 1. Lock you car, remove the ignition key, and secure all windows even for a short space of time. If possible garage your car at night.
- 2. Do not leave property in view.
- 3. Consider fitting a good quality alarm/immobiliser.
- 4. If your car is stolen, report it immediately to the Gardai.

On a similar note, may we thank local residents who recently apprehended a "Number Plate Merchant', who favoured removing number plates from cars in the dead of night. Hopefully this will put a stop to his little 'Number'. Well done to all concerned.

#### DOGS

Dogs worrying and killing livestock is a menace and every year it appears to be getting worse. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to ensure that he is under effective control at all times. Every dog which is loose can worry and kill livestock. Please play your part.

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A well attended A.G.M. of the Maynooth Branch was held on March 27th last. Addressing the meeting, the incoming Chairperson, John McGinley, complemented the Branch members on their high level of activity in the community over the past year and pointed out the prominent role played by party members in a wide The following officers were elected; range of local community organisations.

He stressed the importance of the forthcoming Local Election and that the Labour Party was in a strong position given the poor performance of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the P.D.'s on Kildare Co. Council. Central Government had starved Local Authorities of finance over the last five years and Kildare's Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and P.D. councillors had acquiesced in the cutbacks. John McGinley argued that a thorough reform of the financing of Local Authorities was required. This could be done without the re-introduction of domestic rates while at the same time abolishing service charge which labour councillors Stagg and Purcell had always opposed.

### **POLITICAL PARTY NOTES**

### LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Chairperson: John McGinley Secretary: Pat Moynan Treasurer: David Movnan PRO: Peter Connell Women's Officer: Margaret Clince Vice Chairperson: Peter Holland

#### BOND BRIDGE

Again, the residents of Newtown, Beaufield, Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green are being obliged to navigate their way over Bond Bridge through a lunar landscape of potholes. Emmet Stagg has brought the atrocious condition of the road surface to the attention of the County Council and asked that remedial action be taken immediately.

#### DUNBOYNE ROAD

The County Council recently carried out patching work on the Dunboyne Road from the entrance to the Convent to the end of Leinster Cottages, following repeated representations from Deputy Stagg. However, this road needs to be resurfaced and Deputy Stagg will continue to request that this work be carried out.

#### MAYNOOTH BRASS AND REED BAND

Emmet Stagg TD has made representations to the Minister for Education Mary O'Rourke on behalf of Maynooth Brass and Reed Band seeking funding from the National Lottery.

#### **BILL ON PART-TIME** WORKERS

There has been a massive growth in the number of part-time workers in most Western countries over the last decade. While part-time work suits some people, for most it has become a case of necessity due to a simultaneous decline in the availability of full-time jobs. In fact, many large firms have been letting their own full-time workers go and then buying in the goods and services previously produced by these workers from sub-contractors employing part-time labour.

This strategy is attractive because it reduces costs, due to various disadvantages under which part-time workers operate compared to their full-time counterparts. These include low pay, poor working conditions, and lack of entitlement to various benefits such as holidays, maternity leave and redundancy payments. And, because part-time workers are frequently difficult to organise in trade unions, they become vulnerable to instant dismissal and other forms of maltreament.

In Ireland, up to 100,000 people are now employed part-time. As elsewhere, these are mainly women and young people, the former frequently trying to make up for the lost wages of redundant spouses, the latter

### **WORKERS'** PARTY NOTES

desperately trying to break into the workforce, and prepared to work under atrocious conditions in order to get any kind of job.

In the first Bill which the Workers' Party has brought before the Dail since gaining Parliamentary Party status after the 1989 General Election, it is proposed to end existing discrimination against part-time workers by extending to them the entitlements fo full-time workers. These include:-

- · Holiday leave
- · Maternity leave
- · Overtime rates
- · Redundancy payments
- · Training and workplace facilities

These proposals have already been demanded by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. Similar EC proposals have been blocked by conservative governments in Ireland and elsewhere since 1982. Commitments along these lines given in Fianna Fail's Programme for National Recovery have not yet been acted upon.

The Workers' Party urges all those who wish to see ALL workers getting a fair deal to support these proposals by bringing them up via your trade union or by lobbying local TDs to support the Workers' Party Bill in the Dail.

