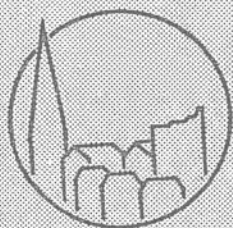


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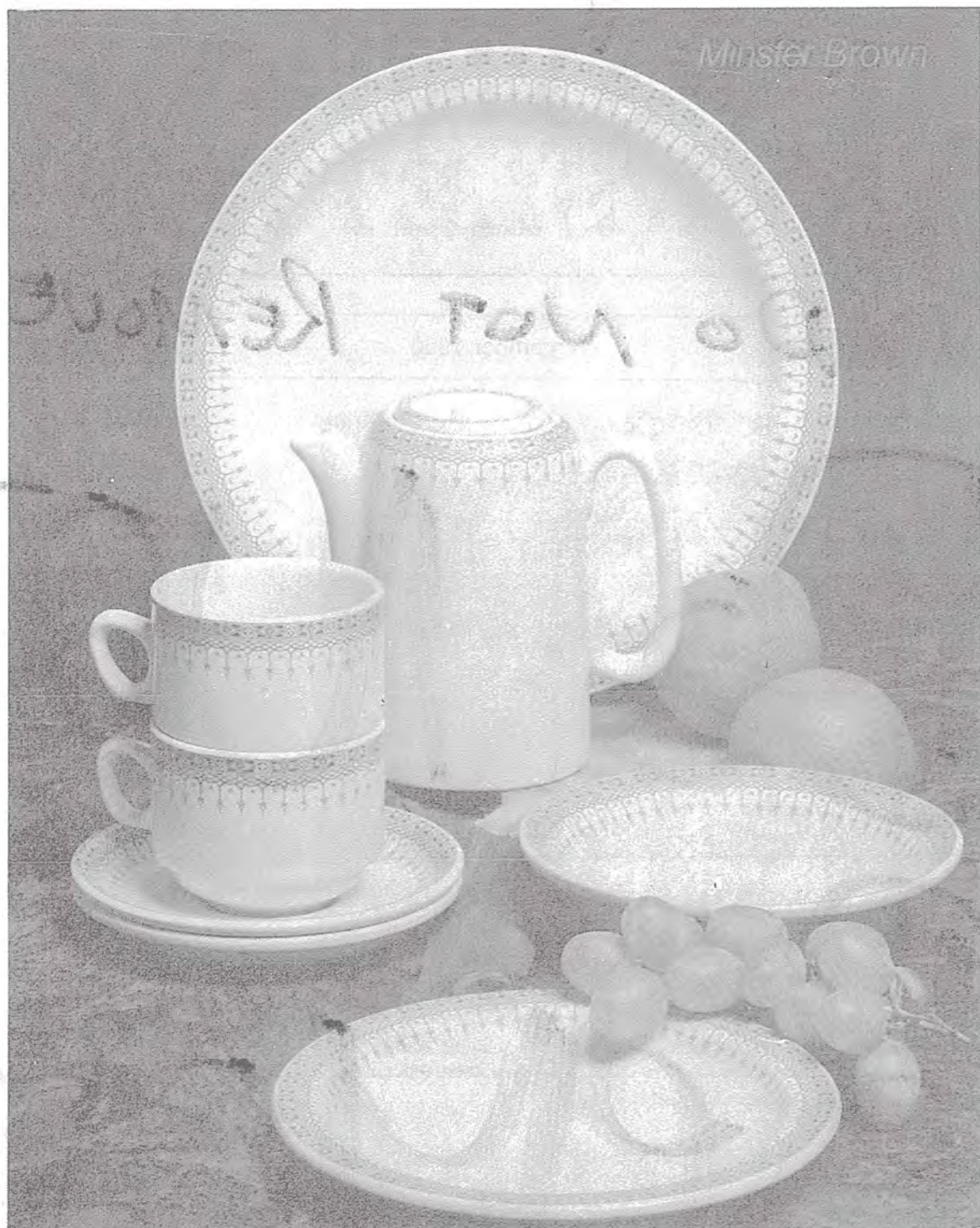
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EDITORIAL

GOING TO COLLEGE

August is a cruel month for leaving certificate students, and for their parents. Anyone who has observed their heroic efforts to master the vagaries of the higher education system, and intricacies of points, can only sympathise. However, getting a foot in the door to higher education is literally only the first step. All around the country there are parents facing sons and daughters who have achieved their cherished points, after many hours of hard work, only to add up the sums, to find that there just isn't the money to send a child through college.

Sources estimate that it can cost as much as £4000 per annum to survive at a college away from home. How many families with one earner and a number of dependent children can afford that? The grants system is totally inadequate and must be overhauled. If the Minister for Education really wants to know why more pupils from working class backgrounds are not making their way to third level education, she should look at what it costs, and what these families earn, and then draw her own conclusions.

FAILURE RATES

With a University on our doorstep, it is difficult not to notice that the return to college started a little earlier for a lot more students this year. There is a consensus that failure rates in the summer examinations in the College were high this year. As official statistics are not released, it is not possible to verify this impression, nor is it possible to compare it with previous years. This seems to be a common phenomenon, as the Students Union in UCD suggests that almost half of the students in some courses are re-

peating their examinations in Autumn. This seems to be an unsatisfactory situation. These students are all highly qualified at entry level - what is happening to them in the intervening year? Is it the teaching, are the students reacting against the strain of studying for the leaving, or are they just not prepared by secondary school for what awaits them in University? Failure at examinations is traumatic enough, although the majority pass at their second attempt. Nevertheless, having to study during the summer wrecks the chances of students to earn some much needed money to keep them going during term time. The College should be making more efforts to find out what is going wrong.

ACCIDENTS

Road accident statistics published recently show that Co. Kildare had a relatively high proportion of road accidents, with 1.8 accidents per 1000 population, and 5.3 per 1,000 registered vehicles - this compared with 1.3 per 1000 population in Ireland overall. A disturbing statistic is the rise in the numbers of cyclists killed, reversing a decline in recent years. Maynooth must have among the highest volume of cyclists and pedestrians in Kildare, and many of these are at risk. A road safety campaign is to be launched in October. However, with the mass exodus back to school and college, and the darker evenings, some attention now to reflector strips, lights and the development of good road habits in September would pay dividends.

PRICE RISE

Due to rising costs and the need to provide additional equipment, it is now necessary to raise the price of the Newsletter to a modest fifty pence.

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In fairness to our readers and given that this magazine is not insured against libel damages or costs, we undertake the following: In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.

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Laragh,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.

Dear Editor,

In August 1990 edition of Maynooth Newsletter you published an item under "Rumour has it". This item headed M.A.D.E. UP did not reflect the truth in two ways.

1. You failed to mention that materials being used by Newbridge Youth Skills Trainees were paid for by the scouts. I think this is unfair to the Scout Committee Members who raise these funds.
2. The M.A.D.E. Centre is currently the base of Maynooth Boy Scouts. This implies that the Scouts are guests of M.A.D.E. and is therefore incorrect.

We are at present appointing a PRO and hope to be able to contribute to the Newsletter in the future.

Regards and best wishes.

Yours in scouting,
L. Muldówney
Unit Leader

TOWN COMMISSION STATUS

The Minister for the Environment has advised the Community Council that our application for Town Commission Status will have to await the outcome of the Government review on the structures and functions of Local Authorities. The review is due for completion this year.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME WORKERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF MAYNOOTH PUBLIC AREAS

Due to great difficulty in getting adults over 25 years of age to apply for these positions, the Community Council has asked Mr. John Carrick, County Engineer to consider using 16 to 25 year olds under the FAS Community Youth Training Programme.

We have no shortage of such young people who would welcome the opportunity to contribute to improving the appearance of our town.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

While I have absolutely no desire to see my name in print, nevertheless, I feel I should endeavour to satisfy the professed curiosity of Peig Lynch, as it would appear from her letter in your August issue that she feels responsible for the welfare of the people living on Lawrence Ave. My personal view is that writing letters to newspapers and magazines is a cop out. As the person responsible for fixing the KEEP OFF GRASS signs on Lawrence Ave., I much prefer to do something practical and positive in my spare time, and the evidence for this claim can be seen on Lawrence Ave.

Ms. Lynch's assertion that the signs were erected to prevent children from playing

on the grassed areas is so ludicrous as to be hardly worthy of comment, especially when one remembers that the fence between Lawrence Ave. and Celbridge Road was erected by the people of Lawrence Ave. at their own expense in order to make the grassed areas a safer place for children to play. The writer is both happy and proud of having been associated with that project.

I thoroughly agree with Ms. Lynch when she refers to the friendliness of the people of Lawrence Ave., but I would go further and point out that they are an intelligent and caring people, fully capable of looking after their own affairs.

I am sure the two young males (not from Lawrence Ave.) who, under the cover of darkness, vandalised the area by tearing down the signs in question, smashing them up and scattering them around, and who removed some bushes, which had been placed to protect fresh grass seed, and spread them on the Celbridge Road causing a serious hazard to motorists and others will be much encouraged and consoled by Ms. Lynch's letter.

M. Gargan,
Lawrence Avenue.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES FOR NEWSLETTER

THE 'THING' IN THE SQUARE

John McGinley has asked the E.S.B. to consider using an alternative location for their sub-station which is part of the existing toilet block building. Kildare County Council has agreed that the building should be demolished but they point to two costs in doing so:

- a) £8,000 to demolish the building.
- b) An undisclosed cost to relocate the ESB station.

