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CHANGING MAYNOOTH

A short walk around the formerly quiet back roads of Maynooth will be enough to convince anyone that our small village is in the middle of another expansionist phase. With new estates springing up in every direction, and sites for sale, the inevitable effect is seen on the roads. Traffic congestion is the order of the day, for most of the days of the week, and the need for the bypass is now desperate.

There are signs however, that the bypass may be closer than we think. The County Council has confirmed that officials are trying to establish ownership of every slice of land along Straffan Road, with a view to issuing compulsory purchase orders by Christmas. The main maps showing who is to be affected will be ready by the end of October. There will be a public enquiry in March 1991, and construction of the link road will probably start in March 1992.

While a number of residents along the Straffan Road are going to be affected to a greater or lesser extent, it is in the interests of all that the bypass start as soon as possible, in order to make life bearable for those using the Main Street as anything other than a stationery car park.

In the meantime, how about placing a garda on semi-permanent point duty at the junction between Main Street and the Castle Street? Or better still, a mini roundabout.

CARTON DEMESNE

Rumours have been proliferating recently about the fate of Carton Demesne. It appears that the Gleneagles Company may be finalising plans to turn this historic amenity into an exclusive leisure park, thus denying access permanently to the average resident of Maynooth. This estate must not be destroyed through inappropriate development, and the only way to do this is through state ownership. The demesne must be preserved intact as a unique example of an eighteenth century landlord creation, and it must be open to all. Maynooth needs a park close by, especially in view of the rapid growth in house building activity seen over the last few years.

Are there any benefactors out there who would spare a few million to benefit not only the people of Maynooth, but also the many hundreds of thousands in the Dublin region?

DIRTY OLD TOWN

Well, we distinguished ourselves again in the Bord Failte Tidy Towns competition. While we received the same overall mark as last year, 109 out of a possible 250, we also came in last among the villages and towns of County Kildare.

This issue of the Newsletter contains some thought provoking reports from the judges of the Bord Failte competition, as well as from the judges of the Community Council Shop Front and Tidy Estate competitions. Each report highlights the problems of litter, and the seeming lack of co-ordinated effort between community, local authority and traders to tackle the major problem areas.

We would hope that these reports will make the more complacent among us sit up, take some notice, and take some responsibility for creating a pleasant environment in which to live. The sterling efforts of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee must be commended. However, it requires a concerted effort from all members of the community to achieve lasting improvement. Let us learn from what objective outsiders have to say about our town, and try to achieve some improvement for next year.

THEY'RE BACK

While the swallows may have departed, the month of October sees the return of the students. This event may be dreaded by a number of permanent residents, especially those with young children living beside rented houses with enthusiastic student tenants. Yet, the vast majority of students are reasonable people, with no desire to interfere with the peace of mind of their neighbours, and indeed many students spend their time here without ever getting to know the Maynooth which lies beyond the College sphere of influence.

This month the Newsletter makes an attempt to bridge the gap between students and permanent residents. A special feature supplement is included in this issue which has been put together with the assistance of some current as well as chronic students. It is designed to warn/prepare students, particularly new students, for the pleasures and pains of life in Maynooth. It may also be of interest to the oldtimers, many of whom started life as raw undergraduates in the College themselves.

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Dear Editor,

In the previous edition of the Newsletter an article was printed with regard to Punchlines magazine. The article in question, entitled Street Wise, was a gross distortion of the facts. As Area Representative of Punch Publications, I feel compelled to get the story straight in order to clear the reputation of the head of our organisation, Mr. John Molloy. It was stated in your publication that Mr. Molloy roves Maynooth offering young people the opportunity to get-rich-quick. Firstly, I can assure you that Mr. Molloy does not rove, roam, lurk or hide in doorways waiting to pounce on unsuspecting teenagers. Secondly, I and I alone, am responsible for the recruitment of staff as this is one of my duties as Area Representative. As I am a student myself "I" hand-picked a group of reliable fellow students, in order to provide summer jobs in the locality.

Your magazine then relates a rather distorted version of an incident that occurred some time ago and in which I was personally involved. The facts of this incident are as follows.

... A friend of mine, to whom I had given a job, became unable to continue working as a result of extreme heat. Despite what your article states it was not her first day, she was not refused a lift home and certainly not fired. Mr. Molloy offered to bring her to the nearest bus-stop for Maynooth to ensure she got home safely but it would have been impossible for him to bring her to Maynooth as that would have meant abandoning the remainder of the group for a long space of time. At that point three other girls said they wished to go in order to see the first girl home. Mr. Molloy explained that she would get home safely but they demanded to leave. Both Mr. Molloy and I tried to persuade them to get back into the car as it was in their best interest and they could be brought to a bus-stop at lunch. The girls refused to do so and said that they knew exactly where to get a bus and with that, walked away from the car, taking the girl with them. For your information we all like working for Mr. Molloy; even the girl in question said after that "John is a nice boss but we just can't work in this heat..." Mr. Molloy is a kind, considerate and generous person and not the fiend you have made him out to be. He came to Maynooth to offer the people of the area a chance to earn good wages. Some of our sellers are earning ninety pounds take-home pay per week. It is scandalous to imply that these young people are being exploited as some of their peers are working much longer hours, in supermarkets etc, to make even half that amount.

I would suggest to you that should wish to write an article about us, in future, that it contain at least some element of fact. As for the author of Street Wise, I congratulate you on having a vivid imagination and can understand why you wish to remain anonymous.

Finally, Mr. Molloy is, at this time, seeking permanent staff as the present team are returning to school shortly. Should anyone wish to avail of a position with us they are more than welcome to telephone me at 6285 268 (between 7 and 8 p.m.) and I will gladly arrange an interview.

Fiona Lynch
Aged 16 years

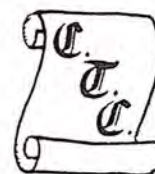
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CASTLE LIGHTS

The long awaited flood lighting of the Castle should be in place by mid October. The E.S.B. are expected to start work within the next week. The Castle project has attracted great interest from Bolton St. Technical College. A team has been doing an indept archeological survey over the last few months and will continue with this work over the next few months. Plans for the restoration of the Castle will then be drawn up based on the Bolton Street survey.

THE 'THING'

Demolition of the thing will cost £8,000. (*Some people have other ideas that would cost nothing*). Some way of coming up with the money will have to be found if we are to rid ourselves of this eyesore in the square.

TOURISM BROCHURE

A Maynooth Tourism Brochure prepared by 2 Community Council Workers has now been sent to Kildare Tourism who are considering printing 5,000 copies at a cost of £1,600. This will hopefully be funded by the Tourism Board and marks the first step to putting Maynooth firmly on the tourist map.

REVAMPING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES.

YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Since this committee cannot cater for all youth activities it has been decided to rename the committee the Community Games Committee.

SOCIAL & RECREATION COMMITTEE

This committee has over the years catered for a vast range of activities. Indeed the score of activities had grown so diverse that it has placed an almost impossible burden on the few hard working active members. It has been decided therefore that this committee be disbanded and that a number of other committees be set up by the executive as the need arises eg. Christmas Committee, St. Patrick's Day Committee, Community Week Committee etc.

TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

The Committee must have full time workers, to carry out the high physical tasks necessary to give Maynooth a facelift. The County Council will fund these workers. Their recruitment must be a first priority for the Committee.

TRAVELLERS COMMITTEE

This committee was set up in 1988 when the halting site was opened at the instigation of the County Social Worker. Its brief was to assist with educational needs of the travellers and to initiate liason with the various statutory and non statutory bodies which work with travellers.

The committee, via the Dept. of Education, pays for school transport and contributes 6% towards the cost. An assistant teacher is also employed by the committee under the Community Council Social Employment Scheme. When necessary committee members can and have been contacted through the Community Council Office to help sort out problems individual travellers may be experiencing. The usual procedure is to then contact appropriate bodies or persons on behalf of the travellers in order to ensure that those best able to deal with the problem do so. Other activities include visits to the halting site when necessary.

The committee is very small, composed of three active members. It is therefore not possible to move outside its original brief, (ie seeing to the educational needs of travellers) at present. Moreover, there are in the town other agencies such as the Vincent De Paul, Community Welfare Officer etc. more qualified to deal with specific needs.

Margaret Cline

PRO, Maynooth Community Council

SWIMMING POOL FOR MAYNOOTH - THE CURRENT POSITION ?

Over the past few months a number of people have been enquiring as to the exact position regarding the provision of a swimming pool for Maynooth. The following is a brief summary of the different proposals and how they have fared:

(i) A joint proposal from Maynooth College, the Community Council and the three schools in the town for the provision of a sports complex was to include a swimming pool. This project was to receive funding from the Department of Education or, alternatively the National Lottery. Neither were forthcoming and the proposal has been dropped.

(ii) All householders in Maynooth were circulated with a questionnaire in the summer of 1989. This was to determine whether individuals would pay £200-£300 per annum over two years to help fund a swimming pool to be attached to the Post Primary School. The response to the survey was very poor and, again, the proposal was dropped.

(iii) This proposal sought funding from the National Lottery for a pool attached to the Post Primary School. The project has not been included in the funding for 1990. It is probably very unlikely that Lottery funds will be made available in the foreseeable future.

A figure of over £20,000 was collected in the 1970's for the provision of a swimming pool in Maynooth. This money, held in trust by the Maynooth Development Association, will be made available as soon as the pool project gets off the ground.

John McGinley,

Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council.

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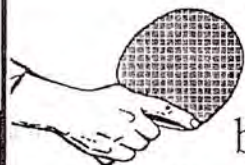
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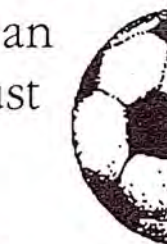
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Tidy Towns Competition Report

The Newsletter has received the report of the Bord Failte Tidy Towns Competition Judges, which is published in full here. The number of marks received, 109 is the same as last year, which is the lowest score for villages and towns in County Kildare and the 10th lowest in the country. We have improved slightly in effort, presentation of natural amenities, and presentation of residential areas. We have been let down by lack of tidiness in key areas, and by the abysmal condition of approach roads. Perhaps the most distressing aspect of the judges' report is that instead of seeing some returns for the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee over the last five years, there has instead been a consistent decline in marks.

Marks received	Max	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Effort	45	27	28	26	24	25
Tidiness	40	14	15	13	12	10
Buildings	40	30	30	30	30	30
Amenities	50	20	19	18	18	17
Roads	45	12	13	12	12	10
Residential Areas	30	16	15	15	15	17
Total	250	119	120	114	109	109

PROGRESS REPORT

EFFORT

There is a clear need for a co-ordinated effort between community, local authority and traders to tackle the problem areas listed below. As a marked contrast, very commendable effort is being shown by residential areas.

TIDINESS

Litter is regrettably still the major problem in Maynooth and detracts particularly from the appearance of the Main Street and the toilet block area where it is especially prevalent. The exception in terms of litter was the area outside shops and houses between shopping centre and corner of Main Street, which was almost litter free - well done to the people of that area. Additional litterbins could be provided and others need repair.

PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS

Generally, presentation of buildings on Main Street is good - praiseworthy examples are Country Shop and Restaurant, J. O'Neill, Master Butcher and Caulfields (although the latter could do with a touch of fresh paint). College entrance is tidy, Presentation Convent is well kept, the Bank of Ireland is satisfactory. There are still a number of buildings which could be improved including Allied Irish Banks which is drab, as is Patrick's on the corner of the Main Street. There has been no improvement in the appearance of the toilet block which is very poor - the toilets themselves are dirty and need major improvements. On a positive note, the presentation of the Church was good, the terrace on the main street cornering onto the Dunboyne Road is attractive and a good example has been set by the owners of the grey building and superb gardens opposite St. Mary's Church.

PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES

Open space in front of the College entrance is well kept. Canal Harbour is very appealing with attractive stonework along the Canal and also as part of seating structures. Play area outside Health Centre still an eyesore.

APPEARANCE OF APPROACH ROADS

All approach roads need much more attention to grass verges and weeds. Examples include outside GAA Club on Moyglare Road. Livestock Mart on the Dublin Road. Some residents on the Dunboyne Road have already taken the lead by maintaining weed-free footpaths outside their houses.

PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Congratulations to the residents of the several housing developments in Maynooth for the manner in which they have kept their estates litter free, weed-free, with attractive gardens and tidy open spaces. The appearance of almost all estates, including Cluain Aoibhinn (attractive entrance) College Green, Carton Court, and Kingsbry (with the exception of the abandoned container) is good. Manor Court is another praiseworthy example. Private houses on Dunboyne and Moyglare Road were very well kept and even partially completed estates of Moyglare Village and Beaufield looked very attractive.

COMMENT

Maynooth has the potential to be a most attractive and appealing town and the adjudicator would urge that a firm approach be taken by the community leaders to eliminate the litter and other problems. A concerted effort could transform Maynooth's appearance and help the town to derive greater benefits from tourism.

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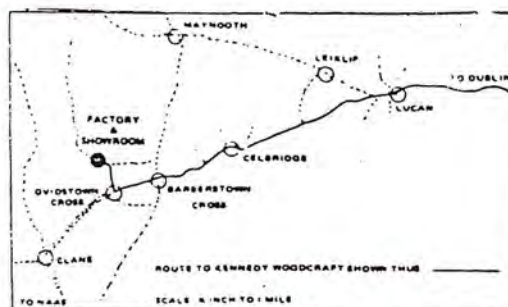
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JUDGES' REPORT

Maynooth is currently experiencing a revolution in terms of commercial development. The Main Street especially is undergoing a transformation, with many residential properties being sold and converted into shops. Many of these changes represent a consolidation of the 'urban' character of the streetscape, but there continues to exist a large number of indifferent, almost squalid, shop fronts with a growing number of 'pastiche' traditional type fronts that must have serious implications for the hardwood forests of the tropics! While most of these new shop-fronts are probably better than the 'plastic' types of the sixties and seventies, many are being installed willy-nilly with little regard for the overall proportions of the building. Some of them look like mass produced fronts, 'bought off the shelf' so to speak.

The new developments on the Dublin road represent a coherent group of shops in a well-preserved Victorian terrace, the signage, however could have been co-ordinated a bit more to emphasise the unity of the terrace.

The changes in Greenfield Shopping Centre represent (with the exception of the Foodstore) a highly imaginative transformation to what is now a colourful and tasteful essay in a neighbourhood shopping centre. All should be congratulated on a successful co-operative effort.

While Quinnsworth Shopping Centre will probably never fully overcome the deficiencies of the old building in which its main premises is located, there have been some improvements to its exterior, especially to the rear. Its arcade, however, represents an unacceptably low standard in terms of air quality and general cleanliness. There is an all-pervading odour of cooking oil and chips in the arcade and the concrete slab flooring is generally grimy and quite unsuitable for an indoor shopping arcade in this day and age.

Of the four shop fronts which are listed in the County Development Plan as worthy of preservation (Brady's, Caulfield's, Connolly's (ie CPL Motor Factors) and Reilly's (ie the complex around the Vegetable shop), all continue to maintain a high standard of presentation, though the hanging baskets and the barrels with the plants detract from Brady's.

As noted in past years, the Town Centre continues to suffer from a plethora of unauthorised signposts, many of them attached to the County Council signs. And the crowning glory of the Main Street must be its trees; long may they live.

BEST SHOP FRONTS

- First Prize: **Caulfield's** for consistently maintaining its traditional high standard of sign-painting.
- Second Prize: **Hula Bou**, for maintaining its tasteful frontage and window display.
- Third Prize: **Maynooth Jewellers**, for imaginatively improving its shop front to brighten-up this end of the street.