#### LOW PAY SCANDAL

Apart from the increasing amount of parttime work, there has also been a growing incidence of poorly paid full-time work in recent years, as employers unscrupulously exploit the desperate desire to get a job at a time of high employment. Perhaps the worse example yet of how employers are exploiting low paid workers is that of the Seven-Eleven group of 24 hour shops which has been set up in Ireland recently.

These shops mainly employ young workers at a basic rate of 90 for a forty hour week. However, even to get into such a miserable job, workers have to sign EACH page of a twelve page contract which, among other things, provides for:

- · The use of lie detectors in case of suspected theft;
- · Refusal to recognise a trade union;
- · Instant dismissal, even for such trivial "offences' as leaning elbows on the counter;
- · Relocation to any shop within the chain at 24 hours notice.

Several of these provisions, imported from the company's American parent, are illegal. However, they show clearly how far many employers are prepared to go to squeeze the last ounce out of young, inexperienced and defenceless workers. It is vitally important for workers and the unemployed to organise themselves against such measures. The Workers' Party will continue to lead the way in providing a vocal and active medium in defence of the Irish working class.

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#### **EFFORT**

Assessment may take into account sustained effort over a number of years or the overcoming of special local difficulties - 45 marks available.

#### TIDINESS

Appropriate placing of litter bins, absence of litter, advertising hoardings and indiscriminate dumping - 40 marks available.

Off the street, up at Greenfield Shopping Centre, things have been happening. A new canopy across the shopfronts and several new outlets mean a new vibrancy for the group of shops which has to serve the growing estates to the south of the canal. Alongside the well-established Donovan's Newsagents - it probably carries the largest stock of all such shops in Maynooth - and El Dorado, which for my money still has the best fish and chips in town, even if the interior of the premises is rudimentary in the extreme, there is a butcher's, a hair salon and a dry cleaners. The latest unit to open there is a branch of Richard Murphy's burgeoning empire, Xtra-vision - did you avail of the introductory offer of a free video?

Now, I'm not sure whether the town needs another video outlet, but it is interesting to see this branch of a large chain locating away from the main street where the others are grouped, and taking the business to where a large part of the local clientele is to be found. A packet of chips from El Dorado, twenty cigs from Donovans, and a hot video from Xtra-Vision, Greenfield can cater for nightlife in Maynooth. Meanwhile, the

### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS REPORT

### PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS

Shops, business premises, banks, factories, historic and public buildings, derelict sites and buildings, statues and monuments -40 marks available.

### PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES

Open spaces, village greens, streams, river banks, foreshore, parks, trees - 50 marks available.

#### APPEARANCE OF APPROACH ROADS

Verges, streets, back lanes and footpaths. Also car parks, seats, telehone kiosks, post boxes, litter bins, pumps, fountains and road signs - 45 marks available.

#### PRESENTATION OF IMMEDIATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Including open spaces - 30 marks available

Total competition marks 250.

Maynooth's 1990 marks ??? well its up to you.

We are anxious to hear your views on above. Please write c/o Community Council Office.

Just a gentle reminder Best Shop Front Competition/Tidy Area Competition upcoming in June.

Our thanks to the Spring Fair committee for the stand and to the many people who visited our stand.

But we still need more help. Thank you for reading this article.

Richard Farrell Secretary/P.R.O.

P.S. Our thanks to Maynooth Autos showing the way to us all by cutting the green patch beside their premises.

### STREET TALKING

anchor tenant in Greenfield, Tom Geraghty, still keeps his well-known supermarket as ever, with its range of diverse goods. Among all the changes, its good to see this emblem of stability.

No harm to get off the main street if you can, it's not looking its best as we come into summer. Among the usual detritus of litter, the latest game is to spot the contraceptives; this columnist spotted two on a Sunday morning trot along the street to get the papers a while back, any advance on that? (Personally I don't understand it - with the weather as cold as it has been, lovers on the street should hold on to all the covering they can). Even worse is the dog shit; a much more serious game is to see if you can walk from one end of the street to the other without stepping in any; my record is two there as well - one on each foot. I like dogs - but a lot of their owners should be put down. Some half wit thought it would be a gas to use the traffic lights for stone throwing practice, so we've had a set of broken light for the past few weeks. No one has thought it important to fix them yet either. Yet we and our children still have to rely on them to get across one of the busiest national routes in the country, which just happens to run through our town. The way we live measures our own lives; what do you think of it so far?

