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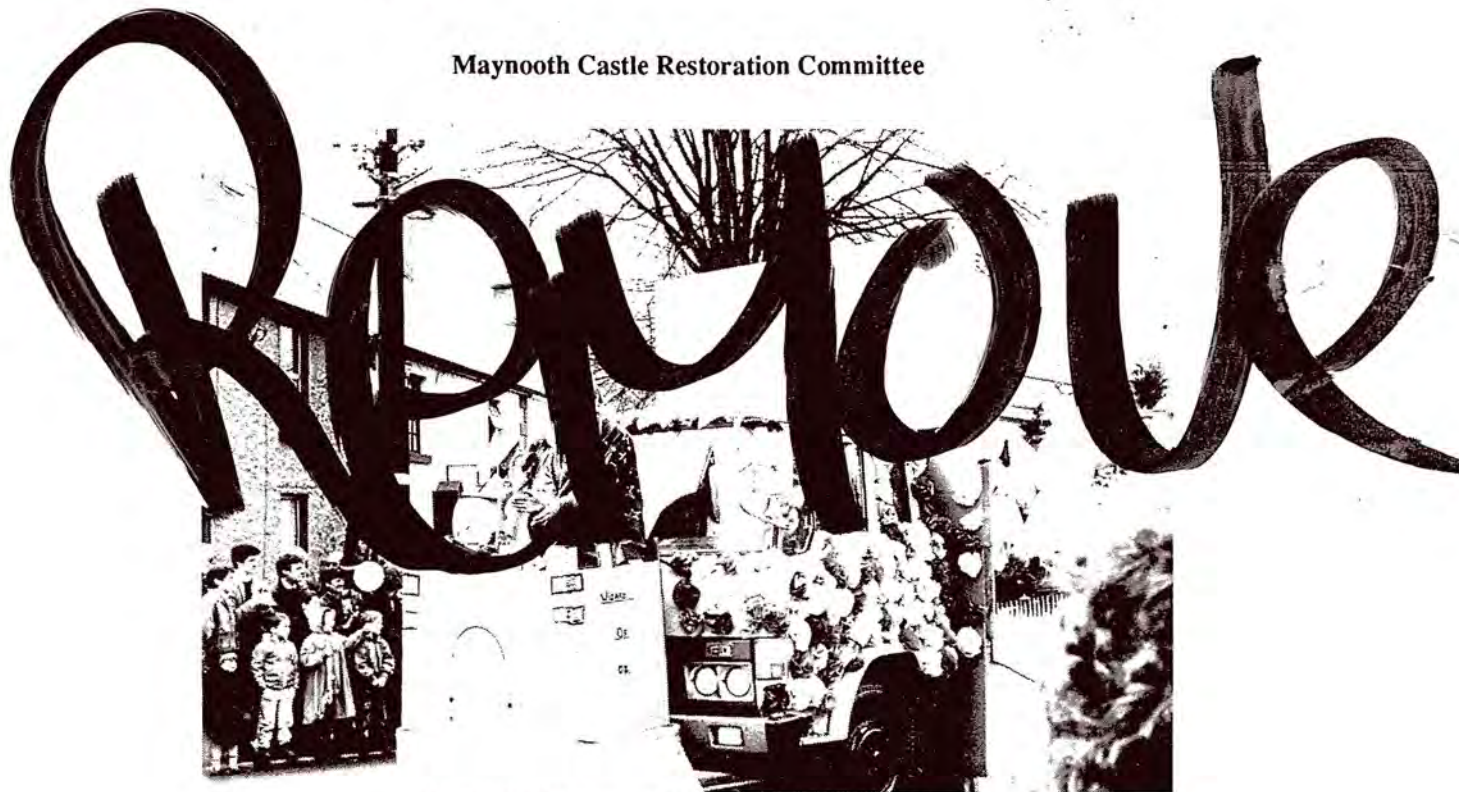
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Editorial

1916 and all that

April sees the seventy fifth anniversary of the 1916 Rising. Many readers will remember the overwhelming celebration of that event in 1966, and will be forcibly reminded of how things change by the difference in the way in which this watershed in Irish history is being treated this year.