Maynooth Park - one of the tidier areas in the Tidy Estate Competition

JUDGES' REPORT

This year's competition was characterised by two very encouraging trends: the first was a very dramatic improvement in some of the areas which scored lowest last year, and the second was the retention of high standards and sustained community effort on the part of others. However, despite these positive features, the residential parts of Maynooth still lack any sense of character or cohesion which could only be achieved by community effort on a scale which transcends that of the individual estate.

INDIVIDUAL ESTATES MOYGLARE VILLAGE

This estate has improved considerably as it has become more established. The principal open space to the left of the entrance is well maintained, and is helped by the retention of the mature tree. The grass verge in this area however needs more attention, as does the space to the right of the entrance. While some planting has been carried out to good effect on the open space, some of the verges are without any trees which is something which should be seen to in the near future to help the area to mature more quickly.

Driving back towards the village from Moyglare one is struck by the very poor state of the road and the total lack of cohesion along this stretch with lengths of footpath going nowhere and lines of walls coming to an abrupt end. Until these problems are tackled, Moyglare Village will not look its best.

LEINSTER COTTAGES

This area comprises very attractive terraces of cottages which has maintained its high standards as far as the individual houses are concerned. However the park is still in a sorry state of neglect, while the roadway at the entrance to the park is very untidy with a profusion of weeds growing through the surface. The same problem is very much in evidence across the road along by the rear of the main street premises and in the side alleys.



Caulfield's Pub, which won the Best Shop Front, first prize.



Hula-Bou, Main St, took second prize in the Shop Front Competition.

JUDGES' REPORT CONTINUED OLD GREENFIELD 3

This was probably the most untidy estate visited, with no evidence of any effort to clean up the estate or maintain the public areas.

The apparent lack of any commitment by the local authority to the Old Greenfield area as a whole must leave very little incentive for the local community to make any effort and at the very least makes their task a much harder one than that of any of the other housing estates visited.

COLLEGE GREEN

The open space at the entrance is well maintained creating a good impression. Individual houses are for the most part quite good but kerbsides are poor and many of the trees are in need of attention. Further effort is also required on the open space to the rear of the estate. With some additional community effort this estate could be much improved.

CLUAN AOIBHINN

Once again the overall impression is one of the sustained community effort. The entrance to the estate is most impressive with extensive flowers and shrubs and a very attractive nameplate. Most of the houses were well kept, and despite the existence of the inevitable few which have failed to make an effort, the overall effect is such that their impact is much less noticeable than elsewhere.

BEAUFIELD

While Beaufield showed some improvement over last year much more needs to be done. The houses as one would expect are well maintained and some of the front gardens are very impressive but others require further more effort. The nameplate is overgrown - some planting around it would make such a difference. The green space has been well maintained but the kerbs and verges could be better. Very possibly greater improvement will be in evidence when building work is completed.

PARSON STREET

This is a very pleasant cohesive unit of well maintained terraced houses. While there are a number of weeds at the road edge the surface in this area is very poor thus making kerb maintenance difficult.

PARSON LODGE

This is a small group of recently constructed houses off Parson Street. While it is still unfinished, some detracting features are in evidence: a very poorly surfaced open space with unsuitable wall planting, and some dead trees which should be replaced.

OVERALL RESULT

First Prize:	Kingsbry
Second Prize:	Cluan Aoibhinn
Third Prize:	Greenfield Estate

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Initially the Centre will deal with Social Welfare problems, advertise job vacancies courtesy of FAS and assist with C.V.'s. This centre is a resource for the whole North Kildare area. There will be a more extended report in the next issue.

MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

Our Chapter Youth Quiz took place on Sunday 9th September in Springfield Hotel. Our team consisted of *Clare Nee, Fiona O'Malley, Damien and Peter Cassells*. Their coach was John McGarry. The team did us proud, they had a very high score and came third. We congratulate them and thank them most sincerely for representing us.

The theme for our Poster Competition this year is "*Credit Unions, The Way to Your Future*". Posters and entry forms will be available in the Library, in all three schools, I.C.A. Guild and Youth Club. The winning posters at National Level will be used for the Credit Union Calendar of 1991.

Entries should be entered on paper measuring 12" x 16" or 16" x 24" and be of an upright shape in design.

Closing Date: All entries must be in Credit Union House, Harbour Lane, by 8.30 p.m. on Friday 1st December.

Credit Union House is open on:

Thursdays 7p.m. - 8.30p.m.

Friday 7p.m. - 8.30p.m.

Saturdays 10a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

All entries must be stamped by Maynooth Credit Union, who will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category, but only the 1st winner's poster in each category will go forward to Chapter Level.

Categories are as follows: Under 8; 8-11; 12-14; 15-18; Adult. There will be a Prize at League Level of Competition in each category for a school or youth club.

Please get busy with your pencils, crayons, charcoal, pen or ink, pastel, water colours, gouache, acrylics, oils, poster colours, or collage. Prints done from a lino block, wood block or any other method may also be submitted.

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We were extremely happy with the number of parents and children who attended the first night and we hope that their enthusiasm will continue through the early and most difficult stages of the learning process. Rome was not built in a day but with the right mixture of patience and ability it won't be too long before these budding musicians join the ranks of boys and girls who are testimony to what these qualities can produce.

The other big event last month was our flag week-end and I am happy to report that it has been the most successful for years. A combination of fine weather, the new one pound coin and the utter goodwill of the people helped to smooth the wrinkles which have been a feature of the Treasurer's brow for the past few months and needless to say the old bank manager now looks an awful lot happier as well. Seriously though, it takes a great deal of money to cover the running costs of the Band each year and we are indeed most grateful for all the help given by the people of Maynooth. There are many willing labourers on the Band Committee but without the where with all to do it all our task would be all the more difficult and perhaps we would not have the strong tradition of a band in Maynooth.

For our Flag week-end your contributions yielded no return but on Friday 9th November we shall be giving you a chance to get something for your money when we organise a race night in the Leinster Arms on Friday October. In addition to having a flutter on your fancy you can if you wish sponsor a horse, a jockey or even a race. If you want to sponsor any of these please contact our secretary Elaine Bean at 628 5634 before 17th October. Once again may we thank you for your wonderful support for our flag week-end and indeed your continued support throughout the years.

See you all next month.

S.V.P. NEWS

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul

The Conference recently arranged a one week holiday for 16 Senior Citizens to Kerduffstown; this is always a most worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Also this Summer our Conference, for the first time, organised a Sunshine Home Holiday for a number of local children all of whom enjoyed themselves immensely; we intend to make this an annual event and hopefully, to increase the members next year.

As part of our recently developed Clothing Store Enterprise, we have so far this year held one special fund raising Clothes Sale which generated a great response and realized £158 for our funds. We hope to have a Clothes Sale before Christmas. Many thanks to all those who came and especially to the volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

Anybody wishing to contact the Conference may do so by telephoning 384164 or by dropping a note either in the S.V.P. Box in St. Mary's Church or through the letter box of our Clothing Store (Old Telecom Building) in Pound Street.

Pat O'Brien,
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What's Happening

FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group has been in existence since 1979. Since then we have had many ups and downs but the last year seems to have been particularly difficult and has tested each member's commitment.

Our main purpose is to lead the congregation in singing the Mass rather than performing at Mass and we, therefore, encourage everyone to join in the singing. Unfortunately, due to the lack of resources we cannot provide booklets, consequently we try not to alter the parts of the Mass which we sing. If anyone is interested in obtaining the words of particular hymns please come and see us after Mass.

As we recommence after the summer holidays we find many of our regular members have moved on for a variety of reasons i.e. career or educational commitments leaving our numbers quite depleted. As we feel strongly about continuing we have an urgent need for new members. If the numbers do not increase we feel it would be difficult if not impossible to continue for another year. We do appreciate the many compliments paid to us throughout the years by members of the congregation, however, in view of the size of the parish we feel it should be possible to have a thriving Folk Group in Maynooth. We now ask you to seriously consider joining the Folk Group. You could contact us after 9.45 a.m. Mass or preferably come to the girl's Primary School at 8.00p.m. on Wednesdays.

We are looking forward to meeting new members over the next couple of weeks.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The morning sessions have resumed after the summer break. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m., in the ICA Hall. Our next party will take place in the Post Primary School on Sunday, 21st October. It will be preceded by Mass starting at 3.30p.m. Everyone over retirement age is very welcome to come along.

We are busy preparing for our major fund raising event - The Sale of Work which will take place on November 18th in the Parish hall. During the week before the sale we shall be collecting from door to door. We know that, with your usual generosity, most of you are very happy to give for the elderly but may not be sure what is needed. We are extremely grateful to be given bottles for the bottle stall, gifts for the 'giant wheel of fortune' and also items for the following stalls:

White Elephant: almost anything saleable including good clothes (only clean ones please)

Produce: groceries, cakes, jams, sweets etc.

Books

Handcrafts: perhaps you have time to make something while you watch T.V.

Christmas Stall: - Decorations, toys etc.

Plants: - indoor or for the garden.

We are happy to receive donations which will be well used. The draw for our raffle will take place at the Sale of Work; the 1st prize as usual will be a monster Christmas hamper. Tickets will be on sale at the Shopping Centre during the weekends of November 8th - 10th and November 15th - 17th.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs J. Murphy of Leinster Cottages who celebrated their 80th birthday and their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August and to Mr & Mrs Leonard of Kilcock Road who also celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary during the summer. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Michael O'Rafferty who died recently.

PRO

I.C.A. NOTES

All activities resumed in September after the summer break. The guild meeting was held on September 6th. Mrs. Madeline Synes presided. Sympathy to the following who were recently bereaved; Mrs Margaret Kirwan, Mrs Helen Doyle, Mrs Nanny Kenny, Mrs Imelda Desmond and the family of Mrs Nan McManus, Naas, former Federation President.

The competition was won by Mrs Bernadette Duffy. The October competition is "My Favourite Postcard".

A very interesting talk was given by the helpful ladies from "Slender World".

Congratulations to our President and her husband Michael who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on August 2nd. The Hall, unfortunately, continues to be a target for mindless vandalism. Broken windows are a regular occurrence. The expense of replacing these windows is a continuing burden on our members.

Crafts continue on Monday nights at 8 p.m. Badminton, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall. The next guild meeting is on October 4th at 8 p.m. New members always welcome.

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THE ISLAND

We are pleased to announce that after numerous examinations and surveys a plan has been devised to refurbish the island by OPW engineers with little or no disruption to our swans. Full details are not available at the time of going to print but I understand that the level of the island will be raised and sealed with "Puddle"; 'Puddle' is a form of natural clay which becomes putty or plasticine - like on contact with water thus preventing any seepage and so effectively sealing the area from water. The "Puddle" will in all probability be transported to the island by boat from the partially refurbished harbour at Carton Estate, Pike's Bridge. We thank John McKeon and his associates in the OPW Engineering Division who put in a lot of work to arrive at the plan which would cause only minimum disruption to the environment.

PATHS

Representations have been made to committee members concerning the paths along the canal. The committee are aware that the path between Mullen Bridge (Straffan Road) and Pike's Bridge (Carton) is overgrown again in places. This and other paths will be cleared again in the near future but this work will be carried out in consultation with the environmental division of the OPW who are anxious to ensure that flora, fauna, and wildlife will not suffer as a result of the cleanup.

THE CANAL IN THE FUTURE (COMPETITION)

Do you have any ideas for the Canal in the future? If so why not write an article on your ideas. There are two headings which you can write under: (a) Tourism; Recreational and Environmental Aspects of the Canal. (b) Canal Holidays by Rail and Boat. Articles should be approx 500 words and an independent panel will adjudicate and select the winning article which will be submitted to the Newsletter for publishing. The writer of the winning article will receive a substantial prize (details of which are not available at the time of going to press). *Entries to Gerry FitzPatrick, 21 Cluain Aoibhinn.*

FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

Once again its fashion time and the annual Royal Canal Fashion Extravaganza takes place in the newly refurbished Setanta House Hotel on Friday 30th November, commencing at 8.30 sharp. This year the fashion show will feature the exclusive range of "Libra Design" fashions together with the new autumn collection from "Family Album" now a household name in Ireland. "Family Album" are providing a prize for the "Best Dressed Lady" as well as offering special reductions on all orders placed on the night.

This year the Fashion Show will incorporate the "Miss Royal Canal Contest, Maynooth 1990 - 1991." The winner will receive a number of prizes which include an evening of beauty at the Beauty Salon, a weekend holiday break, having a portrait painted by well known Mayo artist F.J. O'Connell and many others of which the final details have to be completed (watch out for the next Newsletter). Those wishing to participate should complete an application form at the end of this article and send it, with a recent photo (which will be returned) to: *Eileen FitzPatrick*, secretary, RCAG, 21, Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Each entrant will be expected to obtain a nominal £20 sponsorship on a sponsorship card which will be provided.

After the fashion show there will be dancing until 1 a.m. This promises to be an excellent night's entertainment and it is envisaged that a bar extension will be in operation.

CARTON HARBOUR

Work is now well underway at Carton Harbour and this is clearly evident from the Dublin Road. The Harbour area is now fully visible and those who drive past every day should at some stage stop and view the area. Foreman Philip McDermott and his staff will be delighted to show you around and outline the plans for the area.

Gerry Fitzpatrick,
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DESPICABLE INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM

Our community was recently afflicted by two awful, appalling incidents of malicious vandalism. New motor vehicles on display at Maynooth Autos, Straffan Road were the first victims of these cowardly late night attacks and extensive damage was caused. A couple of weeks subsequent to this attack a number of Statues at the entrance to St. Mary's Catholic Church, were viciously set upon and seriously damaged.

We have referred to this subject before in previous editions but regretfully we must return to it again and comment on this deviant form of misbehaviour.

Vandalism: It's exactly what it means: **Wanton damage and destruction to property with no particular aim but to commit destruction.** Those miscreants who carry out these deeds often shield their conscience behind a veiled excuse that they had consumed alcohol. We are satisfied that the people who executed these acts of mischief may have drink taken but they were not drunk; they were sly, cowardly, and sneaky and moved on their targets in the late of night when most of us are asleep in our beds. Such patterns of serious sociological misbehaviour are indeed worrying.

The Gardai through this column wish to ask you the citizen what you can do to stop this type of misconduct:

(1) As a parent you can exercise vigilance by talking to your children about how to avoid acts of Vandalism and in doing so generate a spirit of moral responsibility in our young people; make sure you know where your children are and who they are with. (Children include teenagers up to 18/19 years of age residing in your home and still under your guidance).

(2) Regarding the recent incidents of Vandalism: If you have any information, pass it to your local Gardai - be assured of our confidentiality - any knowledge may be channelled (if it's your wish) anonymously, but it will be acted on discreetly and speedily.

To those who carried out these acts I hope they read this article; it may prick their cowardly conscience even to the point of considering making restitution; we can assure them that the Garda files will remain open until our enquiries track down the culprits; certain useful information has already come to hand and a dossier of details is being put together which may lead to certain individuals being interviewed.

STEALING OF MOTOR VEHICLES BE VIGILANT - APPLY A SAFETY DEVICE AND A SECURE LOCK

In recent months several motor cars/vans have been stolen from the Maynooth Area. Car parks of local Licensed premises and the Square have been the vulnerable spots. Times of risk are 9p.m. to 12 midnight.

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SLIGHT INCREASE IN ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Although the new infants' classes in the Presentation Convent took in the same amount of pupils as last year, there was an overall increase in pupil admissions throughout the school. This was due to the increase in families moving into the area. Mr. Pierce Connell, the principal of the Boys' National School, stated that there was no great increase in pupil numbers in the boys' school but that a number of families, whose new houses have not yet been completed, will be enrolling pupils in the future.

In all there are 890 primary school pupils attending Maynooth's two schools. 430 of these are in the boys' school and 460 attend the convent. There are two special classes in the Presentation Convent (each with 12 children) which cater for slow learners and travellers' children. Both have been extremely successful to date.