More half-wittery by the County Council, when they decided to do some work on the Moyglare Road, between the church and the schools. Yes, great to see things being done - but the time they chose to do them! Right outside the schools, but would they wait until 9.30 to start work? Not at all, so the cars, and buses delivering children had to weave through tar lorries, diggers and rollers, backing up past the mill, blocking the Galway road and the main street.

And in Holy Week, when there were bound to be crowds turning up at the church for the various services. More jams! This was a foreseeable cock-up, which a little planning might have avoided.

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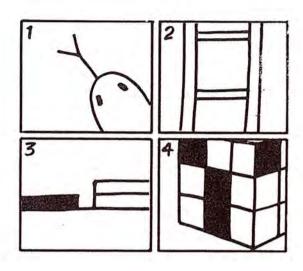
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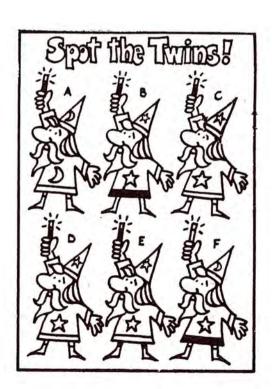


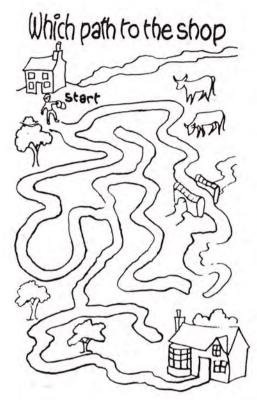
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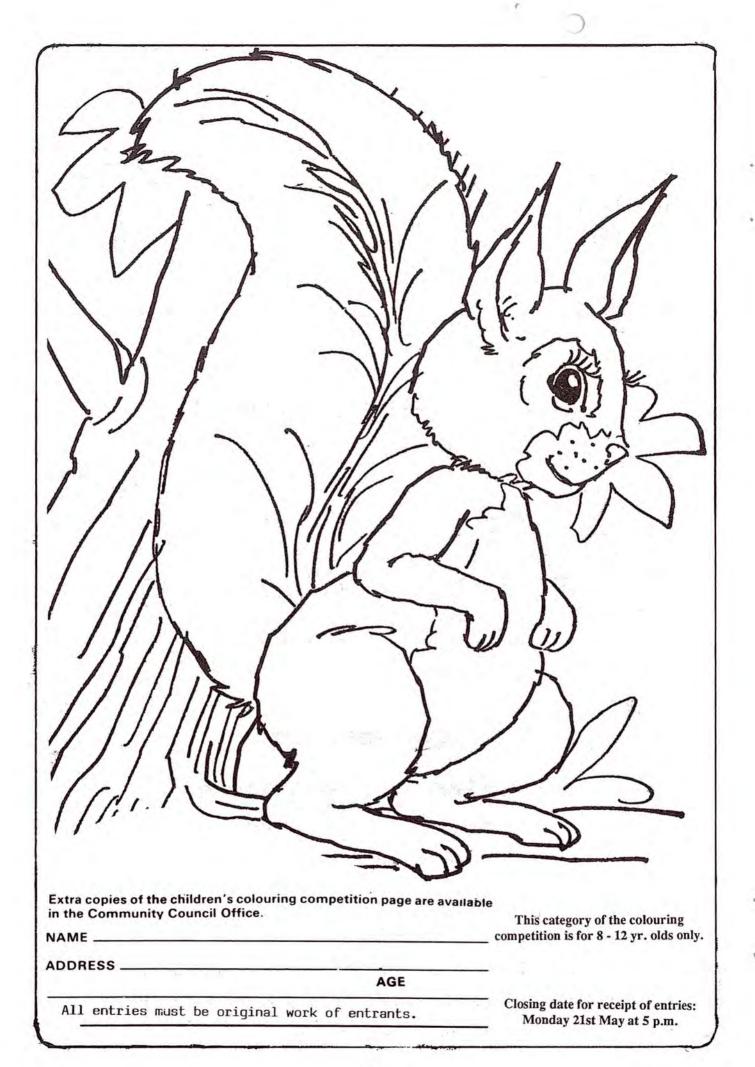
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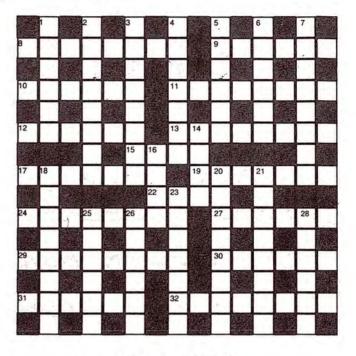
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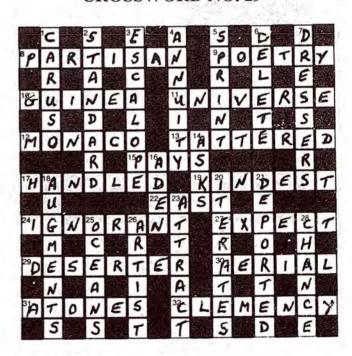
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- 15. Ancient Germanic tribal member (4)
- 17. Going from Bray to Howth at speed (7)
- 19. Shun ale and release from constraints
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- 24. Have nuns got beards (8)
- 27. Wide open (6)
- 29. To ponder, in mature, deliberation (8)
- 30. Sit sue, on thin paper (6)
- 32. No red veg ruled (8)