It is a healthy sign that we can now sit back from the excesses of 1966, to see what exactly was achieved by the men and women of 1916 - among them fifteen who came from Maynooth. What would have been the difference if they had not marched out? The ideals outlined in the Proclamation of the Republic certainly make fine reading: "the Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past."

Recent events have shown how far we are from the concept of religious and civil liberty, with Catholic bishops exerting the force of their moral authority on our legislators in an attempt to prevent the greater availability of contraceptives. Research by Fr. Michael MacGreil shows that almost one fifth of the population would deny citizenship to atheists, and other groups not adhering to the majority religion. Equality between men and women is still being fought for, but this time through the European Courts. As for cherishing all our children equally, the Combat Poverty Agency has reams of evidence to show that one third of the nation's children live in poverty.

Seventy years after the Treaty, it is no longer acceptable to blame the English and the seven hundred years for our abysmal record of self government. We now have only ourselves to blame, and the solution to our problems must start with us, the electorate, and the politicians we choose.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last month you kindly published my letter giving details of local events to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. They included an Exhibition in Leixlip and a debate in Maynooth College entitled "Should we celebrate the 1916 Easter Rising?". Both events were a great success and I am now pleased to announce details of items in Maynooth town during April. On Sunday 24th April we will be presenting an Exhibition which includes Leabhar na hAiseirighe, a collection of 400 photographs of the Rising, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia. On special display will be items relating to the Maynooth and Co. Kildare involvement. The Exhibition takes place in the Parish Hall from 11a.m. to 6p.m.

We also plan a tree-planting ceremony on the small green outside the Parsons street entrance to the College at a date yet to be decided.

To organise these events a meeting will be held on Monday 8th April in Caulfield's Bar committee room at 8.30p.m. and we welcome along anyone to assist us. Finally, I again wish to highlight the National Pageant and Parade being held in Dublin on Saturday 6th April starting at 1p.m. in Arncliffe Square. This will enable all the local groups in the country to join together in commemorating the Rising and I look forward to meeting lots of Maynoothians behind the "Co. Kildare" banner.

Yours faithfully,
Michael Quinn,
Member of National Executive Committee.

Dear Editor,

Are the "Good Old Days" back again? It certainly appeared so by the large number of supporters in attendance at our last two home games. Though both results were disappointing we believe that those present enjoyed the contest that these games provided. The recent increase in the number of supporters is due largely to the commencement of the cleaning of the Boreen, allowing for easier access to the pitch. We would like to thank all those who have helped, especially John Mc Ginley who has worked tirelessly on our behalf to ensure that the County Council start the cleaning up operations.

With the installment of the goal-post gates at both ends of the Boreen there can be no reason for conditions to deteriorate to their former level of degradation. Or is there? Only two weeks ago further dumping of refuse occurred on the lane. We feel that the likelihood of such dumping continuing would be prevented by the resumption of work by the County Council.

With what seems to be a lull in operations we would like to ease the further pressure brought to bear on the County Council to ensure that the clearing of the Boreen resumes as quickly as possible.

After all, who wouldn't want to see the Boreen restored to its former beauty and become once again a most pleasant walkway for all in the community?

Yours in sport,
Paddy Murphy,
R.O. Maynooth Town Soccer Club.

Dear Editor,

I would like to draw your attention to a few errors which appeared in the February edition of the Newsletter under the 'Street Talking' section.

Firstly, the shop that Tim Guiney bought was the house of the late Alec Caulfield and his family. This was the post office in Maynooth for a very long number of years.

Secondly, the area now called Centre Point Mall was owned by the Nolan family. This area contained the Dance Hall; a sweet, mineral and ice cream shop; a bicycle repair shop and a garage. Nolan's also owned the first chipper in Maynooth and were the first to sell ice cream cornets in Maynooth.

Nolan's sold their property to the parish and after some time the parish sold it to Noone's who turned it into a garage. Hoping this puts the record straight. I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Bridie O'Brien,
Leinster Cottages.