It is possible that the E.S.B. will only look for a nominal amount as their contribution towards our environment. However, Kildare County Council says that the Community must meet the cost of demolition. Anyone got any brilliant ideas?

We have asked the 1916 Commemoration Committee to consider becoming involved in deciding whatever replaces 'The Things'!

Next year is the 75th anniversary of the Easter Rising. When this committee was set up in 1966 it was their objective to commemorate the rising with something suitable in the Square. ('The Thing' was not there at the time).

What about a vandal proof fountain with facilities for St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band to perform as a replacement for 'The Thing'.

CHRISTMAS TREE

No we have not gone mad. We have good news. We are delighted to announce that Edward Kavanagh, Manor Mills has offered to supply and erect a Christmas Tree in Maynooth each year as a contribution towards social events and amenities of the town.

The Community Council has erected a small Christmas Tree on top of the public toilet building for the last 6 years. However, this location is no longer appropriate now that it is Kildare County Council policy to demolish the building.

We would welcome suggestions on a suitable location for this year's Christmas Tree from our readers.

Again we would like to thank Edward Kavanagh, Manor Mills for their very kind offer.

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LOCAL HISTORIAN IN LEIXLIP

Eye Hear that local historian, Gerald Nelson, despite his Maynooth origins has ventured into print with an excellent history of Leixlip. This is a fascinating, if all too brief attempt to provide the curious passer by with answers to many questions about the development of Leixlip. For instance, not many commuters crossing the Liffey Bridge will be aware that the interesting stone building seemingly hanging off the bridge on the left was in fact the Toll House, which was used for collecting tolls in the eighteenth century (some things never change!). The building predates the bridge which was built in 1734, while the top storey was completed after the bridge was built.

Early nineteenth century commuters could take the 9.30 passage boat from Clonsilla, and arrive at the Rye Aqueduct at 9.55 - with the introduction of more stations on the Maynooth line, the train journey between the same points will be just as long!

Gerry is now in London, where we hope he is working on a sequel which will look at the history of Maynooth.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Belated congratulations to Maynooth flower arrangers whose work was prominent among the many unusual displays at the Flower Festival held in the College in June. This festival is organised by the

Association of Irish Flower Arrangers, which represents eighty five clubs in Ireland. Every two years, the Association adopts a national charity and holds fund raising events, including a Flower Festival in aid of the chosen charity. This year, the event, which attracted many thousands of visitors from all over Ireland, was held in aid of the Irish Kidney Association.

The cloisters and the Refectory in the College were bedecked with the most extraordinary creations, composed of flowers, twigs, bits of glass and other unlikely items. Based around themes, such as the Famine (two rotten spuds, a spadeful of earth and some old sacks), our bogs (two ricks of turf), biblical studies (lilies), the exhibits certainly left an impression on this reporter. Congratulations to all concerned and particularly to local winners in the National Competition.

Thanks Frank!

The following extract is taken from an expose of the new wave of mahogany and brass which is washing out the Red flock wall paper, formica tables, and leatherette upholstery of our favour watering holes. Frank MacDonald of the Irish Times found the Roost to be a stunning experience and placed a full colour spread of photographs of the interior in the Weekend Supplement. Now, at last Maynooth is on the map!

"Where classical kitsch rules the Roost"

"Perhaps the most startling pub refurbishment in the country has been carried out at Cassidy's Roost, in Maynooth. Classical statues recently erected on the otherwise unremarkable facade give a hint of what is in store, but nothing could really prepare the visitor for the plethora

of columns, capitals and cornices, urns, niches and medallions, Grecian wall panels and Roman busts, reclining Baroque cherubs with painted toenails and medieval-style candelabra from some baronial hall. The floor is marble, the ceiling mottled purple and its centrepiece is a clerestory-style hexagonal lantern in (what else?) stained glass. There is also a digital Victorian cash register.


With all that marble and bar stools in striped pink, black and grey, it looks more like an ice cream parlour than a pub, but it's so outrageously over-the-top that it transcends mere kitsch to become an amusing exercise in tongue-in-cheek classicism. Some of it is real, too, especially the pillared dome of what must have been a tabernacle and the bits and pieces of marble communion rail which serve as a sort of reredos behind the bar. Indeed, it is probably the unforeseen legacy of our devotion to Vatican II that such discarded church fittings end up being re-used as decorative features in a public house - and in Maynooth, of all places.

Public piety, Irish style?"

Could this be why Caulfields have started an image change.

RAILWAY BLUES

The recent increase in the number of stations on the Maynooth line is a good example of good news/bad news. Good for those living near the new stations, bad for Maynooth commuters. When the line was reopened for commuter traffic on December 1st 1981, the journey time was around 35 minutes, now, it takes 45 minutes. If there are any more stations, and if the lines aren't upgraded, there will be no time advantage in taking the train from Maynooth anymore!




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MAYNOOTH ANNUAL SHOW

Our show was held this year on Saturday 14th July. There was a good number of entries in the various classes. There was a good attendance but due to the fine weather it was slightly down on previous shows.

The following is a list of prize winners in the various classes and the Cup and Trophy winners.

Cup and Trophy Winners

- Overall Cup (Fr. Thynne)
 - Noeleen O'Brien
- Flower Garden Cup (Emmet)
 - W. Nolan
- Mixed Garden Cup (Fegen)
 - Rita Sheehan
- Confined Garden Cup (Durkan)
 - Tom Nolan
- Flower Cup (I.C.A.) - Sarah Angel
- Floral Arrangements (Liam Lawlor)
 - K. Cleary
- Fruit Cup (Reilly & Sons)
 - Noeleen O'Brien
- Home Produce (I.C.A.)
 - Margaret Gee
- Craft (I.C.A.) - Bridie McGing
- Childrens (Maynooth Development)
- Shared - Sonya Flynn and Elaine Fleming
- Teenage Cup (I.C.A.)
 - Maria McMyler
- Best Adult Baking (Weafer)
 - Meta Coyle
- Best Fruit Exhibit (Laidlaw)
 - Noeleen O'Brien
- Best Rose Exhibit (Farringtons)
 - Mary O'Connell
- Best Vegetable (Kennedy)
 - Noeleen O'Brien
- Best Sponge Cake (Bridie Brady Memorial)
 - Meta Coyle
- Best Teenage Art (Coonan)
 - Marguerite Tumulty
- Best Childrens Baking (McMyler)
 - Marguerite Clarke
- Best Teenage Baking (I.C.A.)
 - Maria McMyler
- Best Confirmed Arrangement (Sports Locker)
 - Catherine Hodge
- Best Fruit Cake (I.C.A.)
 - Myra Salmon
- Best Teenage Craft (Scanlon)
 - Fiona Hodge
- Best Childrens Craft (Connolly)
 - Richard Larkin
- Best Teenage Art 13 years (Doolan)
 - Tina Brown
- Best Boys Baking - Thomas Halton

Class Winners

- Class 1. Sarah Angel
- Class 2. Mary O'Connell (Clane)
- Class 3. Sarah Angel (Kilcock)
- Class 4. Sarah Angel
- Class 5. C. Marsh (Celbridge)
- Class 6. D. Darlington (Straffan)
- Class 7. Sarah Angel
- Class 8. L. Dunne (Sallins)
- Class 9. Sarah Angel
- Class 10. Pat Malone (Batterstown)
- Class 11. W. Dowling (Leixlip)
- Class 12. Joseph Blount (Leixlip)
- Class 13. C. Marsh (Celbridge)
- Class 14. Joseph Blount
- Class 15. F. Satchwell
- Class 16. K. Cleary (Leixlip)
- Class 17. Sarah Angel (Kilcock)
- Class 18. Bridie Gleeson (Lucan)
- Class 19. K. Cleary
- Class 20. Catherine Hodge (Kilcloon)
- Class 21. Betty Farrell (Maynooth)
- Class 23. Noeleen O'Brien (Maynooth)
- Class 24. Stephen Mulvey (Dunboyne)
- Class 25. Noeleen O'Brien
- Class 26. Noeleen O'Brien
- Class 27. Noeleen O'Brien
- Class 28. Noeleen O'Brien
- Class 30. C. Marsh (Celbridge)
- Class 31. Pat Malone (Batterstown)
- Class 32. Henry Gee
- Class 33. Sarah Angel
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- Class 35. Brid Shiel (Maynooth)
- Class 36. Noeleen O'Brien
- Class 37. Margaret Gee
- Class 38. K. Finn (Leixlip)
- Class 39. C. Marsh (Celbridge)
- Class 40. Anne Hayes (Leixlip)
- Class 41. Joan Grant (Maynooth)
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- Class 51. Teresa Maloney (Leixlip)
- Class 52. Mary O'Gorman (Maynooth)
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- Class 71. Teresa Harcombe (Lucan)
- Class 73. S. Williams (Rathmoylan)
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- Class 80. Sharon McLoughlin (Smithstown)
- Class 81. Niamh O'Connor (Maynooth)
- Class 82. Helena Balan (Maynooth)
- Class 83. Sonya Flynn (Maynooth)
- Class 84. Catherine Devaney (Maynooth)
- Class 85. Joanne Cunningham
- Class 86. Nuala
- Class 87. Elizabeth Nolan (Maynooth)
- Class 88. Noel Kennedy (Summerhill)
- Class 89. Nicola Williams (Summerhill)
- Class 90. Sonya Flynn (Maynooth), Elaine Fleming Special
- Class 91. Thomas Halton
- Class 92. Elaine Fleming (Maynooth)
- Class 93. Joanne Cunningham
- Class 94. Elaine Fleming (Maynooth)
- Class 95. Francis Reynolds
- Class 96. Deidre McCann (Kilcock)
- Class 97. Richard Larkin
- Class 98. Paul Dunne (Enfield)
- Class 99. Sarah Honner (Summerhill)
- Class 100. Joseph McLoughlin (Smithstown)
- Class 101. Emma Fleming (Maynooth)
- Class 102. Paul Dunne (Enfield)
- Class 103. Sean O'Connell (Leixlip)
- Class 104. Maria McMyler
- Class 105. Maria McMyler
- Class 106. Clare Devaney (Maynooth)