- 1. Sound of bath time discovery (6)
- 2. Sounds like a two timing large foggy sports lover (8)
- 3. Is ma pacing herself to fight the election?
- 4. Benjamin in short may do well with this (7)
- 5. The present company in short may stick together (6)
- 6. Mix the CIA and cad for singing insect
- 7. Without cable, but this device can be heard (8)
- 14. Demonstrate huts in this way (4)
- 16. Fairy take bogeyman (4)
- 18. Ann wants to say something with one sixteenth of a pound (8)
- 20. An even gait may not be a positive feature (8)
- 21. Sounds like light falls on former poseur (8)
- 23. An ordeal to venture beneath (7)
- 25. Saluted and fired ice globules (6)
- 26. Six dans provide the provisions (6)
- 28. Retune, but its still neither one thing or another (6)



#### SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO. 29



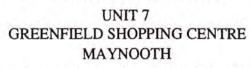
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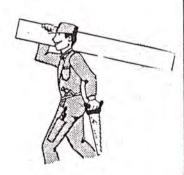


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## SPORTS NEWS

All our teams are practising away at the time of going to press. Our Badminton team are unfortunately out of the County Final, but put up a good fight in the match against very strong opposition from Naas. The team consisted of Helen Buckley, Yvonne Casey, Yvonne Nolan, Eimear Hogan, David Ryan, Robert Casey and Declan Buckley. Hopefully, most of this team will be available for next year and it will give Maynooth a very strong team for '91. Our thanks to Carmel Buckley who looked after the teams with refreshments, to Paddy Nolan for managing the team and to Carmel Nolan and the Badminton Club for organising the play-off for teams. Well done to all.

Our U-10 Draughts are still in there in the County Competition. They won their first match against Monasterevin in great style

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

13 pts to 7. Well done to Breda Gormally who manages the team and to her son John and daughter Miriam for their help. Fiona and Ann O'Connor are working hard on rehearsals for our Variety team, and their competition takes place on Saturday 26th May in Newbridge. Bernie O'Shea, the Volleyball Manager, is working away with her team at the moment. Our tennis Manager Tom Sullivan is practising away with his team at the time of going to press. Our thanks to all of those Managers without whom we would have no teams competing

in Community Games County Finals. Also getting ready at the moment are our Hurling team, Gaelic Football, (Boys), and Soccer (Boys) U-12 and for the first time Girls U-15 Soccer. More about all these teams in the next issue.