Maynooth has witnessed a significant rise in the numbers of playschools in operation over the last two years which meet the huge demand for places. The Community Council keeps a list of playschools in the area in order to facilitate the many enquiries received regarding same. If you run a group and have not registered it with the Community Council you may find it helpful to ring the office with details (Tel. (01) 628 5922). This year the numbers enrolling in the playschools has increased dramatically. Some playgroups, such as *Kid's Kottage*, also cater for, after school children.



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Mulhussey School Junior Infants, 1990 with their teacher Mrs. Dunne.

WATCH WITH WENDY VIDEO REVIEW

A DRY WHITE SEASON

This film, starring Donald Sutherland is based in South Africa, and focuses on the growing awareness by one white Afrikaaner school teacher of the brutal reality of the apartheid regime. Donald Sutherland, playing *Ben du Toit*, feels that there is nothing to be done when his black gardener, Gordon comes to him with his son Jonathan, who has been viciously beaten by the police. Later, Jonathan is taken into custody, and dies in mysterious circumstances.

His father tries to find out what has happened, and he too, is taken into custody, is brutally tortured, and dies at the hands of the police. Finally, Ben feels he must take action. His wife, played by Janet Suzman, refuses to become involved. She is not happy with the methods used to subdue the blacks, but like many white South Africans who fear the loss of their privileges, she feels that the black people will take revenge on the whites if any leeway is given to them.

Ben is prepared to risk all that has seemed so precious to him, his wife, daughter, job and home, to bring the perpetrators of Gordon's death to justice. However, as Marlon Brando (playing a relatively brief cameo role as a lawyer) tells him, justice and the law are not even on speaking terms in South Africa. The inquest into Gordon's death is an empty charade, with a foregone conclusion.

With the co-operation of black activists, and sympathetic whites, the true story of Gordon's death comes out but only at a terrible cost to all concerned. The only slight ray of hope in this moving film comes from Ben's young son, who is the only one of his family to understand that injustice cannot be allowed to continue through the privileged race standing by, accepting the privileges, but accepting no collective responsibility.

this is an excellent if harrowing film with moving performances from Sutherland and Suzman. Despite the violence underlying the plot, this is treated in a relatively muted fashion.

Verdict: 9 out of 10.

THEATRE REVIEW

WASTERS by Paul Mercier, Passion Machine, St. Andrew's Lane Theatre.

Well, local critic, *Mary O'Donnell*, writing in the Sunday Tribune was relatively cool towards this production, and was promptly told off by playwright, *Paul Mercier* for her trouble. This critic is afraid of provoking a similar response, so let's hope the *Maynooth Newsletter* doesn't circulate as far as Passion Machine's head office.

'*Wasters*' was staged by Passion Machine in the relatively new St. Andrew's Lane Theatre (just turn left by the Pen Shop on Dame Street, and there it is). Because of reducing subsidies, this company can no longer afford to put its productions on in the SFX theatre, which would have been much more suited to this type of play. The AL Theatre is cramped, with the first row sited about two feet away from the tiny stage. This critic found her view of the stage totally obstructed for most of the time, due to the layout of seating, therefore some of this play was received in audio only. In fact, most of the play could have been staged

successfully on radio, as action was not really essential to the development of the relatively slight plot.

The play focuses on six young friends who meet on waste ground to celebrate the return of one of their members from England, after two years. They try to recreate the old camaraderie and relationships, indulging in playacting and horseplay. But, inevitably things have changed, and they have moved on. The returned emigrant finds it hard to fit in, and suffers the inevitable disillusion experienced in these situations. He is unsettled and unhappy in the new life, yet he can no longer fit in with the old.

This is familiar territory with Irish playwrights - the problems of emigration. However, in terms of plot, the play lacks a point. There is no real crisis, and no real resolution. Having established who the characters were, what their former relationships consisted of, and that trying to revive these was only playing charades, the play could have stopped anywhere.

Yet, the play succeeded in entertaining, due to the energetic playing of the cast, most of whom are unknown, unless you have been to other Passion Machine productions. It's a weak play full of 'strong language', serving to underline the basic inarticulacy of the characters.

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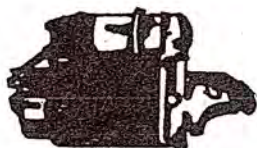
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My breakfast started well with a glass of pure orange juice (freshly squeezed). This was followed by a large mug of good coffee, a choice of brown bread or toast, and a plate brimming with hearty breakfast fare, two slices of bacon (rind trimmed off), two tasty sausages, fried egg (would have preferred it 'over easy' rather than sunny side up), one piece each of black and white pudding (delicious), and a somewhat overcooked tomato. Marmalade was not offered.

Verdict, delicious. Price £3.95, which counts as excellent value. *Kehoe's* are open from 11.00a.m. to 2p.m. on a Sunday. This could become the in-venue for Sunday brunch.

IRISH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST

To those kind and wonderfully generous people of Maynooth, Crodaun Forest Park, Leixlip Park, Ryevale Lawns and Elton Court, I extend my sincerest thanks for your support to my recent collection on behalf of the above mentioned children.

The collection realised the sum of £1,070.

Congratulations also to the following who won some lovely sport prizes in the draw:- Janet and Kevin O'Sullivan, 20 Beaufield Grove - Ryan Air trip to London plus £50 spending money.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

Q. We have three school-going children and will find it impossible to pay for school books now that my husband is unemployed. Is there any scheme available that would help us?

A. There is a scheme of grants towards the cost of providing text books for necessitous pupils in Primary and Secondary Schools. Under these schemes the school principal receives a small grant for each necessitous pupil. The amount per pupil is so small that the principal may operate a book loan scheme rather than a

scheme of grants to individual pupils. In other cases, a part-lending and part-grant scheme may be operated.

A necessitous pupil may be defined as a child from a home where genuine hardship exists because of unemployment or illness of the parent, a large family with inadequate means, a single parent family or other circumstances that would cause a similar degree of financial hardship.

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BOB'S KITCHEN

This month see's a new development in this column. We will be asking various chefs and restaurateurs in the area to submit their favourite recipe each month. *John Bennett*, proprietor of the *Country Shop Restaurant* on Mill Street, has sent us in his recipe for wholemeal Stuffed Trout this month. The Country Shop Restaurant has been open 3 nights per week for candlelit evening dining (Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7p.m. to 10.30p.m.) and is both relatively inexpensive and of exceptionally high standard. If the following recipe is anything to judge by, the quality of the food should indeed prove delightful.

WHOLEMEAL STUFFED TROUT

4 Trout cleaned; each weighing 9-11 ozs.

3ozs margarine

4ozs streaky bacon rashers, rinds removed and finely chopped.

1 small onion finely chopped.

3ozs wholemeal breadcrumbs.

Grated zest and juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons chopped fresh parsley.

1 teaspoon dried thyme.

1 teaspoon dried marjoram.

1oz wholemeal flour.

Salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Wash the trout inside and out and remove all the blood from along side the back bone.

Melt 1oz of margarine in a pan, add the onion and bacon and fry over moderate heat for 5 mins.

Remove the pan from the heat and add in the breadcrumbs, lemon juice and about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the herbs.

Season with salt and pepper.

Divide the stuffing into 4 portions and stuff each fish.

On a large flat plate mix together the flour, lemon zest and remaining herbs.

Roll the trout gently in this mixture and coat evenly.

Lay the trout on a baking tray and dot them with the remaining butter.

Place them in a pre-heated hot oven for 10-15 mins. until cooked.

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MS. MAISIE KEANE

One of Maynooth's most senior citizens is alive and well and was pleased to talk to the Newsletter about her life and "her Maynooth" as she remembers it. Ms. Maisie Keane celebrates her 88th birthday on the 13th day of October. Born in 1902 in Black Lion, Maisie has lived all these years in the village. Her father was a farmer and having only three children (Maisie being the eldest), he and his wife had as lodgers "two fine gentlemen". They were a Captain and a Lieutenant of the British Army, she explained, commissioned to supervise the flax crop on the Moyglare Road, destined for the linen industry in Belfast. The crop was manned by soldiers ready to leave the army and in lieu of labour they were promised farms in Africa - although what happened there, Maisie is not so sure!

Smiling to herself, Maisie told me of how a certain 'pig-jobber' who was notorious for wearing a red kerchief around his neck in place of a tie was mistaken for a Landowner. Sir Walter Fitzgerald arrived into Maynooth train-station unexpectedly and there being no transport awaiting him, he sent a young boy to fetch Fulham's horse-drawn side-car. On his return Lord Walter asked the boy if he knew who he was. "Pig-jobber, Sir" says he. With that the Lord was well amused and gave the boy a half sovereign.

Maisie remembers too the reputation of the absent owner of the Carton Demesne - the duke of Leinster lived in England and once rode his horse up the stairs of a hotel for a bet. His absence left the younger Duke in Carton with his guardian Lord Frederick Fitzgerald and his sister, Lady Nesta.

With fondness Maisie particularly recalls those nights when the pond in Carton was declared 'bearing'. Some young merrymakers were quick to organise waltzing on the ice. The gardener whose house stood near the pond supplied a big-horned gramophone and 'The Blue Danube' echoed through the woods.

Of course there weren't many cars in those days, she says, but her uncle had a Dodge and Dawson's had the agency for Ford and Morris vehicles.

"One day as I waited for a bus into the city (shortly after the service began to operate an elderly man in his chauffeur driven Rolls Royce drove up and asked if I'd take a lift into Dublin. Well, being assured of his good intention, I got in and we began to talk of employment in Maynooth. I told him that apart from Dawson's and farms hiring one or two men, there really wasn't much opportunity." "It won't be long before you've factories all around you" said he and sure enough not long afterwards, the first factory making textiles was set up in Leixlip.

Having gone to school in the Presentation Convent, Maisie's first job was as office clerk in the very substantially sized and stocked 'Dawson's' department store on Main Street. The business then run by Mr Dawson himself was a thriving one selling everything as it claimed from 'a needle to an anchor' and buying in from Todd's of Henry Street (where Penney's is now) and from wholesalers in Germany especially for lady's clothing. Dawson's supplied the village with its needs, and Maisie remembers one customer, the doctor's wife, Mrs. Moore, who was often seen to the amusement of all peddling her tricycle as the only means of transport she felt sufficiently secure upon. There was no T.V. or radio then either and card playing was very popular as was dancing in the town hall then located in the Square (in great contrast to the present "thing"). Unfortunately the hall was burned down during the Rebellion and Maisie isn't sure if the Black and Tans or the I.R.B. were the culprits. But



Maise Kane

in the schools, dancing classes continued and Maisie remembers with affection the Master who came from Dublin, Mr. Degville who taught Ball-room steps. On one occasion, when the nuns stepped out for dinner, the girls prevailed upon the poor man to teach them rather a waltz or fox trot, jazz being all the rage. He therefore took a partner and two other girls imitated the steps. However at that moment, the Reverend Mother reappeared and exclaimed "Oh my goodness, the persons are touching". That was the sorry end of Mr. Degville.

There was other entertainment too - a mobile picture-house and the local drama society of which Maisie was a member. Among the productions she recalls were "Professor Tim" and "Many Young Men of Twenty". For the audience at intervals, Maisie's mother played piano.

I asked about the college. "No females were allowed within those walls then". She says they even employed a chef in the kitchens. "As far as I can remember, there were 65 ordinations every June and having its own farm in Kilcock, the college cultivated much of its own crops and also kept cattle and fowl. Listening to a radio programme recently, Maisie heard it said that the 15 men who marched out during the 1916 rebellion were first blessed at college gates. "Well, that's not true" she says. "The college was then heavily subsidised by the British Government who were not prepared to jeopardise such favour". Among those marching from Maynooth was Mr. Donal (Dan) Buckley who, she thinks, was promoted to Governor General on Independence. Mr. Buckley is the great grand father of the present Mr. Buckley of Main Street.

After eleven years with Dawson's, Maisie moved on and took a position with Kavanagh's who then as well as now operated the mill. "The hours were less demanding and allowed me take better care of my aging mother", she says. Maisie's sister who was invalided died at the young age of 38 and her brother married and moved away to Dublin. So the ladies lived in their own house in Mill Street where we now have The Country Shop and a decade or so later, Maisie got the job of running the Labour Exchange from her home, catering to the village and surrounding areas. At that time, town dwellers signed every day and because of the increase in factories, women too had claims. Maisie managed the office for 27 years and during that period, she is happy to relate, she and a friend took a Mediterranean cruise holiday on a ship called "The Uganda". Their first port of call was Gibraltar. "We met an Irish girl there who spoke to us because my friend resembled a nun who had taught her in school in Ireland. Anyway she told us not to go up the Rock

because there were monkeys living there that the soldiers were training and they'd surely grab your handbag and throw it into the sea; so we didn't".

Afterwards the cruiser was turned into a warship and Maisie's travels took the form of annual trips to visit her cousin in London. She did this until recently.

I asked Maisie if she gets out much now. "No, the street is impossible to cross and I'm nervous of falling. At my age a broken hip just wouldn't be on".

Ms. Keane is a very gracious lady, full of good humour and a lively interest in current affairs for which she finds the radio invaluable. I am very privileged to be able to record some of her memories and invite readers to comment on these or on their own recollections. Thank you Maisie.

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Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

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Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Romance is at a smooth level this month. Someone with the letter T is very important in your life, beware of the letter D in the same family.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A busy month ahead of you, finances low at present. A black and white animal keeps you busy, but don't worry things will go well with him.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Love life is on a high this month - engagement is on the cards. Insanity is hereditary so watch your children carefully.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Busy social life ahead of you. Someone close to your best friend is very important in your life at the moment.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Too much of a good time goes sour in the end so be careful not to out live its endearment. A haircut is imminent. Be wary of a big buzz in your life (the wasps are still around).

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't let small things get you down. Your social life is hectic at the moment. A person who offers to leave you home with the initial J may become very important to you in the near future. Be wary of the letter H.

Aries March 21 - April 20

Look after health and you will live to be a ripe old age. Popularity seems to be your high point this month.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Remember the old saying 'a bull in a china shop' - this applies to romance so be careful how you tread.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Romance took a rocky path but don't fret nature will take its course and smooth things out. Someone with the letter E is a big influence in your life.

Cancer June 22 - July 22

You feel the need to be around people your own age. Romance has ended but another love awaits in the not so distant future. Beware of the drink especially in the coke.

Leo July 23 - Aug. 23

Aggressive by nature, being over powering can drive away the one you love. Be more sociable and outgoing in the community.

If you have a problem contact our new agony aunt in the Newsletter, fun feature in next edition.

Marie Celeste

Glór Na nGael Mhá Nuad

Anois lár an fhomhair is na túaithigh filltí, tá sé in am dúinn imeachtaí ghealach a heagrú don bhliain seo. D'éirigh thar barr linn anuraidh, bhí cruinneadh againn gach tarna Máirt den mhí in halla Baintreach na Tuaithe agus chuireamar aithne ar ana-chuid chairde nua. Scaipeamar fograí ghealacha mór thimpeall siopaí an baile seo againne agus bhí luacht-gnó sásta tacaíocht a thabhairt dúinn.

Bhí cúpla oicheanta ceoil againn in tabhairne na bailte agus bhí óiche "treath na gCéist" againn san "Leinster Arms" chun déire spleipe a chuir le h-imeachtaí na bhliana.

Glór Na nGeal Mhá Nuad

Don aos-óg bíonn comórtas againn gach mhí sa "Nuacht-Litir" agus tá an líon freagraí ag meadú gach mhí. Tá ana chuid rudaí beartaithe againn don bhliain seo chuigeann ach caithfear iad a phlé sna cruinnithe ar dtús. Dá bhrí sin beidh an chéad cruinneadh don bhliain nua gníomhnach ar an 9ú lá de mhí meán-fomhair 1990 ag a h-ocht a chloig in halla Baintreach na Tuaithe agus beidh failte roimh chách.