Class 107. Fiona Hodge (Kilcloon)
 Class 108. Edel Reynolds
 (Clonsilla)
 Class 110. Maria McMyler
 Class 111. Olive Hodge (Kilcloon)
 Class 112. Tie Ann Hodge
 and Sarah McMyler
 Class 113. Diarmuid Melia
 (Summerhill)
 Class 114. Tina Brown (Donadea)
 Class 115. Marguerite Tumulty
 (Maynooth)

Mary O'Gorman,
 Show Secretary.

COURSE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOP- MENT AND ENTERPRISE

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AROMATHER- APY

Aromatherapy - a relatively new word to the Irish alternative health scene, and one that is perhaps misunderstood due to its association with fragrance and beauty. Aromatherapy is not simply a therapy using fragrances, it is a true holistic health therapy taking into account the mind and body. The therapy bears little relation to beauty treatment, though it is an inevitable consequence of the therapy that the condition of the skin will be improved, sometimes dramatically.

Basically, aromatherapy is a therapy using the powers of healing contained within essential oils. These are highly aromatic essences extracted from various plants from all over the world. Many of you would have heard of i.e. Juniper, Lemon, Mandarin, Rosemary, Jasmine, Frankincense and Myrrh. The use of these extracts is believed to be as old as history itself. Early people would have learned that the use of certain roots and berries would cure certain illnesses and from there, the practise of extracting a more concentrated and therefore more potent substance would have grown. From ancient times up to today, the use of "healing oils" has been mentioned in books and manuscripts, and all these practices from all over the world have been brought together into what we know today as the practise of aromatherapy.

The body absorbs the oils in a number of ways, through massage, inhalation, baths and compresses. Each oil has qualities peculiar to itself and some which overlap with other oils. They act not only in a physical way but also on the psyche, some having uplifting, stimulating qualities and others having leveling calming effects.

Sceptics may scoff at the idea of essential oils having this effect but they need only consider the effects of tobacco and glue sniffing to understand the way in which inhalations affect us. Some will suggest that oils could have little effect when massaged into the skin, yet medical science is now beginning to administer drugs using specially impregnated plasters applied to the surface of the skin.

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A visit to an aromatherapist will normally last about two hours. A case history will be taken and inquiries made into the patient's lifestyle, emotional condition and diet. A mix of essential oils appropriate to the patient will then be blended and massaged into the patient's skin. Some people think they may be embarrassed at the prospect but it is important to stress that the patient's modesty is preserved at all times by the dexterous use of towels.

Aromatherapy as a holistic health care treatment is appropriate for almost everyone, from children right through to pensioners. Many disorders respond well to aromatherapy ranging from simple muscular problems through to respiratory problems, menstrual problems, arthritis and rheumatism, sinus and skin problems and general stress, the root of many of today's illnesses. One thing to remember though is that you don't have to be ill to attend an aromatherapist. A treatment is a very enjoyable way of relaxing and boosting the body, thereby increasing the body's own innate ability to look after itself. The more you look after your body, the better able it is to look after you.

BAND BULLETIN

The holidays are over for another year and its now back to business once again. Two items occupying most of our attention at the moment are our classes and fund raising. At the time of writing dates for the classes have not yet been finalised but notices will appear in Sean Donovan's, Barry's and the Supermarket as soon as dates have been arranged.

Fund raising for our new uniform is an ongoing priority and we hope to boost the fund with our annual Flag Week-End on 7th, 8th, 9th of September, a race night in the Hitchin Post in October and a 60's night at the same venue in December. If these functions prove successful we would hope to be a long way towards meeting our target for unveiling the uniforms on 17th March 1991. We hope we can count on all our loyal supporters to help us meet this target.
See you all in October.

J. BARRY

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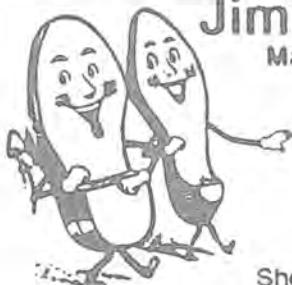
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A special word of thanks to John and Eithne Carey for the use of the Lounge for the draw and to all who bought and sold tickets.

The major share of the proceeds from the draw will go towards the Neighbourhood Watch signs which will be going up this month.

The next meeting which is open to all residents will be held in Caulfields on Monday 3rd September at 8.30 p.m.

5 prizes of £5 each went to:

Una Kiernan, Main Street

Betty Tracey, 7 Double Lane

Rosie Prendergast, 2, Pound Lane

Betty Lynch, Courtown Park, Kilcock

Anne Purcell, 49 Laurence Ave.

Our Members Draw last month was a tremendous success. The tickets sold like mad and indeed we could have sold a great deal more on the night of the draw but for the fact that it was a limited draw.

The lucky prize winners were:

1st £100 - John Saults, Parson Street.

2nd £50 - Gerry McDonagh c/o Vinnie Doyle

3rd £25 - Dinny Dunne, c/o 2, Pound Street

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

During the last week of August, eighteen of the elderly people of Maynooth spent a week at Kerdiffstown House, the St. Vincent de Paul holiday centre. We are sure that, as always, they are having a wonderful time.

Our morning sessions resume on Tuesday 11th September and Thursday 13th September at 10.30a.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. The next meeting of the committee will be held on 4th September.

Our very best wishes to Mrs Kenny whose 80th Birthday was this month and our heart felt sympathy to her on the death of her daughter Mary Redmond. We extend our sympathy also to the rest of the family.

We are very glad that Josie Moore is progressing well after her operation and send our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

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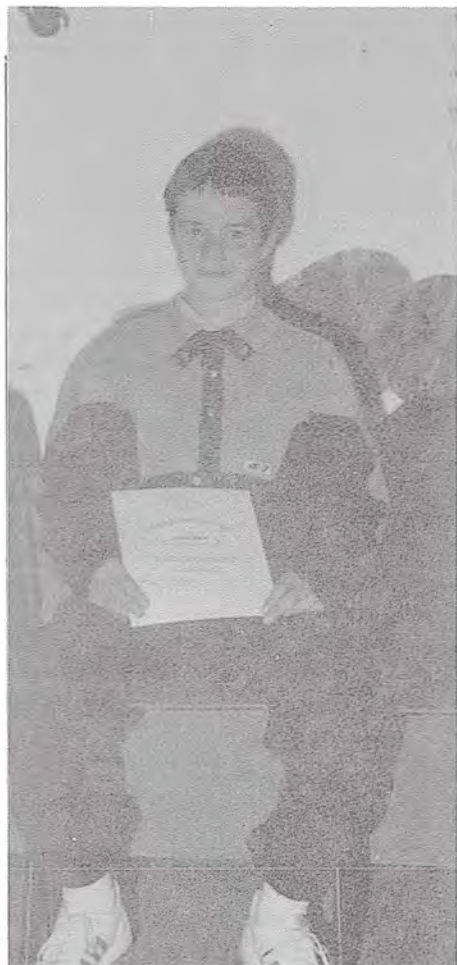
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A. A person over the age of sixteen years can apply for a Medical Card. However, as your son has no income he would be regarded as a dependant and would generally only be eligible for a Medical Card if the family has one.

If he had even a small income in his own right, perhaps from a job or if he was eligible for a social welfare payment, he wouldn't be regarded as dependant and could generally qualify for a Medical Card.

Some Health Boards will issue a Hospital Services Card if the parents have one or if the school confirms that he was a full-time student there, from April 1989 to April 1990. There is a form for this purpose which should be stamped by the school. The school secretaries would still be working even though the schools are closed and they could stamp the form. As the position can vary from one Health Board to another you should check with your own Health Board to see what operates in your particular area.

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MAYNOOTH WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

DUBLIN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Kildare Workers' Party has made a submission to the Dublin Transportation study, highlighting the importance of public transport, and expressing opposition to toll roads. This study is to make proposals for the future transport needs of the Greater Dublin Region, including North Kildare.

Among the specific proposals in the submission are a dual track on the Clonsilla-Maynooth stretch of the Sligo-Dublin rail line, better signalling equipment and rolling stock, and improved facilities for the disabled. The plan also recommends a new commuter service on the Dublin-Newbridge line, including a station at Hazelhatch to serve Celbridge. Feeder buses to rail stations in the area are also proposed.