On the 4th May in the Boys National School the Art and Modelling will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Art for Boys and Girls U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, and U-16 on 31st July 1990 and Modelling for boys and girls U-10 and U-14 on 31st July 1990. Athletics finals will take place in the G.A.A. field on May 20th with registration taking place at 12.30 p.m. on the day. All who wish to take part in the Athletic finals must register on the day and be under the age on 31st July 1990.

"All that glistens is not gold;
Often have you heard that told.
Many a man his life hath sold
But my outside to behold;
Gilded tombs do worms enfold.
Had you been as wise as bold,
Young in limbs, in judgement old,
Your answer had not been enscrolled.
Fare you well your suit is cold."

- Cold indeed, and labor lost.
Then farewell heat, and welcome frost!
Portia, adieu. I have grieved a heart
To take a tedious leave. Thus losers part.
(Merchant of Venice - Act 2 scene vii?)

This not so traditional introduction serves to disguise the fact that we have won nowt since the last report. Unusually Ann Broughan's trophy cupboard will be as bare as Old Mother Hubbard's this year. Zeppo to Groucho Marx "Dad the garbage is here . . . . . . tell him we dont want any son". Equally Woody Allen remarked "not only is there no such thing as God, but have you ever tried to get a plumber at weekends". What the foregoing has to do with football is anybody's guess, but at least it helps to fill up space without ever having to mention football.

## COLLEGE GREEN F.C. NOTES

## ... WHILE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC

In the league we came a cropper to a late goal, as, Drogheda side, Grove Rangers came out best on a 1 - 2 scoreline. There was little doubt but that we deserved one if not both points, on this windy Sunday morning. Our goal came directly from a corner thanks to Gordon Strachan lookalike Kevin Sullivan. A late goal from well known inside forward and inside trader Gerry Murtagh earned us a well deserved 1 - 1 draw with his home town side, Kells Celtic. Despite an outstanding display of goalkeeping a very understrength side went down 1 - 3 to Agher Park. Joe Carey got a late consolation goal despite appeals for offside (from his own colleagues at that).

The Divisional Cup saw us drawn away to newly crowned champions of Div. 3, neighbours Clonee Utd. On a windy evening and on the narrowest of pitches imaginable we had marginally the best of exchanges, despite the absence of several regulars. Sadly the result went against us again on a 1 - 2 scoreline. Metaxis (sic) Mc. Groarty recovered a half time deficit with a magnificent piledriver from all of 31.5 metres (his own measurement).

Unhappily a scrambled injury time goal sunk us at a time when our defence was busily engaged in exchanging Phoenican puns amongst themselves. Finally on a note of success the Paul Broughan led side managed to bribe the organisers of the Tullow inter - county tournament into allowing them to win this indoor event for the umpteenth time. Congratulations are also due to Paddy McGovern's Salesian College side who became the first non Dublin school to reach the Leinster Senior Final. This is a tremendous achievement for such a young school, but nothing more than typical of the extraordinary attitude of staff and pupils alike. At the time of writing we are looking forward to the replay of the intriguing final. By the time this piece appears we will have completed our programme for the season and will be planning our next A.G.M.

Also watch out for the "College Green F.C. tie", the sartorial highlight of the year.

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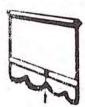
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Our U-13 football team had a great victory over Naas in the school league recently, winning by 8-13 to 2-4. This is a very good U-13 team and they deserve our support. How about more of the parents coming out and cheering on their little heroes. In the first match of the senior league our A team was well beaten by Rathangan. If anything is to be learned from this match, it is that we are now in a higher grade than last year and our standards will have to be stepped up.

#### SPRING SHOW

We are having a stand at the Maynooth Spring Show again this year. Last year we had the Sam Maguire Cup on display there, and this was a very big attraction. This year we plan to have some other exciting attractions, so come along and see us.