Bí linn chun an ghaeilge a chuir ós comhair phobail Mhá Nuad. 8.00p.m. I.C.A. Hall, 9th October 1990.

With the advent of fall/winter it is indeed time for us to once again begin a year of gaelic events. Glór Na nGael is a non-political, non-sectarian group of locally based people who enjoy and wish to promote Irish Culture. It is not a movement so therefore has no definitive objects or goals other than the promotion of Irish and Irish Culture.

We are engaged in promoting Irish within the community. We organise Irish traditional music nights, quizzes, poster competitions and are always open to new ideas. So if you feel that you would enjoy our company you are very welcome to join us at our monthly meetings which are held every second Tuesday of the month in the I.C.A. hall at 8.00p.m. (beside the harbour playground). The forthcoming meeting is scheduled for 8.00p.m. on the 9th October.

Bí linn agus eiríodh linn.

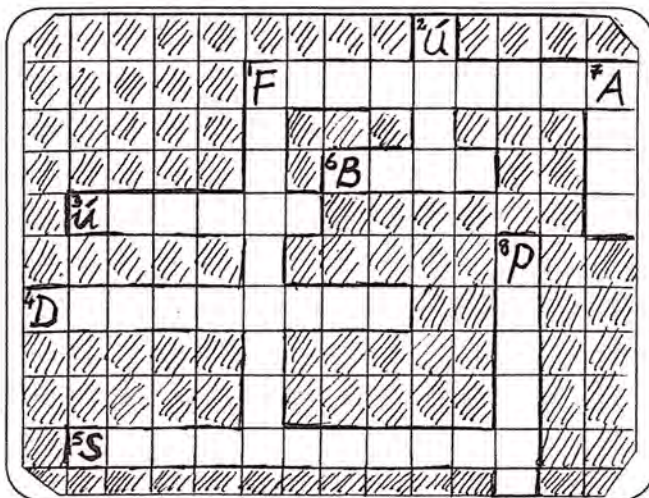
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taste in the mouths of those who live on Straffan Way. In the evenings when gathered on the green on Straffan Way, they were noisy, unpleasant to a number of people and they left behind lots of rubbish each evening. While they are welcome to come to our Estate and many of you open your homes and even hearts to them - it is reasonable to expect that the Estate in general and green on Straffan way, in particular, should not be abused and dirtied and left for the residents to clean up each day. The Association has decided to take whatever reasonable measures are necessary to ensure that this situation does not spoil any future summers.

MOWERS

The vexed question pops up its ugly head once more as the mower used on Laurence Avenue seems to be on the verge of a terminal breakdown. Matt Callaghan will inspect same and give his prognosis shortly.

BUS FARES ON BARTON'S BUSES

It has come to our attention that Barton Transport has decided upon a new method of payment of fares on the school bus. While the difficulties faced by the company are undeniable, a month would seem too long to expect a young child to keep a ticket. And payment for more than one child in advance is certain to put more than a little strain on many purses. Perhaps some compromise could be arranged and the Association would be willing to co-operate in any way possible to sort out this problem. Let it be said in fairness to Barton Transport - over the years they have provided an excellent and safe service which has been abused by some people.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 7.45p.m. in the School Hall. This year our guest speaker will be Maeve Martin who will talk about "Exceptional Children".

We would like to extend a special welcome to the parents of new pupils.

Rose Dillane,
PRO

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE REPORT - OCTOBER 1990

Else where in the Newsletter you can read the breakdown of the judges' remarks on both the Bord Failte Maynooth Tidy Towns report and our own Best Shop Front and Best Area Awards.

From the outset can I express on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee, thanks to those few people who helped. But for these people, Maynooth marks would be worse. Earlier in the year we published the criteria on which towns are judged. The future of Maynooth in this competition is in your hands:- **Keep the litter in your pockets until you find a bin and put it in there.**

What can be done? Do you really care about the way our town is being spoken about, the worst town in Kildare? If you do make a **commitment to help** - don't leave it to someone else. From March '91 the campaign starts. Give us (no give your Community) 2 hours a week. Before that we will organise a public meeting in October; watch out for posters.

Start Today Think Litter Free for Maynooth

The (smaller) Maynooth Tidy Towns 1990 Committee

BEST AREA/ESTATE COMPETITION

To quote from our judges: "This year's competition was characterised by two very encouraging trends: the first was a very dramatic improvement in some of the areas which scored lowest last year, and the second was the retention of high standards and sustained community effort on the part of others." Our residential areas scored 2 extra points - well done all. Congratulations to our winners. All who took part are winners too, because Maynooth will be the winner in the end. Look out for our prize giving ceremony in October.

BEST SHOP FRONTS - BEST AREA COMPETITION

My first comments are to our judges, to thank them for their very comprehensive and helpful report. These judges are people who saw Maynooth develop and grow - and over the years resident associations and businesses have benefitted by their comments.

So please read carefully the report and let it help your area of concern to improve.

Richard Farrell,
Tidy Towns Committee.

GREYSTONES COMMISSIONERS VISIT LEIXLIP

Leixlip was host today to a distinguished group of visitors from County Wicklow.

Ireland's newest local authority, Leixlip Town Commissioners, in an effort to build on links forged last year when they visited Greystones, invited the Greystones Town Commissioners to spend the day in Leixlip.

The two towns have much in common, both having experienced a period of rapid growth and the Commissioners had much to learn from each other.

The Leixlip Commissioners were proud to show the visitors their offices at Newtown House where the new town flag was raised for the first time, the Intel plant and the Amenities Centre where they had lunch.

The tour then proceeded to Castletown House stopping off at the Wonderful Barn and returned to Leixlip Castle and St. Mary's Church.

The day concluded with dinner in the Springfield Hotel where the visiting dignitaries were presented with a framed copy of the Leixlip coat-of-arms and autographed copies of "A History of Leixlip".

The Greystones Commissioners were accompanied by Wicklow County manager, Mr. Blaise Treacy and Kildare County manager Mr. Gerry Ward also attended. The Leixlip Commissioners were pleased also to invite Leixlip man and newly elected Chairman of Kildare County Council Mr. Jim Gallagher to the dinner.

SEX, LIES, BOOZE AND FRESHERS

The Newsletter thought it might be useful to get some views from college students on this first year in Maynooth. The following observations were supplied on the back of an envelope by four first year students, taking time off for studying for repeats. This may explain some, perhaps not all, of the following. Freshers are first year students. First year students repeating exams are not refreshers!

WE'RE BACK

We're back! We're young, we're wild, we're obnoxious. Bet all you locals (or "locals" as we students call you) are sick of us. It's a hard life, the pain, the study, the cold, damp-ridden flats, the banana sandwiches, the booze, the fags, the babes!.

FLATS AND CLERICS

So, a big howdy-doodly to you young students. This is going to be the strangest year of your life. You'll arrive scared, alone, homesick. Before you even reach the slopes of academia, you'll have to find a flat. Mine was rotten; I was incarcerated with a couple of holy josphines who were only at Maynooth because their Mammies thought it was "safe", i.e., full of student priests (all called Malachy or Dermot), dudes so coool that they always wear pockmacs and sandals. You'll see 'em soon.

SEX, LIES AND MAYNOOTH

I don't like the Thing in the Square (although it's good for chucking your guts up occasionally in). We have a nice library. We have a tall steeple. Don't go near the pool. It is cold and unhygienic. If you could care less, we have a ghost room. Sleeping bags available at the door. I found out that Maynooth is such a historic town. Try climbing the castle at 2.30a.m. when you're drunk. You can feel the history. Watch out for slithery things.

The Royal Canal has swans. They really dig getting empty cider bottles and beer cans thrown at them. It enhances the environment, and kills the ducks (this is a classic example of the use of irony to deliver a heavy message, man). They (the swans) enjoy the odd banana sandwich.

Maynooth has some of the best potholes in Ireland. There's a beauty on the Main Street. The purpose these holes serve is to enhance local business - the bike shop does a nice line in wheel buckle fixing.

SEX, LIES, RELIGION AND EXAMS

Like, there are so many characters in the town. You'll meet them. They will put the fear of god in you. Ah, religion - best to forget this; it doesn't help you pass your oul' exams. I met someone who went to a lecture once. She (her name was Josephine, or was it Orla?) told me it was fierce informative and well worth going to. Some time, Maybe. But seriously, folks, you got to put the effort in to get something out of your precious time at university.

SEX, LIES AND BANANA SANDWICHES

The main problem with new students is that they act loudly, because they're scared. They've got loads of money in their pockets and drinklink machines, and they give themselves that big confidence booster, alcohol. Many's the fresher I know who blew their whole grant in a month, on sex and rock and roll. This

is dumb. This means that they have to live on banana sandwiches all year. Have you ever seen someone on a permanent diet of bananas, booze and fags? It's sad, it's pathetic, it's life. There is no problem with drugs in Maynooth. You can get them anywhere! (Joke, Peadar!). These are bad news, man. Take it from me, I've tried everything.

And there it ends . . .

EATABOUTS

Just a few years ago there were only four restaurants and cafes in Maynooth. There are now seven in the town, excluding the College canteen and the Student's Union. It may take some time for you to locate all of them and try them out, especially if this is your first year in Maynooth. We have therefore taken it upon ourselves to give a brief introduction to the whereabouts, type of service, food and the value of Maynooth's various and flourishing restaurants.

THE COUNTRY SHOP RESTAURANT

Situated on Mill Street, just before Kavanagh's Mills on the Galway road and in the basement of the 'County Shop' craft and gift shop this is a spacious and pleasantly decorated restaurant specialising in home made meals and luscious gateaux. It is a very popular spot with College staff and students and has a busy lunchtime trade. Meals include home-made pizzas, quiches, lasagnes and specialities of the day with a wide variety of interesting salads. A full meal costs in the region of £3 to £4 but you can fill your plate with salads, delicious brown bread and cheese and have a mug of coffee for less than £2. If you wish to avoid the lunchtime rush pop down after three o'clock when there are often special offers available - check if these are still to be had. For late night candlelit dining, the Country Shop opens on from 7 - 10.30 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday.

THE LEINSTER ARMS RESTAURANT

This has of late become an extremely popular lunchtime venue which has the advantage of space (the bar and lounge facilitate diners from the restaurant). A lot of the office workers in the town frequent this venue where full meals come roughly to about £3 to £4. On offer are varied choices in vegetables, turkey and stuffing, ham and filled rolls along with a selection of salads. The meals are by and large more traditional than in other venues. A filled roll with chips and coffee comes to approx. £2.50. The Leinster Arms also caters for candlelit meals, every night until 10p.m.

Both the Leinster Arms and the Country Shop cater for vegetarians, salads are plentiful and the former provides meat free rolls. The Country Shop provides some main courses which are meat free, but so far the Leinster Arms has not. Check to see if the same is true for evening meals.

THE COFFEE KITCHEN

This restaurant is ideally situated to facilitate shoppers in the Maynooth Shopping Centre and offers a reasonably extensive lunch which makes it a popular venue. Everything is home made and a full meal costs in the region of £4. Soup and a roll or salads and vegetables will set you back £2 or so. They also offer Lean Cuisine dishes and a choice of home made gateaux. The premises is small in comparison to the L.A. or the Country Shop but is perfect for a snack and coffee while shopping.

EATABOUTS CONTINUED

KEHOE'S DELICATESSAN

There is a review of this small but exceptional deli elsewhere in the issue. It is situated beside the Roost on the Main Street. Suffice it to say that the most exquisite carrot cake in the universe is regularly produced by this establishment.

THE ELITE

Also on Main Street, beside Caulfield's pub, this cafe specialises in home bakery, coffee and filled rolls. It used to be enormously popular with clerical students for some reason but has now become a more secularised establishment which is packed during lunchtime, early morning and late afternoon. It is a pleasant cafe with friendly staff but, like Kehoe's, somewhat too small for comfort at times. It is probably the cheapest cafe in Maynooth where a roll and coffee costs about £1.40. Unfortunately there are no meals on offer unlike Kehoe's but you can watch all the 'excitement' on Main Street while enjoying your coffee and cake.

STEPHEN HERO'S

This is the newest cafe to open in Maynooth and will be a new venue for all students absent since May. It combines music, snacks and sandwiches, wine and outdoor seating in a friendly and basic format (no nonsense furniture and message boards). Stephen Hero's specialises in gigantic sandwiches which cost around £1.25 and they stay open until 7 p.m. seven days per week. They hope to open until 10 p.m., serving wine and proving an alternative late evening meeting place for students and local residents. Eventually there will be an upstairs section and perhaps a larger outdoor area in the back for those long, exam-filled summers.

PATRICK'S RESTAURANT

Patrick's has been open for about five years now and caters for a wide range of clients - they have a special student menu and also do vegetarian main courses. The decor is functional and the premises relatively spacious. It is most popular during term time when evening meals attract late workers and students. A full course meal comes to about £4 but filled rolls and soup is relatively inexpensive. The atmosphere is easygoing and familiar and the restaurant remains open until 9 p.m.

Apart from the restaurants and cafes, you can get delicious filled rolls for £1 in Nuzstop - a very popular source of food at lunchtime where the service is prompt and very friendly. The other three pubs in the town also offer sandwiches and coffee. There are three chippers in Maynooth: Fusciardi's and beside it on Main Street, the New World takeaway. In Greenfield Shopping Centre you will find El Dorado which also sells cigarettes and chocolates.

A STUDENT GUIDE TO MAYNOOTH PUBS

We're not exactly spoiled for choice in Maynooth in terms of watering holes. On the sort of 'pubs per population' ratio prevailing in places like Ballinamore (Co. Leitrim) or Swinford (Co. Mayo), Maynooth, with a population of over four thousand we are due at least 25 pubs - but instead we have only four. And yet, apart from at weekends, none will be bursting at the seams.

Students, excepted, it seems Maynooth's residents' just aren't great drinkers. Some would say that those who do drink in Maynooth try their best to make up for those who don't!

DIVERSITY

Despite the fact that we've only got four pubs they've all got something different to offer. Each has its own typical clientele, its own 'je ne sais quoi' - for any Science students reading, that was French. So let's look at each pub in turn and see what they've got to offer.

THE ROOST

The Roost is really three pubs in one - a public bar, a lounge and a cocktail lounge. All human life is here. The bar is a typical wood - mirrors and brass refurbishment job which is normally well populated by students after the libraries close. Come to think of it - it's often well populated with students well before the libraries close. The Roost serves a good pint and the bar is a very pleasant haven on a winter's afternoon when an open fire casts a cheery glare on proceedings.

Turning to the cocktail lounge, this is an option if the bar is packed but overall could hardly be described as a drinker's haven.

If you really want seclusion you can always hide away up on the balcony.

The newly refurbished lounge in the Roost is a legend in its own lifetime (see *Irish Times*, Saturday August 18th). Decked out with marble and stained glass it now constitutes a compulsory field trip for all students taking First year Classical Civilization. As a pub - words fail me. We recommend a visit.

THE LEINSTER ARMS

A long established, and again, recently refurbished pub and restaurant. The LA is seldom quiet with a steady business right throughout the day. At night the clientele is relatively young with a mixture of students and locals. Weekly live music sessions mean a packed house which can cause serious delays in getting served. Despite (because of?) the smoky atmosphere, the crowds and the din one gets the impression that the LA is where it's at.

BRADY'S

A traditional, small town pub frequented largely by Maynooth natives and a steady passing trade. Serves a very good pint and the toasted cheese sandwiches aren't bad either. There isn't an awful lot of room in Brady's and students are thin on the ground but don't let that put you off. In terms of pretension Brady's is at the other end of the Richter scale relative to the Greek lounge in the Roost. But as they say variety is the spice of life.