The submission calls for higher levels of subsidy for bus services in the Dublin area. Only twenty per cent of the cost of these services is paid for by public subsidy, compared with norms of around seventy per cent in comparable European cities. Investment in roads does not represent the most effective long-term solution to the problems of urban traffic. Most European cities have accepted that the only answer is a cheap, efficient and reliable public transport system. Dublin's buses cannot provide such a service because of the amount of private vehicles clogging up the roads. The success of the DART shows that people will readily abandon their cars if a good alternative is provided.

The Workers' Party document vigorously opposes the idea of charging tolls on the proposed Leixlip/Maynooth bypass road. Tolls discriminate against the least well-off, will unnecessarily divert a lot of traffic (especially regular commuters) from using the new road, and represent too narrow a view of just who will benefit from the road, according to the submission. Because the community at large will benefit from the by-pass, it should be paid for from general taxation. The submission calls for better car parking facilities in the towns of North Kildare, seeks more investment in pedes-

trian facilities, especially footpaths, and proposes a special cycle lane on the link road from Maynooth to the proposed by-pass. A direct link between the Dunboyne road and the Maynooth by-pass which would avoid Maynooth town centre is also sought. Further information on the submission can be obtained from Commissioner Catherine Murphy, at 6244903.

EDUCATION FOR ALL?

The Minister for Education's initiative in reducing the honours requirement for eligibility for Higher Education Grants is to be welcomed. However, this may prove an empty gesture, as most parents and school leavers will be aware. The points spiral has long made it impossible for anyone with just two honours to find a place in University. The Minister should now tackle the income limits for award of grants, which are unrealistically low. The number of places at third level must be expanded, otherwise tinkering with the regulations remains a cosmetic exercise.

HERE'S TO YOU MRS. ROBINSON!

The Workers' Party is supporting Mary Robinson as candidate in the presidential elections due this autumn. The Party will jointly nominate her with the Labour Party and other members of the Oireachtas, who are supporting her presidency. Party president, Proinsias de Rossa has said that the contest will open up the possibility of a national debate on contemporary political values and the direction in which Irish society should move as we approach the twenty-first century.

Mary Robinson is a person who enjoys the respect, not just of the Workers' Party, and others on the left, but a broad spectrum of Irish society. She has fought a continuing battle against discrimination and injustices through her work as an eminent lawyer in the courts and as a member of the Seanad.

BRANCH MEETING

Branch meetings resume in September. Anyone interested in obtaining further details should contact Proinsias Breathnach, Tel. 6285241.

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PEDAL CYCLES (Road Safety and Prevention of Thefts)

The purpose of this article is not to forecast gloom but the reality is that the long dark evenings of the Autumn will gradually be stealing up on us so once more vigilance is called for by pedal cycle users, both adults and children. Unfortunately despite previous warnings its not unusual to see cyclists in dark coloured clothing with no lighting travelling around Maynooth. Not alone are such cyclists a danger to themselves but they create nightmares for motorists who cannot see them.

Here are the lighting requirements for Pedal Cycles during the hours of darkness:

1. One front lamp.
2. One rear red light.
3. One rear reflector.

Sam Browne type reflectorised belts worn help to make cyclists clearly visible. Check roadworthiness of your own and your child's pedal cycle in respect of brakes, tyres etc. Care and attention in this area is vital to prevent serious accidents. Garda attention will shortly be focussed on pedal cycle users especially with the commencement of the school

year. However we stress responsibility in respect of the issues raised above is much preferred to waiting on the Gardai to detect irregularities.

LARCENY OF PEDAL CYCLES

This is a very common problem in the Maynooth area; so be forewarned. Owners note the Serial No. of your cycle and keep it in a record that's safe and can be found; never leave a bicycle unattended without applying a solid locking devise. (Purchase a good quality lock - don't rely on a cheap item which can be easily broken by would be cycle thieves).

HOUSE HOLDERS BEWARE

You probably have heard it all before but we feel this advice cannot be repeated too often. Burglars are always active and they do not give advance warning of their impending visits. The following hints may be of assistance.

1. Secure your home and property adequately; lock all doors and windows.
2. Do not leave a calling card, i.e. milk bottles accumulating, letters piling up inside door or curtains drawn etc.
3. Alert reliable neighbour and the local Gardai of your absence.

4. Be vigilant and alert yourself; anything suspicious you see in your area, either people or vehicles etc., contact your local Gardai. Confidentiality is assured by us and all information is treated in the strictest confidence. Where Neighbourhood Watch is in operation liaise with your Street or Area Co-ordinator. We hope to endeavour to further spread this scheme to all areas in Maynooth in the future and revitalise schemes already set up.

5. Never hesitate to dial 999; get accurate descriptions and in case of motor vehicles, Reg. No., make and colour.

6. Be wary of people calling to your home offering a service or indeed articles or goods for sale; be firm and demand identification and fully satisfy yourself as to their genuineness; don't hesitate to turn such people away if doubtful and of course contact the Gardai.

7. Use only reputable people to carry out any work or repairs.

8. Where possible fit an alarm. If you have an alarm notify us (the Gardai) of the Keyholder. Alarms can be a cause of extreme annoyance to neighbours when activated and not turned off. Finally don't ever hesitate to call the Gardai - With a Patrol Car attached to the local Station a quick response is assured. Thank You.

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BY CELBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

Readers in Maynooth may be interested to know that a ceremony on 26th July in the National Library, Celbridge Camera Club launched "The Celbridge Album". A copy of the Album was presented to Ms. Pat Donlan, Director of the National Library by Mr. Dallas Camier, outgoing Chairman of the club. The Album will be achieved by the National Library and will be available for inspection by the public. In fact, RTE were so impressed with the Record that they devoted staff, cameraman, soundman etc., to do a special short documentary on the production of the Record and I am pleased to say

A PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF CELBRIDGE

that details were shown on the 9.00 News on Saturday 28th July.

The Album is a unique photographic record consisting of over 150 photographs of Celbridge town and environs including over 30 aerial photographs and some photographs of Celbridge in years gone by. The Record covers all areas of importance in the town, including general views of the streetscape, the housing estates, local architectural features, amen-

ity areas, aspects of life, human interest and areas such as the schools, churches, shopping centres etc. This is thought to be the first Album of its kind ever produced by a voluntary organisation for a community.

The members of Celbridge Camera Club, with the kind sponsorship of some of the major businesses in Celbridge, including the principal sponsor Telemechanique and Abbey Farm Developments, Allied Irish Banks, Spectra Laboratories and AGFA Gaevert Ltd. carried out the photography for the Record during the months of April and May.

A number of Albums were produced and at a reception on 27 July in the Celbridge Branch Library, copies were presented to:- Celbridge Branch Library, St. Wol-

stan's Secondary School, The Salesian College and each of the four Primary Schools in Celbridge.

The Record will grow in importance and value over the years and it is expected that it will be in use in 50, 100 or even 200 years time. As time goes by the record will prove more and more invaluable and of immense interest and benefit to the town. Celbridge Camera Club would like to record its appreciation of the support it received from the business community in Celbridge.

Judging from the feedback from all sectors this has been a particularly worthwhile and interesting project. If any organisations in the Maynooth area are interested in producing a similar record of their town Celbridge Camera Club would be happy to give advice and assistance in the matter.

After the Summer break Celbridge Camera Club re-opens for the coming year on Monday 3 September at 8.00 p.m. in the Slip Hall, Castletown Gates. For the new year an exciting and novel approach to the Club's activities is promised. The Club meets each Monday night in the Slip Hall and we look forward to meeting lots of new members during the coming season.

The Club will run an 8 week beginners course towards the middle of September for new members and anybody interested in photography. Enrolment for the Course will take place on Monday 3 and 10 September. If you are interested in photography and would like to learn more why not enrol for the course and/or join the Celbridge Camera Club. Celbridge

Camera Club caters for all types of photographers from the absolute beginner to the keen amateur.

The Club now has a membership of approximately 35 people mainly from Celbridge but many from the surrounding towns of Straffan, Maynooth, Leixlip, Lucan.

For further information as regards the Club's activities and the beginners course please don't hesitate to contact either Michael Davitt at 6288904 or Mark Sedgwick at 6273476 after 7.00 p.m.

Michael Davitt,
PRO, Telephone: 01 - 6288904

I.C.A. NOTES

Sympathy to Mrs. Nell McLoughlin, Carton Court, on the death of her father. The winner in the "Tea Brack" competition was Betty Farrell, 2nd Kay Burns, 3rd Mairead Scanlon.

The next meeting will be held on September 6th in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 o'clock. New members are always welcome. Craft nights and Badminton will resume in September.

At the July meeting held on the 5th President, Mrs Stynes introduced the new Committee as follows:

Vice President & International Officer

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Good luck ladies in your new jobs.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 1990 REPORT

When you read this report one of our major projects of the year will be finished, namely the yearly clean up in Laraghbryan Cemetery. We thank those who made an effort but largely it was left to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee to organise and clean up.

Earlier in the year the Committee made a decision to try and concentrate on certain areas of Maynooth.

We decided on the following:

1. Involvement

Advertisements taken out in Maynooth Newsletter. No great response.

2. Green opposite Church

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3. Toilet Block Area

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This story is very funny and suitable for all the family. It's quite enjoyable especially Goldie Hawn's performance. Well worth watching.