Maynooth athletes were in fine form at the Easter Sunday Road Races in Dunboyne. Niall Byrne gave a superb display to get up in the last 40 metres to win the Boys U-10 - a race in which Conor Diggins running out of age finished a good 11th, just out of the prizes. In the Girls U-10 Susan Adderly, tenth and Shaun Feeney, eleventh. The Girls U-14 also performed well with Emma

## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

#### **NEW PAVILION**

Work on our new sports pavilion is going ahead according to plan. The dressing rooms are nearly finished, complete with all new showers. A huge amount of voluntary work was put in here and it is only right that the public should know who these dedicated people who give of their spare time so generously are. Some of these people put in five or six nights per week at this work but I give hereunder a list of all who took part. They are: Mick Gillick, Liam Lacey, Mick Kelly, Colm Feeney, Joe Conway, Michael Ryan, Mick Flaherty, Paul Lacey, Mick Gahan, Graham Kelly, Seanie Molloy, Jim Ennis, Paschal Ennis,

Jim and Kevin Connolly. We thank these people for their efforts. If there is anyone out there who can help us in any way we would be very glad to hear from you.

#### MEMBERS DRAW

Our club members have been selling tickets for our big draw in the area over the past few weeks and we are most encouraged by the peoples generosity. We are very grateful for this and the courtesy shown to us at the door step. In order to give us time to sell the last one hundred tickets we have postponed the first draw for a couple of weeks. We will be announcing the new date for the first draw very shortly in the Leinster Leader.

Michael Caden PRO

## MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

McCluskey, fourth and Aisling Redmond, twelfth, while Christopher Byrne led home the Boys U-14 in seventh place followed by Paul Flood thirteenth and Niall Gillick fourteenth. Lisa McCluskey finished fifth in Junior Ladies while in Veteran Ladies Patsy McCluskey was second and Helen Redmond was fifth, and with Margaret Gillick they took third team. Brian Redmond was fifth in Veteran men with David Jolley just out of the prizes and the team was incomplete.

The Club would like to thank all who supported our Sweepstake on the Grand National and congratulate all the prizewinners.

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Wife, sister, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Kevin Boyd, Greenfield late E.S.B., Kilcock.

Jim McManus (Architect), Main Street, on the death of his father in Sharavogue, Birr. Burchall - The family of the late Margaret Burchall, Ballyoulster, Celbridge wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy, those who attended removal of remains and funeral. Priests from Celbridge, kind neighbours and friends, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Wife, sons, daughter-in-law, step brother, step sister, relatives and friends of the late Christopher (Vincent) Watson, Millicent Road, Clane late of Newtown, Maynooth.

Paddy Timmons, Newtown, Jim Timmons, Ladychapel on the death of their sister in Dublin. Wife, daughters, sons, sister of the late John James Greene, 58, College Green, Maynooth and late of Cootehill, Cavan.

Best wishes to Paul Hearns, Greenfield. Age 20 on May 26th. This comes from Daddy, Mammy, family and friends.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to Deirdre Sheehan on the 12th of May, from Annette.

Happy belated birthday to Peter Denman - 8th March.

Happy Birthday to Joe Horan on the 25th of May from Annette and Tracy.

Happy Birthday to Muireann Ni Bhrolchain - 15th May. Welcome to the Edmunds Family who have moved into Moyglare Meadows.

Charlotte Quinn age 11, May 26.

## CONGRAT-ULATIONS

## CONGRATULA-TIONS

#### **BABY BOOM**

#### SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAYNOOTH BOY

Noelle (nee Barry, Main St.,) and Donal Kelly, Abbeyleix on the birth of a baby girl.

Congratulations to Claire and Gabriel Martin, Leinster Park, on the birth of their baby daughter Clare.

Brian Boland, of Meadow Vale, Laragh, Maynooth, a pupil in Maynooth Boy's School, has been awarded one of two available Scholarships to attend Newbridge College as a boarder. Congratulations from his fellow pupils in 6th class and the staff of the school.

Maura and Terry Moore Celbridge Road on the birth of a baby boy.

To Ria Walshe and her husband on the birth of their twin boys.

To Eileen and William Healy, Railpark on the birth of Gerard.

Congratulations to local solicitor Declan Foley and his wife on their new arrival.

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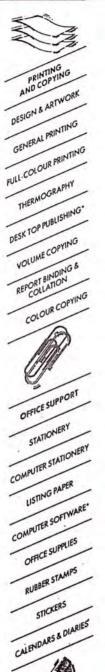
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