CAULFIELD'S

The public bar in Caulfield's has a regular and almost exclusively 'Maynooth natives' clientele. Service is fast, efficient and friendly and provided you don't stand blocking the television the punters won't take a bite out of you. Caulfield's lounge has a fair sprinkling of student drinkers and the odd College lecturer (some say they're all odd) has been spotted completely legless enjoying a quiet pint. Like the other pubs Caulfield's can get fairly packed on Saturday and Sunday nights so be warned and book you're seat by 9 o'clock.

And finally, a very disappointing feature of all Maynooth's pubs they all close at 11p.m. (Winter Time) and stay firmly closed until 10.30 the following morning.

THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF SIXPACKS AND REVELRY

The word of a party gets propelled around the pub and furious enquiries are made at a quarter to twelve as to the whereabouts of the destination. Soon caravans of students beat the trail to the housing estate in question and identify the open door from which emerges the sound of Talking Heads and laughter. All seems normal till one ventures within.

A perplexed host/ess is busily calculating the enormity of the situation and moving in fright to close the door. S/he is hauled into the sitting room en route and made locate a bottle opener. In the course of this service s/he sees ash dropping politely onto the carpet and races to secure an ashtray. S/he usually just grabs the coal bucket in desperation and plunges it through the masses, crashing it with a glare in front of the ashdropper. Just then some authentic guests arrive and demand the undivided welcome of the host/ess who ushers them to the crowded kitchen, whereupon s/he is again grabbed and asked about bottle openers. Hearing the sound of an overturned coal bucket amidst the thump of Talking Heads and the bellows of "We're here, We found it!" from the front door s/he chooses to postpone dealing with the latter and rushes to investigate the former. A drunken pass is made upon him/her in the corridor which has the single advantage of acquiring the absolute and undivided attention of the host/ess so that all other problems rapidly shrink in significance. The normal procedure here is to smile and attempt laughter, to sever the offending body from one's own and to lure the offender towards the nearest supply of alcohol in the fond hope of tempting him/her with a more irresistible attraction than one's self. It is a delicate operation as the use of common sense and/or reason hasn't the faintest chance of succeeding so all is concentrated on the power of strategy. Meanwhile the mild crash of a bottle against the fireplace is heard accompanied by the cry of "Well there was no bottle opener, was there!" and the final dregs of the night crawl through the front door and settle upon the stairs. The host/ess at this stage just slides to the floor to wait for The Visitation of The Neighbours.

Two Hours Later

By some unaccountable miracle the vast majority of the partygoers has disappeared and a more subdued atmosphere has set in. The host/ess is engaged in the traditional *deep-and-meaningful conversation* around the sofa while various other clusters haunt the darker corners and the stairs. The music has all but died to an occasional thump and cough and the dreaded Visitation has come and gone. Odd noises come from upstairs but propriety prevents investigation. And then it happens. Somebody called Joe produces a guitar. Clusters amalgamate and spread to the floor around Joe. The Deep-and-Meaningful Conversationalists condescend to suspend debate for the duration of 'American Pie' but cannot last beyond the seventeenth verse so they 'pop out to the kitchen for a drink of water'. A look of unanimated bliss settles upon the devoted faces of the audience and the sing song is securely on its way. At this point in the night the Love/Lust Element comes into its own. It is usually happening in the darker corners or upon the unlit stairs.

Life stories and deeds of prowess are being related to the appropriate sounds of giggling and/or consolation. At any rate, all verbal sounds cease at about half past three and body language emerges with all the subtlety of a hammer. Couples slowly sail out the door, to the accompaniment of symphony orchestras and wisps of clouds. The sing song is disintegrating (having gone through the twelve standard songs twice) and people are beginning to feel tired. The house is almost empty by now. However, one strange and unaccountable phenomenon needs remarking upon. Still embroiled in hefty debate in the kitchen are the Deep-and-Meaningful Conversationalists, who have remained oblivious to the party in general and who have fuelled themselves with animated discussion for the past four to five hours. The host/ess has quite simply had enough and politely suggests that they leave.

A vow of 'Never Again' escapes from the host/ess as head finally plummets to pillow, tired and very sober, and vaguely wondering if it would be too soon to have another one on Sunday.

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CLOTHES IMPRESSIONS OF THE THIRD LEVEL KIND

The most important issue facing students after they have got the points to get into College, is what are they going to wear on that all important first day. No one wants to be remembered as the nerd in farah slacks, hand-knitted Aran jumper, sandals, brown nylon socks, Beatles haircut, matching tie and pocket handkerchief emanating from new navy blue blazer with brass buttons who fell down the steps during the first Sociology lecture in the Aula Maxima . . . do they?

The first thing to remember is that some people have style by instinct, some people develop style by imitating others, but there are some people, lots of whom end up in Maynooth, who think style is something you climb over to get into the next field. They are the ones who notice trends only when they have been abandoned by everyone else - the ones who wear platform shoes and flares, when all around are into deepest black.

Black is the safest colour to wear in all circumstances. It does not show the dirt; there is no other shade of black with which it can clash; it looks serious and meaningful; it diminishes large rear ends; it cannot be seen in the dark when you are sneaking over the garden wall into the digs; no one will notice that you have worn the same sweater/jeans/skirt/coat since terms began; you will not have to buy special clothing should a loved one pass on.

Black can be accessorised successfully with almost anything. Those seeking the vampire look can use copious quantities of eyeliner, and purple nail varnish. Loose necklines are quite flattering, and thongs are in the in thing. Remember those tempted to wear black lycra bottom hugging minis - don't. It doesn't work in the middle of winter. However, should you wish to use a dog as an accessory, this too must come in no other colour but black.

Where do you go to purchase style? Well Maynooth is not the place for student chic, although *Billie's* and possibly *Naeem's* may be worth a look. A trip to *Hula Bou* or *Alan Frazer* may prepare you for life after Maynooth but their street cred potential as regards student taste and pocket is limited. The only way to find out where to buy is to ask an experienced stylist in second or third year. Pretend you are doing a survey for sociology - you can get away with anything if you have a questionnaire in your hand. They will be flattered by your approach.

There are just a few rules to follow. Do not under any circumstances wear the grey flannel slacks you wore in sixth year in school. People will notice. Throw away that school blazer and gaberdine coat. People are not blind. When it comes to the grad ball don't attempt to recycle the debs dress you wore in fifth year. People will not be fooled. Do not wear string vests, nylon shirts, long johns, navy blue interlock knickers with double gusset, plastic macs, wellington boots, mittens, hairbands, nylon socks, flesh coloured tights, black stockings, anything knitted by your mother, Laura Ashley frocks, stiletto heels, slip on shoes, baby doll nighties.

Try to wear what the majority of others are wearing, if you don't want to be remembered. If you do, choose a style which makes people think you're avant garde, not up from the yard!

TENNANTS' RIGHTS

The following information has been taken from 'House Choices: Renting Privately' a publication from Threshold whose address is given at the bottom.

THE DEPOSIT

Most landlords require tenants to pay deposits. If you have a written agreement, make sure the terms for the return of the deposit are clearly spelled out. If the agreement isn't written, make sure you get a receipt for your deposit.

Your deposit can be withheld in whole or in part if you fail to give proper notice, if you leave unpaid bills, or if you damage the property in any way above normal wear and tear. Subject to the terms of the agreement, a landlord is not entitled to withhold any of your deposit for re-advertising expenses.

When you move in, it is advisable to make an inventory of the contents of the flat and their condition, and have it signed by the landlord. This will make it easier to resolve any disputes over damages.

ELECTRICITY

If electricity or heating is included in the rent, it should be made clear in the tenancy agreement what exactly you are entitled to. Make sure that all services are connected, and working, if not, find out why, and who is responsible for reconnections.

The landlord has no right to disconnect the power supply.

Gas and electricity coin meters are set at a standard rate. If you suspect the setting is too high, you can check it by contacting the meter departments of the ESB or Gas Co. Where there are local authority charges, e.g. for water or rubbish collection, they may be levied on the occupier, i.e. you, the tenant, rather than on the landlord. Check it out with your local council.

INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the tenant to insure the contents of his/her flat. As insurance for the contents of rented accommodation is quite expensive, you may be able to make arrangements with the landlord to be covered under his own insurance policy. However, this is only possible where the landlord is resident.

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REPAIRS

When making the tenancy agreement, agree on what changes and decorating the landlord will allow, and establish what repairs he will be responsible for. If any repairs are needed, it is best to try to get the landlord to do them before you move in. If he consistently refuses to carry out major repairs such as a leaking roof, it may be necessary to contact the Health Inspector at your local health board, if the situation poses a health risk. In the case of dangerous buildings, you can contact your local county council, or the Corporation.

If he won't carry out minor repairs, you can offer, preferably in writing, to do them, and deduct your expenses from the rent. If you do this, make sure that you keep receipts for your costs, and that the cost was agreed with the landlord before hand.

If, however, you withhold rent for repairs, and haven't agreed this in advance, you could be putting yourself in the wrong, and putting your tenancy at risk. If the landlord is seeking a rent increase, this is a good time to ask for repairs to be done.

HARASSMENT

As a tenant, you are entitled to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of your home. Unless the landlord has reserved the right to enter the flat as part of the original agreement, then he is not entitled to enter it except with your permission, or to do essential repairs. You are entitled to have friends stay (overnight) unless the tenancy agreement states otherwise.

NOTICE TO QUIT

The minimum notice required by either party is determined by how your rent is calculated, rather than how it is paid, if these are different.

If your rent is calculated weekly, you must give at least a week's notice, and if it is monthly, a month's notice, from the rent day. If you are a weekly tenant, you are only entitled to a week's notice to quit. Similarly, as a monthly tenant, you are entitled to a month's notice from the rent day.

Notice to quit doesn't have to be in writing, unless this was stated in the original agreement. Once the landlord gives notice, he should stop collecting the rent. However, this doesn't mean that you have the place rent-free until he takes possession. He will be entitled to claim the money later, so the money due should be kept in a separate bank or Post Office account.

If you stay on after notice to quit has expired, the landlord can seek a court order to evict you. If the case does go to court, you may become liable for legal costs, especially if you have broken terms of the agreement e.g. by failing to pay rent, or being a nuisance. If the landlord evicts you without a court order, i.e. removing your belongings and locking you out, he is acting illegally. If this happens, you should contact THRESHOLD immediately. You should not try to break back in as this can be a criminal offence.

WELFARE ENTITLEMENTS

If you are living on social welfare, you may qualify for help with your rent. Contact the Community Welfare Officer at your local health centre.

You don't qualify for a rent supplement as a student, or if you're working full-time.

The amount of your rent supplement is calculated to leave you with an "after-rent" income equal to the basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance rate, minus £3.20.

To get your rent supplement, you will be expected to produce receipts from your landlord for the rent.

You are not automatically entitled to a rent supplement. The Welfare Officer can refuse you, if, for example he thinks your flat is too large or too expensive for your needs. He may ask you to apply for housing to your local authority as a condition of giving the supplement.

CHECKLIST FOR FLAT HUNTING

- Is there any green mould or excessive dampness?
- What form of heating is there? Is it adequate? Is it working?
- Is there hot running water? If so, how is it heated?
- Are the electrical sockets working? Are there enough of them?
- Is there sufficient lighting?
- What furniture is there? What condition is it in?
Cupboards - are there enough? Are they dry?
Bed - are beds and bedding dry?
Are kitchen utensils provided?
- Is the cooker/fridge working?
- How is gas/electricity paid?
- Do the windows open?
- Is there a telephone. Who pays telephone bills and how are they paid?
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This column extends a warm welcome to all new students entering the College this year, and wishes them well in their studies. We also welcome an unusually large complement of new staff members; some of these are replacing people who have left the College's service, but most represent an addition to existing staff numbers. This is the first time in many years that there has been a significant increase in staffing levels, and will go some way towards alleviating the pressure that has been building up in recent years from rapidly expanding student numbers. To those concerned we extend the wish that their stay in Maynooth will be a happy and rewarding one.

LECTURES IN THE AULA

The growing student numbers of recent years have also been placing increasing stress on physical facilities in the College. The inevitable situation has now been reached that some first year classes have become too big for the existing classhall accommodation. As a result, in the coming year the Aula Maxima (the College's theatre) is to be pressed into service as a lecture theatre for some classes. Some are of the opinion that the Aula is the most suitable place in any case for some of the more histrionic of the lecturing staff! Others have been wondering if lectures - or sleeping students - will be put literally under the spotlight, or whether opera glasses will be issued to those occupying the upstairs balcony. Rumours that the Aula will not longer be available for plays or films as a result of the new use are apparently without foundation, but the Aula Committee seems faced with the prospect of constant changes in the seating in the auditorium until alternative accommodation for lectures is provided.

BUILDING WORK

It seems likely that much of the campus will be a building site for some time to come. Already, rapid progress is being made on the new accommodation blocks adjacent to the existing hostels on the Moyglare Road, and these should be ready for occupation in the coming year. In addition, the Student Union is carrying out alterations to their building. The existing Union offices are to be incorporated into the entertainment facilities, thereby providing additional capacity for Union functions. The office functions are to be accommodated instead in an adjacent prefabricated building.

Meanwhile, the coming year should see work begin on a new special purpose restaurant facility, hopefully including the long-awaited sports hall. Work should also commence on the first phase of the new Science Building, financed largely by EC money. So perhaps many students who otherwise would have had to go abroad to work "on the buildings" for the summer will be able to do so in the pleasant surroundings of Maynooth instead.

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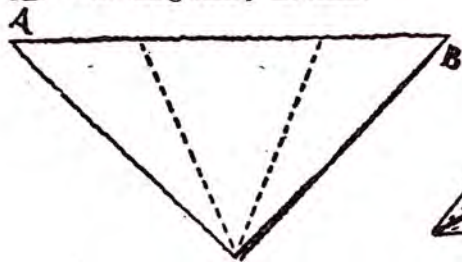
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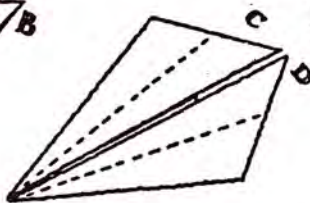
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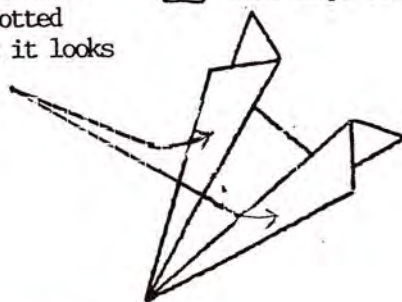
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LEINSTER REGIONAL CONFERENCE

A very successful conference for party members in the Leinster Region (outside Dublin) was held in Naas on September 15 last. A number of workshops on issues such as the Economy and the Environment were held and gave rise to lively discussion. Addressing the conference, Commissioner Catherine Murphy, the party's representative in the North Kildare area, drew attention to the current controversy surrounding the Scoil Mhochua primary school in Celbridge. The Archbishop of Dublin has recently requested the Minister for Education to disband the school's Board of management because of a dispute with the local parish priest, who is also the school manager, over enrollment policy.

While Ireland is passed off as a democratic society, in fact the Irish people in reality have very little democratic control over most aspects of their everyday lives, Catherine Murphy told the conference. They have little input into local planning, have little say in their places of work, and have virtually no control over social facilities such as hospitals and schools, even though they pay for almost the entire cost of these facilities. The time has now come, said Catherine Murphy, to question the practice whereby local parish priests automatically become managers of our primary schools, and can exert sway over token boards of management. Schools at all levels should be brought under democratic local control, and made answerable to the express needs of local communities, she concluded.

THE LARRY GOODMAN FIASCO

The collapse of Larry Goodman's beef empire may not appear to have any direct relevance to the average citizen of Maynooth. However, it is symptomatic of a general malaise in the way the Irish economy is run, which in turn leads in no small way to the chronic problems of unemployment and emigration which affect us all. This malaise arises from an inability to get the most out of the country's natural resources in terms of wealth and job creation.