Rating: 8/10

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100g/4oz Cheddar cheese, grated

Topping:

50g/2oz Cheddar cheese, grated
40g/1½oz soft breadcrumbs
25g/1oz butter, melted

Garnish:

6 tomato slices

Put the macaroni into 1.2litres/2 pints boiling salted water and cook until just tender; drain. Heat the butter or margarine in a saucepan, stir in the flour, and gradually blend in the milk. Stir as the sauce comes to the boil and thickens. Season well. Add the turkey, cheese and macaroni. Mix well. Spoon into an oven-proof dish, top with the grated cheese, breadcrumbs, then the melted butter. Bake in the centre of a moderately hot oven (190C/375F or Gas Mark 5) for 35 minutes. Garnish with the sliced tomatoes and return to the oven for a few minutes to heat the tomatoes.

Variation

Farmhouse Turkey: Cook the macaroni as the recipe above; drain well. Meanwhile slice 2 medium onions; skin and slice 4 large tomatoes. Heat 50g/2oz turkey fat or butter and fry the onions until tender, then add the tomatoes and heat for 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the hot macaroni, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 225g/8oz finely diced cooked turkey and 3 beaten eggs. Season the mixture well and stir over a low heat until the eggs are just set. Serve with crusty rolls.

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1 tablespoon lemon juice
150ml¼ pint double cream, lightly whipped

Decoration:

fresh orange segments

Put the 3 tablespoons water into a heatproof basin and sprinkle with gelatine on top. Stand over a pan of very hot water until the gelatine has dissolved. Meanwhile heat the remaining water and sugar together, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Blend the dissolved gelatine with this syrup, cool and add the fresh orange and lemon juice. Allow the jelly to become the consistency of a thick syrup, then fold in the cream. Spoon into a serving dish or individual glasses and leave to set. Top with the orange segments.

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

The new Badminton season will commence shortly and Maynooth Club has resumed training in preparation for what hopefully will be a very successful year. Despite the fact that Maynooth is a relatively small club in terms of numbers of teams, we have achieved a number of successes including Dublin League and Cup titles, Kildare League titles and recently the newly instigated Tallaght District League. Badminton is one of the biggest participant sports in the country, which means standards are fairly high. This makes Maynooths achievements all the more significant.

At present there are a number of vacancies, so anyone looking for an enjoyable and energetic leisure outlet should consider the game of Badminton. Apart

from being a great way to exercise, badminton is great fun and matches played are usually played in a friendly sociable atmosphere, with lots of chat, tea and depending on the venue, even a post-match pint or two.

In particular we are looking for a number of men players at the moment to make up teams for the Dublin and District League. As teams consist of four men and four women, it helps to have a fifty-fifty percentage of men and women members. However there is a Ladies League to accommodate women players in the event of a shortage of men. Maynooth likes to enter five mixed teams in various standards but consideration would be given to a sixth team if membership was sufficient. However it is possible to play as a non-team member and there is a certain amount of court time given over to non-team games. Enquiries about membership are always welcome or pop in to the Parish Hall any Monday or Thursday night at 8.00 p.m. and see for yourself. Finally the club wishes to extend congratulations to long serving member Francis Murphy on the occasion of her marriage to Chris Burke, also a long standing friend of the club. Hope you had a smashing time.

For further information contact Bernie Farrell PRO (6285947), Donal Hurley Chairperson (6286654) or Anne Dalton, Secretary (255584). We'll be delighted to hear from you.

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN MEETING

Over 250 people attended a public meeting in Newbridge last month organised by Kildare Labour party to launch Mary Robinson's presidential campaign in the county. Mrs. Robinson has been nominated by the Labour party to contest the presidential election in November and over the past two months has been attending meetings right across the country putting forward her vision of what the presidency should be about.

The meeting in Newbridge was opened by Kildare Constituency chairperson John McGinley who welcomed Mrs. Robinson to Kildare and assured her of the fullest support of the Labour Party in Kildare. Briefly addressing the meeting, Emmet Stagg TD, pointed out the significance of the presidential election campaign in promoting the realignment of Irish politics along left - right lines. There would be a clear choice for the electorate between the conservative politics and vested interests of the Fianna Fail/Fine Gael candidates on the one hand, and, on the other, Mary Robinson who was standing as a united Left candidate representing the interests of ordinary working people concerned about

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

emigration, unemployment, poor public services and lack of civil liberties such as divorce.

Outlining her views on the role of the President, Mary Robinson pointed out that unlike the Taoiseach, the President was elected directly by all the people and as such must seek to represent the views of all - particularly those who were powerless in our society. She stressed that as President she would strive to be as accessible as possible to all groups in society and that she would have no interest in taking on the job if she thought it merely involved living in isolation in the Phoenix Park. Remarking on the large number of women attending the meeting, she said she felt that as a woman she could bring some special qualities to the role of President and looked forward to the active support of women in the forthcoming campaign. A lively question and answer session followed which saw the candidate field a wide range of questions from the large attendance.

LOCAL PROBLEMS

Deputy Stagg has made the following representations on behalf of Maynooth residents to Kildare Co. Council in the past number of weeks:

- residents in Leinster Cottages have asked that the 'Stop' sign at that location be replaced as soon as possible.

- the Council have undertaken to repaint the box junction in the Square in the near future as soon as resurfacing work in the area is completed.

- at their last meeting Kildare Co. Council agreed to meet the full cost of lighting Maynooth Castle.

- the Co. Council have been requested to see to the ponding of water in an area of Old Greenfield where surface water has been causing a nuisance.

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2 Video Rentals, 3 Betting Shops, 1 Post Office, 1 Sports Shop, 1 Dentist, 3 G.P.'s, 1 Public Toilet, 1 Cattle Mart, 4 Petrol Stations, 1 Traveller's Site, 2 Garages, 2 Primary Schools (sexually segregated), 1 Secondary School, 1 College/Seminary/University, 3 Churches, 1 Mill, 1 Castle (in ruins), 1 Glazier, 1 Set of Traffic Lights, 1 Delicatessen, 1 Shoe Shop, 6 hairdressers, 1 Electrical Shop, 1 Jewellers, 1 Garden Centre, 2 Plumbing/Heating Suppliers, 2 Transport Firms, 1 Architect, 4 Accountants, 1 Meat Ex-

porter, 1 Tyre Supplier, 1 Undertaker, 2 Auctioneers, 4 General Stores, 1 Travel Agency, 1 Credit Union, 9 Telephone Boxes, 1 Printing Firm, 3 Letterboxes, 2 T.V. Sales Shops, 5 Solicitors, 7 Restaurants, 5 Playgroups, 1 Picture Framing Service, 2 Montessori Schools, 2 Chemists, 1 Launderette, 4 Gift Shops, 5 Fuel Merchants, 3 Dry Cleaners, 2 Curtain Shops, 1 Chiroprapist, 1 Car Wash/Valeting Service, 2 Building Societies/Agents, 4 Bed & Breakfasts, 3 Animal Feeds/Millers, 2 Alternative Medical Services and 1 informative monthly magazine.

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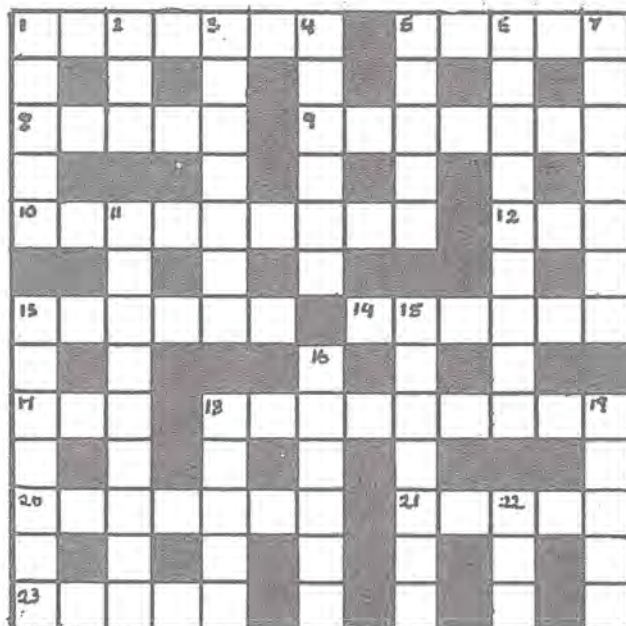
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ACROSS

1. Ring foe to scatter alien (7)
5. One of four green in 3 Down, a new and old green one in Maynooth (5)
8. Hole in this layer is gas (5)
9. Records for some time (7)
10. Practices about funeral cars (9)
12. Employ service (3)
13. Drink, and be timid about it (6)
14. Meath TD wearing deodorant? (6)
17. Kinds of everything? (3)
18. Tidy and excel in an agitated manner (9)
20. Inflammatory, but not so heavy (7)
21. Bone, a bit I broke (5)
23. I leave waiter to get drink (5)



Name

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DOWN

1. Take it to dance, and step on it (5)
2. River city (3)
3. Buckled rails end here (5)
4. Mick Jagger and Ron Wood (don't) gather this (2,4)
5. Penalties could be EFS (5)
6. Committed to the care of rude tents (9)
7. See N ciders drunk ... (7)
11. ... and this may be dipped, but drink can make ... (4,5)
13. Superficial 17 Across in display (7)
15. Turns rubbish on top of broken seat (7)
16. Frightened, Des backs around vehicle (6)
18. Go into alien territory (5)
19. Riser, where sun rises after front of underpants (5)
22. Buzzer, and what starts it off (3)