Agriculture remains Ireland's biggest single industry, and its biggest component is the beef sector which Goodman dominated. Most of Goodman's wealth was derived from selling excess Irish beef in commodity form to Middle Eastern markets. These sales were heavily subsidised by the taxpayer. The Irish beef industry has never managed to successfully develop to any great extent consumer markets within Europe for branded value-added products. These are the kinds of stable and lucrative markets which can provide thousands of extra jobs within Ireland, both directly and indirectly. Instead, the Irish farming sector has been happy to sell sides of beef into the EC's intervention system, from which Goodman proceeded to sell them on to what proved to be extremely unstable markets.

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THE LARRY GOODMAN FIASCO CONTINUED

A couple of grandiose schemes (one emanating from Goodman himself) were announced in recent years to develop the processing side of the industry, but never materialised. It is high time for the government to get to grips with the deficiencies of the agricultural sector and sort them out with decisive action. For too long, Irish politicians have been simply afraid to tackle the vested interests which control Irish farming. Irish agriculture is too valuable a national resource to be allowed to continue the short-sighted and opportunistic practices which characterise the industry.

THE IRISH PEOPLE

The Workers' Party newspaper, *The Irish People*, is now being published on a monthly basis, as against the previous weekly format. The paper is now twice the previous size, and contains more in-depth articles on various aspects of Irish society. Costing only 20p, it represents excellent value for those interested in the injustices which they can see all around them, and in possible ways of tackling these injustices. If you would like to subscribe to the paper, or to find out more about the Workers' Party, call 6285241.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

BOREEN CLEARANCE AND RESURFACING

Emmet Stagg, T.D., has again made representations to Kildare County Council regarding the removal of rubbish from the Boreen. The County Council have stated that this will be done as soon as transport becomes available.

No financial provision has been made for resurfacing the roadway this year. Deputy Stagg will press to have provision made for this project in next years' estimates.

'MARY ROBINSON FOR PRESIDENT' COMMITTEE

A Committee is being formed in Maynooth to campaign locally for the election of Mary Robinson as President of Ireland. This is a broadly based group open to all who identify with Mary Robinson's aim to make the Presidency an active position serving the welfare of the people in a creative way. It is hoped particularly to enlist the support of those who have been impressed by Mary Robinson's record of fighting for human rights, and especially to advance the position of women in Irish society.

An open meeting of the Committee will be held in the Meeting Room at the rear of Caulfield's Lounge on Wednesday October 10th at 8.30p.m. All those who wish to contribute to Mary Robinson's Campaign in anyway are invited to attend.

MAYNOOTH BRANCH: MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GROUP BI RMINGHAM SIX

We rejoiced with the families, friends and support groups of learning that the six have been granted leave to appeal again and hope it may be decided that there is no case to appeal, which will result in their speedy return to their homes.

BRIAN KEENAN

Welcome home Brian. Like the latter group you spent years as a hostage and we hope John and Terry and all other hostages will be released soon.

MARTIN FORAN

This case is now causing concern as Martin claims he was framed. The latter is being held in Frankland Prison, a non political prisoner, and hails from Co. Limerick.

Rosemary, one of our group, has given us some leaflets relating to the case and the evidence does seem conflicting.

Martin is in poor health and according to a copy of his Medical notes, is not getting the medication he needs.

H. Dunne,

Honorary Secretary.

EYE HEAR

Eye Hear was intersted to read of the clauses inserted in the deeds of new houses being built in a Booterstown housing estate. House buyers are required under these conditions not to keep dangerous dogs, not to keep pigeons, not to put alarms or siren boxes on the fronts of the houses, not to put up posters, not to build additional walls, gates, pillars, or garden sheds, and not to keep commercial vehicles in front driveways.

Eye Hear can think of a few more clauses which might have been included in the deeds of Maynooth houses - for example, not to murder the Fields of Athenry while taking showers, no more than two children under the age of ten in any one house, letterboxes to be placed at waist height in front doors to facilitate leafletters, positively no aluminium sliding porch doors.

TRUST IN THE LIFFEY TRUST

Eye Hear they're at it again. Beware the young people who come up to you with a badly produced magazine asking you to part with a silver deer, "to help provide local employment". First of all, there is no Maynooth content in this rag, and second of all, interrogate the unfortunate seller to find out precisely what local employment is being generated, beyond the few bob that he or she is getting from sales. Mention the Liffey Trust to them, and don't give a penny.

1916 AND ALL THAT

Reports have been filtering out since December that the Maynooth 1916 Committee found a nice present in their Christmas stocking last year. Eye Hear suggestions that a savings bond generated the nice sum of £10,000 for our heroes' representatives. A modest suggestion as to how this might be spent - how about demolishing the Thing in the Square, and replacing it with a suitable memorial to our past? Over to you comrades!

SHIFTING ALLEGIANCES

Eye Hear has noted a trend towards the creation of a new geography in North Kildare. Iarnrod Eireann has decided to draw our attention to the recent peaceful partition of our sister town, Leixlip, which has now virtually ceased to exist on train timetables. The twin towns of Confey and Louisa Bridge have now emerged in it's place. In Maynooth, on the other hand, it appears that there is a trend towards germanisation, with the creation of the new suburb of Larp which was beaten in the finals fo the Inter-estates 7-A-Side in July. It will be interesting to see how long this amalgam of Laurence Avenue/Railpark will last.

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF MAYNOOTH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD FAILTE TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR A DATE IN OCTOBER. THE MEETING WILL BE COVERED BY CARLOW-KILDARE RADIO.

THE COMMITTEE ADVISE ALL THOSE CONCERNED BY THE APPALING MARKS RECEIVED BY MAYNOOTH THIS YEAR TO ATTEND THE MEETING. WATCH OUT FOR POSTERS ADVERTISING THE DATE AND VENUE. THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTACT RICHARD FARRELL, CHAIRPERSON, MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE AT 6286044.

THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE TIDY ESTATES AND BEST SHOP FRONTS COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE HELD IN OCTOBER (DATE AND VENUE TO BE FINALISED).

MR. SHEEN

The Order of the Golden J-cloth is hereby awarded to Mr Jimmy Sheen himself, who was observed washing that grungy cylindrical object beside the pedestrian crossing in Main Street one day in September. Who would have believed that from under such grime would emerge one bright green post box?

GONE UNDER

Eye Hear sends envious good wishes to two editorial board members who have gone under for extended holidays. We will be expecting reports from our Sydney correspondents, Suzanne Redmond and Mary Grennell.

WAS O'REILLY'S GRANNY FROM MAYNOOTH?

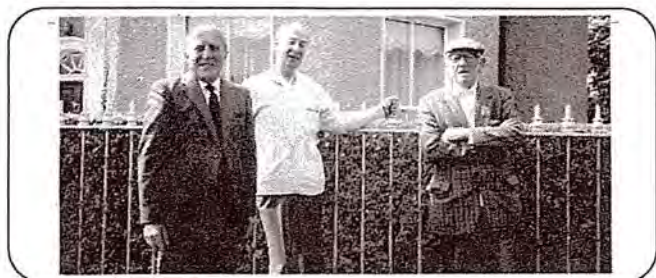
Eye Hear is convinced that the recent revelation that the renovations to the parish church in Leixlip is being funded by Albert Gubay, whose mother came from Leixlip, has stimulated a number of organisations in Maynooth to consult the local registries and gravestones to see who we can target for similar largesse. If we prove that Tony O'Reilly's granny came from Pound Street, would he drop us the six million required to do up the Castle? And if Larry Goodman's great grandfather was born in Leinster Cottages, would he be able to persuade Mr. Hussein to pass over some of those dollars he owes him to the Carton Committee?

LIGHTENING STRIKES MAYNOOTH

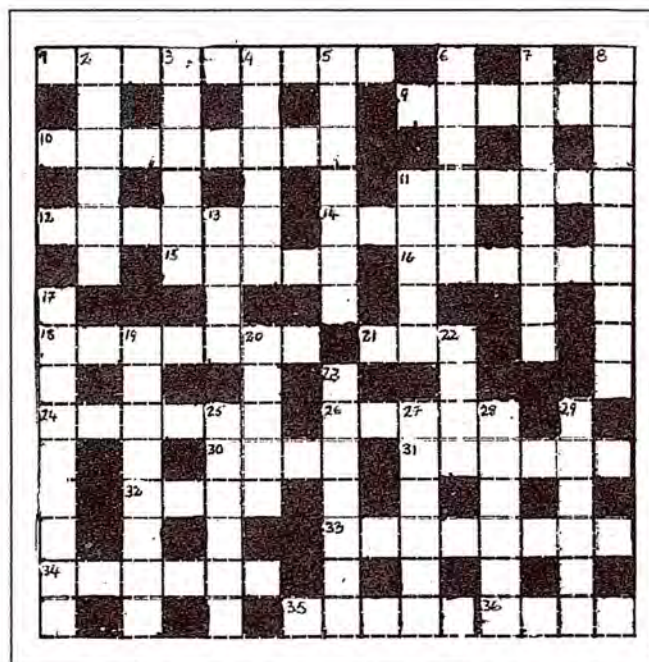
Eye Hear would like to pay tribute to the hard working ESB crews who laboured into the early hours on 24th August to restore power to Maynooth. Severe electrical storms focussed on Maynooth on that Friday, accompanied by cloudbursts. A direct hit on some pylons rendered the town powerless for some hours. Most power was restored by 7p.m., but some estates were not so fortunate. Three crews working for some three hours, were required to replace the blackened remains of the cables bringing electricity to Railpark, and this activity was repeated all over Maynooth. Thanks to all concerned.

IT'S A CAT'S LIFE

Local samaritan Proinnsias Breathnach has been writing into the papers again. This time to point out that while humans have to travel anything up to fifty miles, or more, to get x-rays in hospitals, our wounded animal brothers and sisters are much better looked after in Maynooth. An injured cat picked up from the road by Proinnsias was looked after within half an hour by local vet, Bill MacDonald in his modest surgery on the Kilcock Road. The moggie received x-rays, medication, counselling on road crossing techniques, and tender loving care overnight. What Proinnsias did not tell the nation was that the ungrateful tabby escaped from the cardboard box used to convey him/her from the vet's, and hasn't been seen since.



"Pillars of the Establishment" - Patsy Malone, Denis Carroll & Jimmy Holbrook out for a stroll.



Across

1. Flowing like a waterfall (9)
9. Most Remote? (6)
10. Flag (8)
11. Gave consent (6)
12. With prominence given to a syllable by strees (6)
14. Game with counters (4)
15. Eros I, a girls name (5)
16. Of the stars (6)
18. Urges strongly (7)
21. Wooden clip (3)
24. Sword (6)
26. Two-footed (5)
30. Egyptian goddess (4)
31. Scenes of action (6)
32. Speed (4)
33. Neglect to tell (8)
34. Dish (6)
35. Mr Higgins - teacher of Eliza (5)
36. River (4)

Down

2. Mischievous deeds (6)
3. Disease (6)
4. Bank breezes? (6)
5. Small lumps, of skin perhaps (7)
6. Exotic fruits, for chutney (6)
7. Of the brain (8)
8. Read into the early hours! (5/4)
11. Proverb (5)
13. We, the French, have common sense (4)
17. Diverges temporarily (9)
19. Divide (8)
20. Concise, brief (5)
22. Tease (4)
25. One or other of two (6)
27. Bicycle basket (6)
28. Bombard with sound (6)
29. Rifle shaft (6)

Entries for Crossword No. 35 must be in before Monday, 15th October at 5 p.m.

Winner of Crossword No. 34 £5 Prize

Robert Dunning,

150 Kingsbry, Maynooth.

Solution to Crossword No. 34 by Changeling

Across

1. Foreign
5. Field
8. Ozone
9. Minutes
10. Rehearses
12. Use
13. Shandy
14. Bruton
17. All
18. Excitedly
20. Lighter
21. Tibia
23. Water

Down

1. Floor
2. Rio
3. Ireland
4. No Moss
5. Fines
6. Entrusted
7. Discern
11. Head Light
13. Shallow
15. Rotates
16. Scared
18. Enter
19. Yeast
22. Bee

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Make an arrangement from very short stemmed flowers by tucking them in between a layer of pebbles placed in the water. Washed seashore pebbles are ideal and worth keeping in your flower arranging kit.

Skin a peach easily by popping it into a pan of boiling water and counting to 15 before removing it and peeling it. Use a potato peeler on hard peaches.

Keep small children quiet on car trips by providing a bundle of pipe cleaners which they can twist into amusing shapes. Metal puzzles and small fiddly toys are invaluable for keeping youngsters entertained.

Soak a tomato stain on washable material in luke-warm water containing a little ammonia. Treat a mayonnaise stain with glycerine or a dry-cleaning solvent, then wash in luke-warm water with a few drops of ammonia.

To remove tannin stains from inside an aluminium teapot, put in two teaspoonfuls of washing soda and fill up with boiling water. Leave overnight and rinse well next day.

Soak ink stains on coloured washable material in milk (sour if possible) or in a 50:50 solution of white wine, vinegar and water. Rub ink stains on white material with a cut lemon, sprinkle with salt and leave for an hour.

Remove the smell of fish or onions from crockery and cutlery by adding a little vinegar to the washing-up water. To remove smell from a pan, fill it with water and some vinegar and simmer for a few minutes. Rinse pan in cold water.

Soak a fresh blood stain on washable material in well-salted water for two hours, then launder.

Immerse a dried blood stain in cold water containing a little ammonia for a few hours, rinse and launder.

Your nails are brittle and break easily? Step up your intake of calcium which is found in dairy foods like milk and cheese. Apply a nail strengthener every day and keep your nails short until they improve.

SOCCKER 7-A-SIDE - EMMET STAGG CUP

The Emmet Stagg Inter Stud-Farm 7-A-Side soccer knockout competition this year attracted the following teams:- Darrastown, Corbally, Woodpark, Kilmacredock, Derrinstown and Simminstown/Grangewilliam.

After very exciting first round matches, the semi finals were contested between

Darrastown v Woodpark

and

Derrinstown v Simmonstown/Grangewilliam

The first match was won by Woodpark 2-1 during a thunderstorm while the rain eased off for a very exciting win for Simmonstown/Grangewilliam over the 1/3 favourites Derrinstown, in the second match. A very entertaining final was held on Sunday 26th August in the Harbour Field. Woodpark won the match by the odd goal in three.

We would like to thank the referee Lennie Murphy for his attendance throughout the competition. We would also like to thank John and Eithne Carey for a good night afterwards in Caulfield's.

Finally we would like to thank all the teams for participating and we look forward to seeing them next year again.



John McGinley presented the Cup to the Captain of the winning Woodpark Stud team, Christy Watters.



One of Ireland's top jockeys Niall Byrne being presented with his winner's trophy by John McGinley.

One of the most enjoyable things about sport is that virtually anyone can be an expert. In Maynooth we are fortunate to be blessed with our fair share of soccer, gaelic football, hurling, golf and horse racing experts who give freely of their opinions from their favourite bar stools. Anyone who has frequented Brady's or Caulfield's on a Saturday afternoon will have heard valuable advice shouted to Christy Roche or Willie Carson as they try to steer their mounts clear of trouble entering the last furlong. Of course if the jockeys are careless enough to ignore this advice and the punters £1 each way bet is lost, the wrath of the expert is let loose and the parentage, not only of the horse, but of the jockey, trainer and commentator is called into question.