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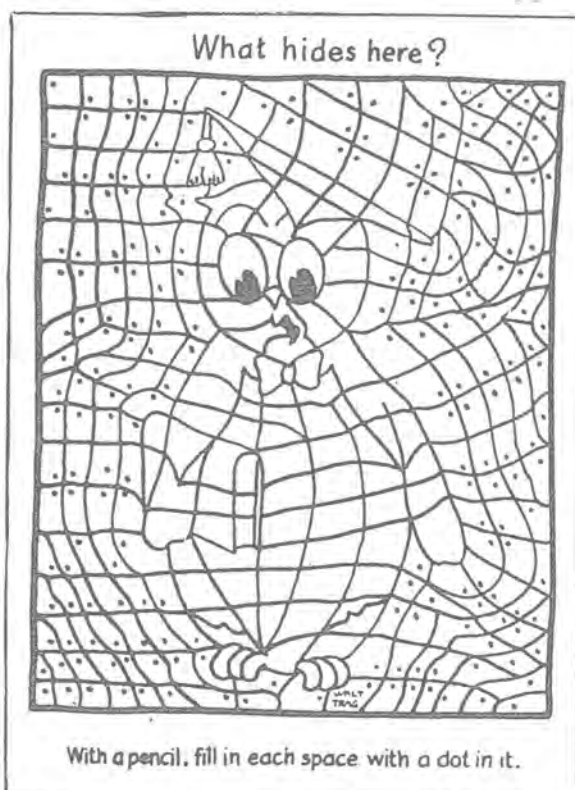
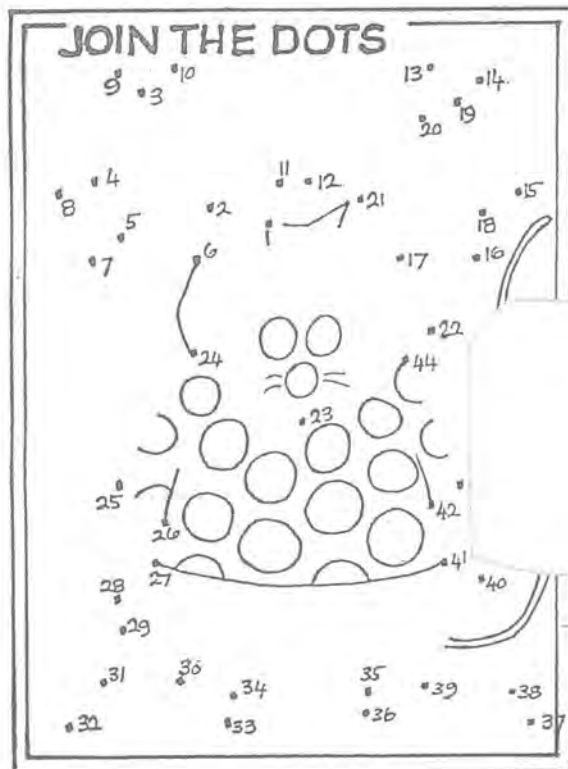
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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

FUNDRAISING

We start this month by expressing our sincere gratitude to the people of Maynooth and District for their continued generosity during our recent flagday collection. In this regard we must also thank: the local business community for their support; the management and staff of the local public houses for permission to collect in the various premises; the management and caretaker of Maynooth Shopping Centre for permission to collect there; and our local priests for permitting us to collect after masses. The flagday was successful and on the Chairman's behalf I would like to thank the committee who worked hard to make it a success. While it is not policy to single out committee members, I think that the entire committee would agree that an exception could be made in this case in order to laud and commend the excellent work done by committee member Gerard McGlinchey, during our flagdays, despite being in constant pain from a persistent back injury. Mention must also be made of the support and assistance given to Gerard by his wife Marion and children.

SAFETY FIRST

Now that the "Royal" is reopened as an amenity and for navigation, we hope that you will avail of this amenity which you helped to restore by your support. To those who are using the amenity or will be using the amenity we can not over emphasise the need for safety along the canal and its environs.

Children should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times when in the vicinity of the waterway.

In recent times a number of rafts have been launched in the canal in some cases with disastrous results, and in one case a near drowning. Again we emphasise the necessity of having an adult present with all children (big and small). Persons assembling rafts are encouraged and advised to consult the local library's collection of craft books in order to ascertain the basic requirements for a serviceable raft. Children in the "Guide" and "Scout" fraternities may be able to get this information from their "handbooks" or by consulting their leaders. Remember a person can drown in as little as 2 inches of water so please exercise care along the canal and make your visit a happy, not a sad one.

CARTON GATES

Work is progressing very satisfactorily at Pike's Bridge (opposite the main gates of Carton). Heavy earth moving equipment has been moved in and the original harbour is starting to appear. Reports coming in, from the Foreman and S.E.S. team, as the clearance continues tend to suggest there will be more work involved than was evident during the initial survey. The Office of Public Works are busy examining various proposals for improving the island to benefit the swan family. Any operation of this nature will have to be effected with minimal disturbance to the swans.

BACKGROUND TO THE ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

During our recent flagday/collection it came to notice that a number of our

newer inhabitants were not familiar with the background to the canal so I will finish this month with a very brief outline of the facts. The Royal canal was instigated as a result of a disagreement at a meeting of the directors of the Grand canal. A dissatisfied director stormed out vowing to build a canal in opposition to the Grand and so the "Royal" was born. The director took with him details of an alternative route which had been surveyed for the Grand Canal and this is the route that was used. The then Duke of Leinster used his power and influence to have the new canal diverted, from its original route which would have taken it through Blanchardstown and in a reasonably straight line through Clonee and

Dunboyne and on to Mullingar, along his estate at Carton and through Maynooth. This necessitated the building of a huge aqueduct at Leixlip which cost a fortune at the time, and nearly sank the company. After the government intervention the canal was completed and proved financially successful for many years. The advent of rail however, took its toll and business began to fade on the canal. It enjoyed a brief revival in the nineteen forties during the war. The last commercial barge sailed and canal in 1952 and the canal was officially closed to navigation in 1961. The condition of the Canal went from bad to worse until 1976 when Dr. Ian Bath formed the Royal Canal Amenity Group to restore the canal. In 1984 the Maynooth Branch was formed and work began shortly after that. Since then the local area of the canal has been dredged, the harbour restored, the pathways cleared, walls rebuilt and a heavy duty slipway installed. On May 28th this year the stretch of canal from Blanchardstown to Mullingar was officially reopened to navigation and the inaugural boat rally on this stretch to Mullingar commenced not in Blanchardstown but in your very own town of Maynooth.

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ALL IRELAND 300m FOR EMMA McCLUSKEY

The long journey to the RTC Track in Cork proved a highly rewarding one for Emma McCluskey when she had a brilliant win in the All Ireland U/14 300m. This was a just reward for hard training sessions she put in over the past few months which also saw her take silver in the same event at the Leinster Championships beaten by a Louth athlete. In Cork the same Louth athlete could only finish 6th - a clear indication of the All Ireland standard and the improvement in Emma's form between the two events because of her training commitment.

The other seven finalists were 1 from Tipp., 1 from Dublin, 1 from Clare, 2 from Louth and 2 from Cork. Emma almost made it to the final of the 600m where she finished just out of the medals in 5th place.

Our junior ladies have also been active and they had to travel to Antrim Forum for their events. Our two contestants Carmel Noonan and Lisa McCluskey

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

can always be depended upon to do well and were once again in the medals finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 3000m. Carmel also competed in the 1500m finishing 5th.

At the Leinster Championships, held in June our athletes put in some fine performances. As already mentioned Emma McCluskey finished 2nd in 300m and was also 3rd in the 600m. Our walkers absolutely excelled themselves and are improving with every outing. Graham Loane took the gold medal in the U/15 and Niall Gillick the silver in the U/14. Carmel Noonan and Lisa McCluskey won gold and silver respectively in the 3000m junior while Hugh Purcell took silver in the high jump. Our other finalists were Paul Flood (7th long jump) (8th highjump), Niall Gillick (7th Javelin) both boys U/14, Brid Ann O'Shea (5th Ball throw U/9), Michelle Gillick (7th Ball throw U/11), Niall Gillick (7th ball throw U/11), Ciara Power (7th 100m U/12), Patricia Purcell (6th 100m U/13, 4th 300m U/13), Gillian Power (6th shot, 6th

discus U/14), Fiona Redmond (6th 100m U/15, 7th shot U/15), U/13 relay team 6th (Aisling Redmond, Patricia Purcell, Tracey Kearney, Ciara Power). Also competing without making it to the finals were Karl Ennis and Conor Diggins (boys U/9), Sarah Adderley (girls U/11), John O'Shea (boys U/11), Gemma Haran (girls U/13) and Paula O'Shea (girls U/14).

prizes of 2 stereos were won one each by Margaret and Mick Gillick. Rumour has it one was placed in the driveway and the other in the back garden continuously playing "The Old Bod Road". Apparently this helped to get the turf in quicker.

In our report on the Kildare Championships the name of Niall Hanniffy was omitted from the list of competitors.

MAYNOOTH AC 10K

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Men O/35 1 Noel Hanratty, 2 John Leamy.

Men O/40 1 Brendan O'Connor, 2 Bobby King.

Men O/45 1 Ray McCawley, 2 Ger O'Connor.

Junior: 1 Paul Flood, 2 Niall Gillick.

Ladies: 1 Ann Mallon, 2 Breda Fogarty, 3 Linda Gunning, 4 Eileen Loughman.

Ladies O/30: 1 Irene Keogh, 2 Liz Hogan.

Ladies O/40: 1 Evelyn McNelis, 2 Helen Redmond.

Junior: 1 Lisa McCluskey.

It was pleasing to see so many of our own athletes holding their own in such exalted company. Incredibly our star spot

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

After a good run in the League, our U14 that competition. We wish them the best

The return of Danny Casey from a long holiday in Australia should be a big boost to our senior team. With four games remaining to play in the League, it is necessary to win three of these games to maintain our position in division III. It is

football teams have reached the final of
of luck in the final.

up to all concerned with the team to make that extra effort to win these last games. Next month I will give a progress report on our club development project at Moyglare Road.

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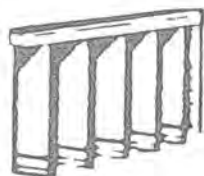
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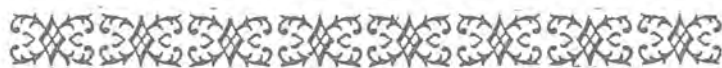
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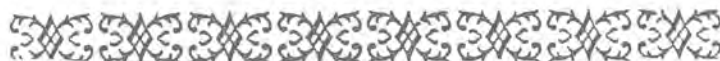


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The recent Seven-a-side tournament was an unqualified success with great competition and some excellent performances by many individuals. It is hoped that the club will reap the benefits of one efforts in a playing sense in the way of some of our players being extra sharp for the start of the New Season. A total of fifteen entries competed in the Senior section and six taking part in the under Seventeen section. The compiling of fixture sheets gave the organising committee many headaches with some of the long-winded team titles putting pressure on space.

New Kids on the Block was a contradiction of its title with few new faces included whilst Mama's Choirboys contained few choristers who would provide

an evenings sing-a-long without resorting to the more usual strains of Noel Kearns Rock and Roll repertoire or sampling some Whiskey in the Jar. The members of Stephen Hero's typified the general attitude of teams with their excellent sports- manship and happy approach to their games.

Sportsmanship throughout the tournament was at a very high level but following the excellent behaviour of Jack's Lads in Italy there is no reason to beleive that the same level should not prevail in the local arena. Large crowds were in evidence at all fixtures which were blessed with summer weather which it totally alien to the type of weather in which our games are usually played.

In Group 'A', Mama's Choirboys, who were backed by the Kearns brothers, topped the table with the Joe O'Riordan inspired Kalm 7 a close second. In Group 'B' Top gun topped the section with full points and Lad Manager John Saults in fine form despite his own injury. The Parkheads took second place in this group and were a credit to the occupants of the famous ground which prompted their team title. Being appropriately attired for the finals day was also a tribute to their boundless enthusiasm.

Finals Day on Sunday August 5th, arrived with many an open mind as to where the final honours eventually rest. With the Harbour Field looking a picture due to the efforts of the ground staff ably led by Martin Foy and Michael Dempsey with a motley crew of John Saults, Noel

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Dempsey, Lenny Murphy and Tom Dempsey.

In the first Semi-Finals Mama's Choir-boys finally overcame the parkheads after showing the sign of nerves in the early stages of the game. The second Semi-Final brought together Top gun and Kalm 7. Top Gun took an early lead through Michael Kelly but were eventually overhauled by the Kilbarrack Utd. strengthened, Kalm 7, who ran out winners by 3-1.

The under seventeen final paired The Crusaders against The Unpredictables. The Crusaders were mainly made up of last years under sixteen league team but were made to fight hard for victory over their opponents who were mostly from last seasons under fourteen league team. Following the presentation of Cup and Trophies to the winning Captain David O'Mahony by Chairman Tom Dempsey the pitch was taken over by the most

ungainly lot of warriors one could ever hope to muster. Peter Hussey and Philip McDermott brought a new meaning to the terms dazzling footwork, exquisite passing, midfield supremacy, excellent tackle etc. The entertainment provided during the football interval helped to bring a carnival atmosphere to the afternoons proceedings before the more serious business of deciding the Senior Winners.

The final produced a level of football which was in keeping with most other games. Competitive attitude combined with footballing skills provided excellent flare for the enthusiastic audience. Kalm 7 took control early and never let the initiative slip from their grasp and ran out easy winners. The Winning Cup called the Joseph Murphy Memorial Cup was presented by Mrs. Annie Murphy, widow of the late Joe Murphy to winning Captain Darren Moran. Following the presentation of trophies to the Winning Team and Runners-up, the usual round of Cup filling took place with much gusto.

Our activities then took us to Slims for the celebratory dance which was a most enjoyable function. The large crowd sampled the various contents of the Cup as it made several trips around the dance floor. Some say it circled the floor more often than many of our noted dancers. One cannot let the occasion pass without mentioning the unsporting attitude of a person or persons unknown who may have had "spirit" but certainly lacked it.



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We would like to thank the following: Maynooth Autos Ltd., for sponsorship of Trophies for under 17 tournament, Caulfields, Maynooth Branch Labour Party and Leinster Arms. All workers who looked after nets, balls and gear. Pitch markers and ball boys. To our tournament referees for their punctual attendance and professional attitude on match evenings.

To the family of the late Joe Murphy for their assistance in providing such an excellent memento in his honour.

Pre-season training is now in full swing and early reports are very encouraging with large attendances present at all sessions to date. The season will be in full swing by time of next issue so we look forward to a good opening with some wins to report.

The recent pre-season friendly showed that the rigorous training under Desie Farrell and Vincent McKenna is paying dividends. A defeat by 2-1 away to Postal Utd. without the services of some regular first-teamers still on holidays is an encouraging sign.

SPORTSFILE

IN THE STADIUM

The evenings are drawing in, the swallows are gathering for flight on the telegraph wires and the trees in our Main St. have a tinge of gold. All these are portents of only one thing - the immanent onset of the new soccer season. and yet it seems such a short time since the World Cup euphoria of mid summer when 'The Boys in Green' fought their way through to a showdown with the Italians in the Olympic Stadium in Rome on June 30th. Disregarding all considerations of personal inconvenience and expense your intrepid sports reporter set off for the Eternal City determined to bring home to Newsletter readers a first hand account of most significant sports events in our history since Kildare and Ireland sometimes in the last century.

OLE OLE OLE

Well, as some of you may have heard the result of the match and the great personal triumph the whole event represented for our great leader Charles J. Haughey, I won't seek to bore you with the match details. What demands description is the atmosphere. Starting at Dublin airport at 4.30 a.m. on Saturday morning there was a definite air of expectancy. En route to Rome the crew of our Interflug flight were bombarded with repeated choruses of Ole Ole Ole by a crowd of Cork men who had obviously fallen out of some Leaside pub earlier in the night. Our day in Rome was spent in a desultory manner wandering in the heat through the Colosseum and the Vatican. As evening approached the goo-humoured banter between the Irish and Italian fans in the streets intensified though the level of communication rarely extended beyond the Italians shouting 'Schillacci, Schillacci' and the Irish fans responding with 'McCarthy, McCarthy'.

The 15,000 Irish fans had taken up their positions in the stadium a good two hours before kick off and led by a thundering bodhran they sung themselves hoarse even before the teams appeared on the pitch. Kick off approached, the Roman night fell and the stadium became a circle of colour and noise. And then as the National Anthem struck up all around grown Irishmen were in tears - and that was only the Italian anthem. As the match progressed our initial fears that Baresi, Schillacci and Co. would overrun the Irish were quickly dispelled and inspired by the skill and endeavour of Houghton, Sheedy and McGrath and confident chant - 'You'll Never Beat the Irish' - poured down from the banks of Irish supporters. Schillacci's goal, when it eventually came, momentarily stunned the fans. As a particularly articulate Dub seated beside me expressed it at the time - 'Jaysus, I'm stunned'.

THE SECOND HALF

Half time presented us with a much needed opportunity to gather our thoughts, visit the magnificently appointed loos in the stadium and prepare for the remaining 45 minutes of our Italian odyssey. As the minutes passed and the increasing inevitability of defeat loomed ever larger, the fans found solace in the glorious battling performance of McCarthy, Moran and McGrath and the comradeship on the terraces which had been forged over three sweltering weeks under the Italian sun. Crooked accountants from Dublin 4 sang in unison with

tired and emotional teenagers from Coolock and sunburned housewives from Templeogue. Aldridge had a chance to equalise with ten minutes to go but it was not to be.

DEFIANT IRISH

As the final whistle went puzzled Italian fans shuffled off to do whatever Italians do late on Saturday night, leaving behind these crazy Irish, singing defiantly in adversity like a robin on the coldest January day. The dream was over but still we stood around, despite the fact that it was approaching midnight, consoling each other and loath to turn our backs on the almost deserted stadium. It was only at this point that for many the horrible reality of home began to dawn.irate wives, employers and bank managers would constitute the welcoming party for some of the fans - not for them the adulation that the players would experience in the crowded streets of Dublin. Our flight home was subdued but the fans couldn't resist blowing kisses to the stern and heavily armed police as we trailed through the airport. The cost blast of a typical Irish summers morning greeted us at Dublin airport but as we made our separate ways home none would forget the once in a lifetime experience that was Italia 90.