EXPERT OPINION

It is characteristic of sports experts that they put forward their views in a trenchant manner. It is not a question of John Aldridge having a poor scoring record as a striker for Ireland - it's more a case of his being 'a total waster'. Similarly, in reference to the Kildare football team, the expert opinion has been unflattering, verging on the abusive. Those of us who travelled all the way to Aughrim last June to see Kildare start their All-Ireland campaign against Wicklow saw expert opinion swing from wild optimism in the early stages of the game to undisguised despair as Kildare faltered in the second half. During the journey home to Maynooth my travelling companion solemnly swore never to waste a Sunday travelling to watch Kildare again.

A TERRIBLE BEAUTY

But in the last few weeks, of course, all's changed, changed utterly; a terrible beauty is born and Mick O'Dwyer has been appointed manager of the Kildare team. As a result of this an amazing thing has happened - Kildare have talked themselves into next year's All-Ireland Final. Normally, of course, teams would be expected to win four or five matches to get to Croke Park on the third Sunday in September but this convention appears to have been suspended in Kildare's case, such is Mick O'Dwyer's reputation. A Leinster Final appearance against an obviously ageing Meath team will be followed by the formality of beating the Connacht champions in August. And that leaves a Kildare - Cork final to savour next September, at least that's the experts' opinion.

DRY RUN

Your Newsletter correspondent decided to cover this year's all Ireland final as a dry run for next year when Maynooth will be totally caught up in the fervour and excitement of Kildare's first All Ireland appearance for generations. The first difficulty fans will encounter is how to get a ticket for the match. Defying logic, the GAA distribute thousands of tickets to people who don't really want them - in fact some of them probably wouldn't be caught dead in Croke Park. On the other hand, there are thousands of fans who have followed their county team through thick and thin (mostly thin in Kildare's case) who would beg, borrow or steal to get their hands on a ticket. What happens is that the first group (with tickets) are pestered by the second group (without tickets). Suffice to say that all you Kildare fans intending to attend next year's All Ireland should immediately start cultivating contacts with those you suspect of belonging to the first group.

The other prime requirement for All Ireland Day is a hearty breakfast. Based on personal experience I would recommend a traditional Irish fry with plenty of black pudding and strong tea. Ideally this should be taken about 11 o'clock as soon as all the match previews in the Sunday papers have been read.

It is important to savour the atmosphere before the match so plan to leave Maynooth by 11.30. There are differing opinions as to whether it is advisable to soak up the pre-match atmosphere (and a few pints) in one of Drumcondra Road's excellent pubs, or alternatively, to head directly to Croke Park. On balance, it is probably better not to consume too much liquid before the match or you'll find yourself spending an inordinate part of the afternoon struggling through the crowd to visit Croke Park's less than salubrious toilets.

Once inside Croke Park your enjoyment of the match may be partly determined by the type of spectator who ends up in your immediate environs. At this year's match I was surrounded mostly by polite neutrals with the one exception of an elderly and somewhat drunken Corkman who broke into a chorus of 'Oooh - ah Paul McGrath' every few minutes. This, however, is certainly preferable to having to listen to the type of expert who haunts Croke Park and insists on telling you that football is gone to hell in the last thirty years and none of today's teams are a patch on the great Kerry team of the nineteen thirties.

THE MAIN EVENT

The Cork - Meath final was a tense affair which never lost the full attention of the 65,000 people present. Cork were the superior team throughout but Meath's indomitable spirit kept them in the match to the finish and suggested that at any point they could sneak a few scores to win. But their demise probably marks the end of an era in Meath football and expert opinion in Drumcondra's pubs after the match suggested a period of Cork dominance in the early 1990s. One point was that Shay Fahy would be named 'man of the match' on 'The Sunday Game'. Viewing this programme is certainly part of the ritual of All Ireland Day but by 9.30 many of the fans may be somewhat too 'tired and emotional' to appreciate some of the more subtle tactical points made by such experts as Enda Colleran. For the fans it has been a long day and, whether winners or losers, a special day when you can don your colours and cheer your team in Croke Park in an All Ireland final. Next year's Cork - Kildare final beckons!

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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

At the A.G.M. on the 12th September, the following Officer Board were elected:

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Vice Chairperson: Paul Shannon,
Treasurer: Catherine Mulready,
Secretary: Mary Horn,
Minute Secretary: Mary McMahon,
P.R.O.: Norah McDermott

The outgoing Chairperson Madeline Stynes did not seek re-election. She thanked all those who made the 1990 project so successful and her only regret was that there was no annual camp. She hoped that that problem would be solved in 1991 and wished the incoming committee every success.

The committee members are Josie Moore, Joan Shannon, Margaret Loane, Delma Walsh, Ann Brady, Margaret Kirwin, Margaret Gannon, Ann King, Bernie O'Shea, Rosemary Hanley, Bernie Gannon, Mary Flynn and Madeline Stynes, so with a line up like that we are assured of a very good project in 1991. Work and planning of same will start now in order to have a full programme for July '91 and hopefully our annual camp.

TAE KWON-DO NEWS

Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School is proud to announce the confirmation of a grading examination of promotion, for its members, on September 29th at 10.20a.m. The examination will be given by 6th Dans, Mr. Robert Howard and Mr. Anthony Phelan. The grading examination will be for the majority of the school's members from the very beginners up to senior grades, who are approaching the black belt level.

This examination is open to the public (with the exception of very small children) and will precede beginners classes for adults which are hoped to start in October. This new class is particularly aimed at all adults, men and women, who wish to take up self defence in conjunction with a good deal of keep fit. Former members are also encouraged to return as the grades they had attained in the past still hold.

The Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School is a member of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association, who recently took the gold medal in Montreal, Canada for the destruction section. This was a tremendous victory for the association. Some day, Maynooth may very well be represented on the Irish International team, as the quality is there, it's just a matter time. In this competition, a young girl from Ballyfermot, won the bronze in the Free Sparring Division. Elaine O'Toole is 19 years of age and is a fine example of what the association is capable of producing.

Who knows... very soon, maybe Maynooth will be producing its own World Champions in Tae Kwon-Do.

Maynooth Instructors -
Gerard McClelland 3rd Dan
Michael Devereux 2nd Dan

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

We would like to congratulate our eight contestants who represented Kildare in Mosney at the National Finals. Congratulations to all of them on reaching their semi-finals and finals. Our thanks to all the parents who travelled to Mosney to cheer on their competitors and to Jim Fleming for travelling to see the squad and encouraging them all the way to the semi-final. The contestants for the week-end were Josephine Fay and Paula O'Shea, Gymnastics, Michelle Cunningham, Art, Susan Dillon, Elaine Fleming, Anna Flood and Lorraine Farrel - Swimming Squad, Susan Dillon, individual, who took a very commendable 5th place in U/12 Freestyle and Jane Edmonds 4th place, and certificate winner in U/16 Butterfly. The competitors conduct in Mosney was excellent and they were a credit to Maynooth. Another year has ended for Maynooth Community games. That completes our 12th year in Community Games. For those twelve years I've held a position on the Committee and have done secretary for the past five years. It has now come to the time when I must bow out of Maynooth Community Games as I have moved to the town of Leixlip, and therefore outside the boundaries of Maynooth Community Games. I enjoyed those years helping with the running of the games, but I am now appealing to the people of Maynooth to come forward to the A.G.M. with the intention of working for the children of Maynooth in Community Games. I will always be available to help any committee member in the future. We must ensure that the children of Maynooth do not miss out on all the disciplines Community Games have to offer. We should now also be thinking of all the team managers that will be needed for the new season e.g. Volleyball, Handball, Rounders, Pitch & Putt, Football boys & girls, Soccer boys & girls, Variety boys & girls, Basketball, Badminton, Tennis, Draughts, Chess, Table Tennis and individual events in Swimming, Gymnastics, Art and Athletics. I would like to thank everyone who made Community Games happen in Maynooth for 12 years.

Norah McDermott.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The new season is now in full swing and early indications show that the strenuous training schedule will stand our players in full stead for the coming matches. We will be availing of the training facilities at St. Patrick's College at time of issue and we would like to express our gratitude to Monsignor Michael Ledwith (President) and the College Authorities for the provision of those facilities. Over the past number of seasons training has had excellent attendances and has showed an increase of 100% on completion of annual holidays.

PREMIER DIVISION

Maynooth Town 3

Millbrook Celtic 5

Maynooth twice lost a two goal in a game where a number of defensive errors was our undoing. Des Farrell showed his usual sharpness of defensive in front of goal and scored twice. Joe O'Riordan scored our other goal and gave competent display belying his youthfulness in this tough division.

La Touche Utd. 5

Maynooth Town 3

We were once again on the wrong end of a 5-3 scoreline but unlike our previous game we were unable to forge in front at any stage. Below par performances by some players in key positions was a major factor in this defeat. It is rather disheartening

Community Games Winners



Co. Board Chairman Hugh Crawford, Co. Board Treasurer Norah McDermott, Co. Board Development Officer Finbarr Kelly, Michelle Cunningham, Maynooth and Paula O'Shea, Maynooth at the National Community Games Finals in Mosney.



Jane Edmonds Certificate winner in Swimming and Norah McDermott, Co. Manager at National Community Games Final in Mosney.



Elaine Fleming, Susan Dillon, Lorraine Farrell, Michelle Cunningham, Anna Flood and County Manager Norah McDermott at the National Community Games Finals in Mosney.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TREASURE HUNT

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SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 1990

Due to the tremendous success of our first treasure hunt during Festival week this year we have decided to organise another fun packed hunt around the roads and byroads of the area. This time the event will last for up to four hours to accomodate determined cyclists who wish to travel the route which will be over twenty miles long.

Teams will be expected to locate various items and places (whose identity will be indicated by the clues given to each competitor) and to find out the requested information regarding each one. They will also be asked to bring back several everyday objects whose identity will also be suggested by seperate clues.

The hunt closes at 7pm sharp in Caulfield's when all answer sheets and collected objects will have been handed in. No late submissions will be accepted. The results will be available at 10pm in Caulfield's.

There will be a prize of £50 for the winning team or individual.

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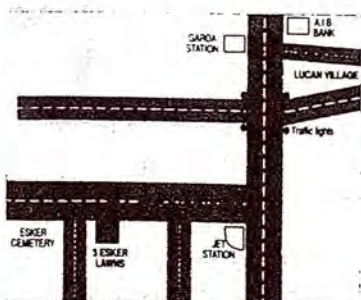
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C. CONTINUED

to be scoring at a regular rate but not showing anything for our efforts. However, with an anticipated strengthening in defence we should soon show rewards. Scorers for Maynooth were Tony Kearns 2 and Gerry Treacy 1.

LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP 1ST ROUND

Maynooth Town 2 Newbridge Town 1

We could hardly have drawn tougher opponents for our opening game- both sides showed great respect for each other in the opening minutes with just a few scoring chances being created. In the 15th minute however Maynooth were awarded a free kick thirty yards out. Noel Kearns thundered a powerful shot against the crossbar and his brother Tony was on hand to score from the rebound. Maynooth got on top at this point but were pulled back level in the 36th minute when an awkward bounce of the ball deceived defence John Geoghegan and the Newbridge forward was on hand to benefit from the effort. Maynooth lost their concentration at this stage and suffered their worst patch of the game approaching half time. On the resumption Newbridge again dominated for the opening ten minutes but were unable to pierce a rock solid defence which had tightened up greatly following our earlier games. A tactical change by Manager Vinny McKenna soon changed the course of the game. John Geoghegan was switched to midfield with the introduction of old war-horse Paul McCourt at left back. With Maynooth again dominating mid-field scoring chances were again being created. Following continued Maynooth pressure, Fergal Barton floated over a corner with 15 minutes to go and centre-half Derek Murray took time off from his defensive duties to lead powerfully to the roof of the net. Exchange were even for the remainder of the game and we now look forward to the second round draw.

DIVISION 3 PRIVATE GROUNDS

Maynooth Town 1 Stores Celtic 2

A draw would have been a fair result in this game. The concession of two early goals did not show any effect on the confidence of the home side. Michael Kelly repeated the benefit of his sterling efforts by scoring Maynooth's goal. Excellent goalkeeping by the opposition keeper deprived us of a deserved share of the points. Michael Kelly, Joe Conway and Joe O'Riordan showed up well for Maynooth.

SCHOOLBOYS' SOCCER

Dublin & District Schoolboys' League

U/15 Section

One win and two defeats in this section still gives hope for a respectable position when the season ends. Consistent performances by Padraig Flood, Stephen King and their teammates should ensure a promising winter campaign.

U/12 Section

Victories in our first three games has set us up for a very forward showing in this Division. Leading scorer Eamon Gallagher ably assisted by promising midfielder Eoin Guha have maintained their early season form and with Darren Naughton continuing to score spectacular goals, a high placing is a very strong possibility.

G.A.A. NOTES

Our U/12 hurlers had a great run in the North Kildare League and after beating Leixlip in the semi-final we were just beaten by Ardclough in the final.

Juvenile hurling and football seems to be thriving in Maynooth at present but the same cannot be said about an adult team.

More about this in the next issue of the Newsletter by which time we will know if our senior team is demoted to division III or not.

NEW PAVILLION

Work on our new sports pavillion has been going on at a steady pace all summer and has now reached the stage where the main building is complete, doors and windows are installed, outside plastering is finished.

It might be a bit premature to talk about the official opening at this stage but unless something unforeseen happens this can not be too far away.

The Tom Flood Cup Tournament is going ahead at the moment and the best crowd seen at Maynooth grounds for sometime were treated to a great game between Rathcoffey and Ballyteague. Rathcoffey won by a narrow margin. The date for the final will be published in the **Leinster Leader**.

Michael Caden

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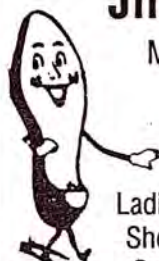
L-R Front Row: M. Gleeson, D. Buckley, E. Kerr, B. Boland, S. Brennan, R. Casey, V. Nevin, J. Canney, C. O'Melia, P. McLoughlin.

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SPORTS NEWS

LEIXLIP AMENITIES GROUP: NORTH KILDARE'S WORLD OF SPORT!

The year 1992 may well be of significance to our financial community, but to the sporting community of Leixlip 1991 is far more important. In that year, the well known and much respected Leixlip Amenities Centre celebrates its 10th anniversary.

The occasion will not be unacknowledged as the build up continues to add further sports and leisure activities to an already comprehensive list.

This season sees the introduction of Subbuteo, indoor bowls, teenage aerobics, judo and improved gym and sauna times. Centre manager John Kenny said: "We're always looking to cater for new tastes and are most approachable - indeed, we thrive on new challenges and suggestions."

The centre is home to many prominent clubs, Leixlip United F.C., with one of the largest schoolboy and schoolgirl sections in the country, have based themselves within the grounds and have improved pitch facilities considerably.

The local Athletics club train on a track behind the centre. Within its walls, badminton and basketball clubs avail of the facilities.

Add to that those who participate in aerobics, archery, yoga, martial arts, volleyball, hockey, not to mention the tennis courts outside, and you will see the extent of the facilities offered. Naturally, dressing and shower facilities are superb, while the gym boasts the latest technology to satisfy those seeking trimmer figures or larger muscles!

The Centre even caters for those who prefer to sweat it out without moving - in it's Tylo sauna! John added: "The equipment is sourced carefully that it can be used by as many members as possible, regardless of ability".

And, in case any North Kildare people feel participation is restricted to Leixlip residents, the manager commented: "The Centre already has members from Lucan through Kilcock, from Clondalkin through Celbridge. All are welcome". However, membership is not necessary to attend most activities.

With family membership set at a most reasonable £15, and single and student membership also available, Leixlip Amenities Centre looks set to attract even more members to ensure it remains North Kildare's "World of Sport".