A NEW SEASON

And now another season beckons. For the players rock hard football boots are being recovered from garden sheds and the agony of pre-season training has commenced. For the thousands who turn out on muddy fields through the winter there will be no glory except that of taking part. For the fans - and every one in Maynooth seemed to be a fan for the month of June - the heady days of Italia 90 are over but let's hope they turn out in numbers to support their local teams in the coming season.

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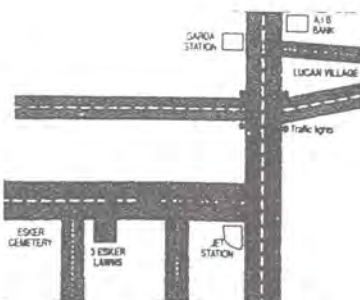
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The following is a list of all planning applications lodged for the Maynooth area since the beginning of the year. Granny flats and garage conversions seem to be particular popular. It seems that any new house planned must incorporate dormer windows.

Ballygoran:

- Retention of motor repair garage with conversion to dwelling to spray booth, staff room and stores, with septic tank. L. Slevin, 27/7/90

Barberstown:

- Retention of commercial fuel yard and buildings. Mrs. E. Logan, 31/5/90

Barrogstown:

- Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank, Barrogstown East. Mr & Mrs G. Moynan, 7/6/90
- Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank. M. McGreevy, 12/7/90
- Erection of two bungalows and septic tanks. J. O'Hagan, 20/7/90

Beaufield:

- Retention of existing garage conversion. P. Tierney, 1 and 2 Beaufield Grove, 12/4/90
- Retention of existing garage extension and conversion. T. Hoare, 9 Beaufield Crescent, 12/4/90
- Retention of existing garage to side of house. D. Reynolds, 15 Beaufield Drive, 26/3/90

Clonfert:

- Erection of extension to residence, Clonfert South. E. Bolton, 9/3/90

Collegeland:

- Extension to existing cottage, with conversion to dormer dwelling, Collegeland, J. Conway, 26/4/90

Crinstown:

- Extension to rear of house comprising granny flat and kitchen and attic conversion to bedrooms including dormer windows. M. O'Riain, 19/2/90

Convent Lane:

- Retention of covered storage area to rear of shop. M. MacNamee, 20/3/90 and 23/5/90

Cormickstown:

- Erection of 2 storey house and septic tank. P. Robinson, 2/5/90
- Erection of dormer house (including veterinary surgery and stores) septic tank and associated works. Mr & Mrs Tommy Burns, 9/5/90

MAYNOOTH DEVELOP- MENTS - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Dowdstown:

- Retention of replacement storage barn, Rowanstown, Dowdstown Stud. A. Leddy, 2/4/90

Dublin Road:

- Erection of two dormer bungalows, Dublin Road. F. Hardiman, 25/7/90

Graiguesallagh:

- Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank. M. McManus, 22/12/89

Greenfield:

- Re-development of site to include relocation of pumps and canopy, new kiosk and new shop, Greenfield. Maynooth Autos, 24/4/90

Kealstown:

- Erection of dwelling and septic tank. Paul Mooney, 10/5/90

Kilcock Road:

- Erection of extension, St. Anne's. P. Baxter, 1/3/90

Kilmacreddock:

- Erection of dwelling house and septic tank. Sean O Flatharta, 9/1/90

Kingsbry:

- Double storey extension (granny flat) to gable end, 42, Kingsbry. F. Gibbons, 25/1/90
- Erection of extension to kitchen and additional bathroom, 67 Kingsbry, William Corkery, 20/4/90
- Erection of extension to house, 96 Kingsbry. E. Costigan, 18/4/90
- Two storey extension to side of house, 128 Kingsbry. M. Brown, 6/7/90
- Single storey extension and rear access, 140 Kingsbry. E. Cunningham, 3/5/90
- Retention of revised car parking layout and widened roadway entrance at surgery, 152 Kingsbry, C. O'Rourke, 25/1/90
- Change of dwelling type, minor alterations to approved site layout with a reduction of three dwellings, Kingsbry. Town Park Estates, 3/4/90

- Revise approved house on site 18 Moyglare Village. B. Higgins, 10/1/90

Newtownmacabe:

- Erection of dormer extension to dwelling and new entrance to site. K. O'Gorman, 29/3/90

Pebble Hill:

- Retention of septic tank. Desmond Galvin, 29/3/90

Parson Street:

- Residential development comprising 23 detached houses on site off Parson Street. Ordos Investments Ltd, 22/12/90

Pound Street:

- Use of building as a clothing store adjacent to 8 Pound Street. Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, 16/1/90

Railpark:

- Erection of granny flat extension to side of house, 201 Railpark. S. O'Neill, 28/3/90 and 12/4/90
- Retention of garage conversion and of extension to the rear incorporating utility room, toilet and store, 125 Railpark. Joseph Buckley, 11/5/90
- Erection of garage conversion to study and bedroom extension over garage, 2 Railpark. Liam Cannon, 29/1/90

Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth:

- Managers apartment and student reception area, the New Campus. St. Patrick's College, July 1990
- Four apartment blocks and wardens house and recreational block at the New Campus. St. Patrick's College, 7/3/90

Straffan Way:

- Erection of front porch, 9 Straffan Way. Noel O'Neill, 24/7/90

Taghadoe:

- Retention of extension to house, Mrs Campbell, 23/3/90 and 17/4/90
- Extend house to rear, 294 Taghadoe. John Travers, 6/4/90

Ladychapel:

- Modification to existing cottage incorporating extensions to side and rear and for the construction of two bungalows, Ladychapel Road. KSC Homes, 22/5/90

Laragh:

- Shed for storage of car parts and septic tank. Noel Higgins, 25/5/90

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Main Street:

Retention of shop and offices. E. Cavanagh, 15/3/90 and 17/4/90

Fast food take away. J. Collins (B. Kingsbry), 10/5/90

- Change of use of first floor of premises from domestic to office use. P. Ennis, 23/4/90

- Double Public Telephone Kiosk, (at Geraldine Arms). Telecom Eireann, 20/4/90

- Change of use from restaurant to office accommodation and provision of new shop from No. 6 Main Street. Frank Regan, 15/6/90

- Installation of ATM (Service Till) to the front of premises and attending works for same. Ulster Bank, 23/7/90

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Wife, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, son-in-law, relatives of the late Thomas Bean, Mooretown, Celbridge, formerly Maynooth.

Maynooth Park:

- Erection of front porch, 40 Maynooth Park. Stanley Oliver, 15/6/90

- Extension, garage conversion and front porch to dwelling, 59 Maynooth park. Albert Brady, 22/12/89

Moneycooley:

- Erection of extension to rear of garage to side of house. John Doherty, 23/3/90

Moyglare:

- Extend living accommodation and provide chapel, Convent of the Holy Spirit, Moyglare Road. The Servants of the Holy Spirit, 28/3/90

- Revise approved house on site 94 Moyglare Village. Crewhill Properties Ltd, 1/5/90

- Revise approved house type and layout on sites 61 to 75 inclusive and to revise approved house type on sites, 50, 60, 76 and 101, Moyglare Village. Crewhill Properties Ltd, 5/6/90

- Side extension as utility room, 107 Moyglare Village. Michael Sheerin, 11/6/90

- Extension and alterations, 489 Mariaville. Mr. P. Sweeney, 25/5/90

- Four two storey apartments, Moyglare Apartments. North City Builders, 31/1/90

- Retain for temporary period advertising signs at junction of Moyglare Road and Kilcock Road, and entrance to Moyglare Village. Crewhill Properties Ltd, 10/7/90

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to our dear Mammy, Sept. 24th from your loving sons Richard and Thomas, also from Dad. Have a nice day.

Happy Birthday to our dear mammy, Sept. 27th, from your loving daughters, Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie and Regina, also from Dad. Enjoy your day.

Happy birthday to Plunkett McStravick 11th September, from Juicie Lucy and Hairy Mary.

A very happy birthday to Emma Boyce on her 20th birthday from all the staff of the Maynooth Newsletter.

Love and best wishes for a very happy birthday to Marie McGovern, Greenfield, Sept. 24th also to Eileen McGovern, Greenfield, Sept. 27th from Una and Kevin.

Mick Naughton, Greenfield, Age 4, September 21.

Cheryl Naughton, Greenfield age 6, September 19.

Keith McTernan, Dunboyne, Age 12, September 9.

Aileen McTernan, Moyglare Village, Age 5, September 4.

Francis Conway, Greenfield, Age 5, September 10.

To Catherine Howard Williams 17 years on 27th September.

Birthday wishes to Community Council Chairman, John McGinley, on his birthday, 22nd September.

Best wishes to Rusty MacKeogh-Breathnach who celebrates her 14th birthday on 26th September.



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Congratulations to Tom and Marie Nolan, Newtown, who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 2nd. A party for family and friends was held in Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

Congratulations to Peter and Delia O'Connor, Greenfield, who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 18th. A party was held in Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

RECENT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Joan and Gerard Howard Williams, Carton on their Wedding Anniversary on 9th September.

Congratulations to Tony & Mary Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrate their 7th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 3rd. Love from Liam, Margaret and Thomas

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Ann Nolan, Newtown, and Norman Birchill, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, August 3rd.

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