Membership enquiries to John Kenny on 01 - 624 3050.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The new swimming term began on September 8th after the summer break. We welcome back all our old members and a special welcome to our new members. The first bus leaves Greenfield Shopping Centre at 3.45 p.m. The second bus leaves Cluain Aoibhinn at 4.20 p.m. and Greenfield Shopping Centre at 4.40 p.m. Due to an increase in pool and tuition costs the fees are as follows: £23 for one child, £41 for two children, £59 for three children and £72 for four children. All fees should be paid by 29th September 1990.

The committee for this year are as follows:

Chairman: Owen Byrne, Secretary: Mary Healy,

Treasurer: Gretta Keogh,

Assistant Treasurer: Ann Gallagher,

P.R.O.: Sheila Fleming.

We are currently compiling a waiting list and if you would like

a place for your child/children please contact the secretary Mary Healy (6286942) for further details. The club would be happy to welcome both improvers and beginners. Children must be 4 years of age or older. The committee requests parents to volunteer for supervision on the buses.

Finally please note there will be no swimming on Saturday October 27th due to the bank holiday week-end.

Sheila Fleming,
P.R.O.

SYMPATHY

Sons, daughters, brothers, sister, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Brendan Edwards (Clondalkin) and Dublin Road, Maynooth.

Wife, son, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, sister-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Michael O'Rafferty, Moyglare, Maynooth.

Daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Bridget O'Toole, (nee O'Reilly), Spin Kopp, Leixlip and Maynooth.

Daughter, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, mother-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Patrick Harrigan, Mount Merrion and Green Lane, Leixlip.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REDMOND: The family and relatives of the late Mrs. Mary Redmond, R.I.P. wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement on the sudden death of their mother Mary.

Those who attended the removal, mass and funeral, all who sent floral tributes, letters of sympathy and mass cards. A special thanks to the priests of the parish and to the clergy and staff of St. Patrick's College Maynooth, also the nuns of the Presentation Convent Maynooth. Thanks also to Doctor Maurice Cowhey and the ambulance crew.

To our neighbours and friends for their support, kindness and understanding for which we are truly grateful.

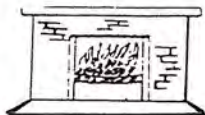
As it would be impossible to thank each one individually we hope that this will be excepted by all.

As a token of our appreciation the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

THANKSGIVING

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O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity, there are none that can withstand your power. O show me here you are my mother, O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times), Holy Mary I place this cause in your



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PERSONAL GREETINGS

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A prayerful and hopeful person.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nora O'Keane (nee Conneely) and her husband Red, Pagetown, via Maynooth, on the birth of their baby daughter (Sarah Bridget), love Maura.

Congratulations to Catherine and Sean Fay on the birth of their baby daughter, Sept. 1st, from all the gang.

Congratulations to Sean and Catherine Fay, 14 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth on the birth of their baby daughter, Susan Catherine, sister for Edel.

Congratulations to Eileen McMahon on her great achievement in her Leaving Certificate.

Congratulations to John and Clare McDonald, Palmerstown (formerly Black Lion Maynooth), who celebrated their 15th Wedding Anniversary on the 4th September 1990.

Congratulations to Margaret, Studio One on her recent engagement to Declan.

To Ann Nolan, 85 Newtown Maynooth and Normal Birchall, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge who were married on the 3rd August 1990 in St. Mary's Church Maynooth. the reception was held in the Setanta House Hotel.

Bridesmaids were: Margaret and Elizabeth Nolan sisters of the Bride and Sharon Birchall cousin of the Groom. Best man was Finbarr Birchall, Groomsmen were Alan Birchall brother of the Groom and Gerry Whelan friend of the Groom. The honeymoon was spent touring the West.

Congratulations to Tom Nolan who had some lucky winners in the M.H. Pools in recent weeks.

Congratulations to Tom Nolan for winning the Cup for second time for best garden and Elizabeth Nolan for winning first prize for the Liquid Embroidery table cloth.

Congratulations to Tom and Maire Nolan, Newtown, Maynooth, who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd August, 1990. A surprise party was held in the Springfield Hotel for them by their three daughters and new son-in-law. A great time was had by all.

Congratulations to all students, both honours, repeats and postgraduates, who sat and passed exams in the College last month. Also, many congratulations to all those who received Inter Cert results and passed in September.

To the 12th Meath Mulhussey C.B.S.I. Scout Troop and the Hawk Patrol on coming 10th in the Melvin Scout Craft Competition last August, their highest placing yet.

Good work: Kevin P.L., Ian A.P.L., Mary, Martin, Robert, Sean, Hugh, Barry.

Congratulations to Fr. George Millar, Divine Word Missionaries, Maynooth, and Australia, who celebrated his 10th year in the priest-hood on September 29th. Fr. George has just gone back to Australia after spending 3 months holidays in Ireland. We hope he enjoyed his stay at home. Best wishes from Liam and Margaret Bean and family, "Liman", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Emily Newton, Greenfield and Eoghin Lennon, Kilmacredock, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, August 29th.

Olivia Murray, O'Neill Park and Morgan Kennedy, Elton Court, Leixlip, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, August 31st.

Siobhan Tracey, Greenfield and Gerard Burgess, Ballagh, Donadea, who were married in Lady Chapel, August 30th.

Ann Cassidy, Rail Park and Bertie Foley, Tramore, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, September 8th.

BON VOYAGE to Orla McStravick and Breda Brennan, Language students in Maynooth College who are off teaching to Austria for a year. Good Luck.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Delia Heneghan, Mulhussey, Maynooth, from all the gang.

Happy birthday to Brian Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth who will celebrate his 3rd birthday on October 23rd. From daddy, mammy, his sister Aishling and grandparents.

Happy birthday to Edel Fay, 14 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth who will celebrate her 6th birthday on Oct. 15th from her daddy, mammy and baby sister Susan.

Birthday greetings to Aunt Mary Reilly, Leixlip Park, lots of love Stephen and Aedeana Conneely.

Birthday greetings to Sinead and Tara Abbas, Leixlip.

Birthday greetings to Kieran and Vinnie Foy, Palmerstown.

Belated greetings to Tommie and Martin Walsh, Mulhussey, Maynooth.

Happy birthday to Shane Reilly, Mulhussey from Stephen, Aedeana and Michael Conneely.

Belated birthday greetings to Eugene Fitzpatrick from Tonto and the foals.

Congratulations to Michael Hanley who celebrated his 21st birthday on August 5th.

Also to Brendan age 14 on Sept. 21st, love from mam, dad and the 'bruds'.

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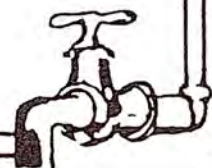
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Happy Birthday to Saranne Walsh, Railpark from her Uncle Fran and Auntie Kay (11th October).

Love and best wishes for a very happy birthday to Michelle McGovern, 820 Greenfield, 6 years, Oct. 1st. Love from Nannie, Una and Uncle Kevin also from Mammy, Daddy, sisters, Karina, Stacey, Debbie and Regina and from Nannie Flynn in Kilcloon. Have a nice day.

Love and best wishes for a very happy birthday to Thomas McGovern 833, Greenfield, 7 years, Oct. 6th. Love from Nannie, Una and Uncle Kevin also from Mammy, Daddy and brother Richard and from Nannie Donovan and family. Have a nice day.

Happy birthday to Regina Tracey, Drogheda, Oct. 6th. From Una and family in Greenfield.

Best wishes to Josie Murphy, Leinster Cottages, who celebrated his 80th birthday, October 10th, this comes from your many friends in Maynooth and elsewhere.

Congratulations to Damien O'Connor, Greenfield who celebrated his 21st Birthday with a party in Springfield Hotel, September 16th, attended by parents, family and a host of friends.

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Royal Canal Amenity Group Fashion Show,
30th November, in Setanta, Celbridge.

Community Council Treasure Hunt for cars, bikes and motor bikes, Sunday 30th September.
Town Centre Mall, 3p.m.

Provisional: Table Quiz (Community Council - Tidy Towns Sub Committee), 10th October.
Presentation of Tidy Estates and Shop Fronts awards.
Date and venue to be confirmed.
Contact office - 6285922

Meeting of the 'Mary Robinson Presidential Campaign Committee in Caulfield's Meeting Room at 8.30p.m. on October 10p.m.

Closing date for Credit Union Poster Competition, 8.30 p.m. on 1st December.

I.C.A. crafts continue on Monday nights at 8 o'clock.
Next guild meeting is on October 4th at 8 p.m.

Old People's Committee: morning sessions on Thursdays and Tuesdays from 10.30 to 12.30p.m. in ICA Hall. Next party in Post Primary school on Sunday 21st October. Mass starting at 3.30 p.m.
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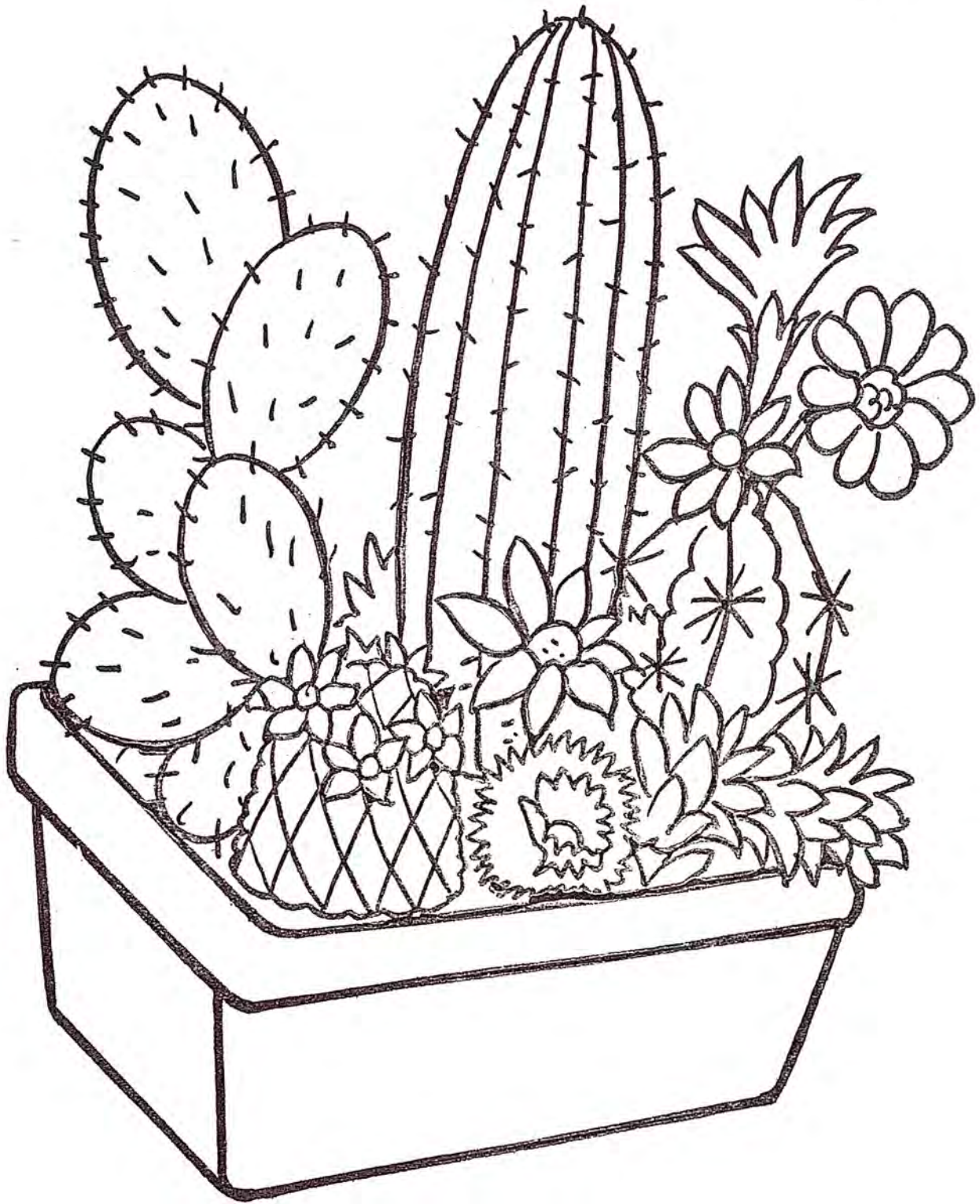
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Maynooth Community Council has been in existence since 1984 and was established by democratic election in June of that year. Elections are held every three years, the most recent being in March of this year. The Council is administered by an Executive committee which currently consists of six people: Chairperson (John Mc Ginley), Vice-Chairperson (Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin), Secretary (Peter Hussey), P.R.O. (Margaret Cline) and Joint Treasurers (Dominic Nyland and Matt Kirwin). All facets of Maynooth life are represented on the Council, with representatives elected from all the housing estates in the built-up area and from the outlying areas and three representatives from the College (one from the staff and two from the Students' Union). It acts as an umbrella body for all organisations in the town and it is the official voice of Maynooth.

According to its Constitution, its aims are four-fold:

- * To promote the well being of the community
- * To secure the facilities which the Council considers lacking in the area
- * To assist the local authority in exercising its office in Maynooth
- * To provide, or help to provide, employment in the Maynooth area

The activities of the Council include:

- * Liaising with Kildare County Council on a range of issues, including planning and development, the construction of the by-pass and link roads, the development of the halting site, lighting and provision of services, maintenance of areas such as cemeteries, public parks and avenues, streets and roads and the promotion of general environmental concerns.
- * The application for Town Commission status for Maynooth.
- * Representing the public to the relevant authorities on local issues such as the playground, the Harbour Field, the Geraldine Hall, the Castle, An Post, Bus Atha Cliath, Iannrod Éireann, Cable T.V., the local Gardai etc.
- * Assisting in the establishment of Residents' Associations, Neighbourhood Watch schemes and Community Information Centre.
- * Organising a wide range of activities to foster tourism and to provide social entertainment for the residents of Maynooth. These ventures include the Tidy Estates Competition, Best Shop Front

Competition, the St Patrick's Day Parade (the largest in Kildare), the Community Festival, concerts (both variety and rock), dances, discos, table quizzes fun events (such as treasure hunts, lotteries race nights etc), opening Carton House to the public, organising the Community Games, working with various bodies to have the Public Toilet Block removed and continuously trying to press for the provision of a Sports Complex or Amenities Centre for Maynooth.

The Council currently has four permanent sub-committees (Community Games, Tidy Towns, Travellers Committee and the Editorial Board of The Maynooth Newsletter). Other sub-committees are established as the need arises (Communications Committee to oversee publications such as The Maynooth Information Directory; Festival Committee, St Patrick's Day Parade Committee etc).

The Community Council employs upwards of 14 people on FAS schemes, utilising both the Social Employment Scheme (for those over 25 years of age) and the Teamwork Scheme (for people aged between 18 and 25). Apart from assisting the sub-committees these workers also produce all Community Council publications including The Maynooth Newsletter, organise social and recreational events, provide secretarial services for the public and deal with the huge amount of daily queries to the office (ranging from information on accomodation to referral to relevant services and organisations in the locality). In the past they have organised art and drama classes for young children, produced small exhibitions and the annual Christmas show. Among the projects in which they are currently engaged is the compilation of a tourist brochure for Maynooth. Approximately 80% of the workers attain permanent employment during their term with the schemes or shortly after leaving them. The office has become central to Maynooth life and an essential service to the community in the region.

Some of the current issues which the Community Council is dealing with are the application for a grant from Board Failte under the Theme Town proposals; encouraging Kildare County Council to adopt a Community Youth Training Programme in the town (which would provide employment for more of Maynooth's young adults) and pressing for the construction of a fountain and band stand in place of the Toilet Block.

There are still a number of seats vacant on the present Community Council and any resident of Maynooth aged 18 or over is welcome to apply for co-option. Nothing will change in Maynooth unless the people of the town become actively involved in orchestrating development. By far the most effective means of doing this is to support your Community Council. Make use of it.



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