Dear Editor,

Readers who are interested in "Old" Maynooth can see a sale of the following postcards at a public auction at the Burlington Hotel on Saturday, 13th April, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

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Letters to the Editor

A Chara,

My attention has been drawn to an article in the March Newsletter under the heading 'Youth Report'. Your anonymous contributor was factually incorrect in what he/she wrote and I would appreciate a full retraction and apology in the next issue. Perhaps he/she would have the courtesy to contact me even at this late stage to determine the facts?

While the Newsletter is a very worthwhile monthly contribution to the community, its usefulness is devalued when factually incorrect reports are presented by anonymous contributors.

Mise, le meas,
Thomas Ashe,
Principal, Post Primary School Maynooth.

[The Editorial Board regrets any distress caused by the publication of the article 'Youth Report' but feels obliged to point out the following:

We accept all contributions in good faith and cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or factual errors of which we are unaware which appear in those contributions. To safeguard against misdemeanour we provide for the publication of letters in response or in reaction to previously published material (see 'Right to Reply' on page 3). We urge all contributors to avoid inaccuracy and ask them to deal with matters as they themselves see fit when they become aware of factual errors.

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Maynooth Castle

Maynooth Castle To Be Demolished !

In a shock report recently leaked to a member of the Newsletter editorial committee, the Office of Public Works have stated that they have little choice but to demolish Maynooth Castle. Over the past year the O.P.W., with assistance from students of Bolton Street College of Technology, have carried out an exhaustive structural survey of the Castle. The results of that survey indicate that there are marked structural weaknesses towards the base of the main tower. A 35 foot crack along the rear wall of the tower - technically known as a stress fracture - has been caused by serious subsidence in the foundations.

The report goes on to outline a number of options open to the O.P.W. including the erection of steel buttresses to support the weakened structure, the insertion of steel girders in the wall and, most ambitiously, the demolition and subsequent reconstruction of the tower. However, the report rules out these options both on the grounds of aesthetics and the practical difficulties involved. The report's final conclusion is that in the interests of public safety the main tower should be demolished.

Local reaction to the report has been one of shock. A spokesperson for the Castle Restoration Committee initially expressed total disbelief but when confronted by a copy of the report admitted that the OPW were serious in their intentions. Already it is planned to launch a 'Save Our Castle' campaign and it is hoped that the local community will rally behind it. A number of local politicians have lent their name to the campaign although one, when approached, replied 'What castle?'.

Rumours that MacDonalds - of Big Mac fame - have applied for planning permission for the site have not been denied by Kildare Co. Council although a spokesperson for the Council admitted that the proposal had some merit. Other rumours have suggested that the site might be turned into a car park for Maynooth College - but again this has been denied by College authorities and Monsignor Ledwith indicated that he would fight tooth and nail to have the Castle preserved.

Obviously this is an issue likely to generate great interest over the next few months. It isn't ironic that the people of Maynooth are united behind a campaign to have 'The Thing' demolished and that, instead, the powers that be decide to knock down our castle!

Report, with reaction from local authorities, continued on page 43.

Community Council Notes

THE R.O.A.R. CAMPAIGN

The ROAR campaign has been organised by Maynooth Community Council in order to have our roads and footpaths improved to a standard appropriate to the 1990s. The emphasis of the campaign has been placed on getting the Minister for the Environment, Pádraig Flynn, to provide additional funding to Kildare County Council. This will encourage the County Council to carry out proper repairs to the roads and footpaths and will prevent the Council from merely carrying out the wasteful pothole filling exercises in which they are currently engaged. The first phase of our campaign was the house to house collection of signatures for our petition. We are extremely grateful to those businesses who kept petition sheets on their counters for us. In all, we collected 2,500 signatures.

A deputation comprising Christina Sauls, Lorraine Tracey, Brigid Sauls, David Moynan and John McGinley handed the petition to one of the Minister's staff, Tim Morris, on the 25th of February. The Minister was not available.

A much larger contingent picketed Kildare County Council offices in Naas the same day. A copy of the petition was handed to Gerry Ward, the County Manager, and we had an opportunity to meet the County Councillors as their monthly meeting was taking place.

On the 8th February we had a meeting with the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council, outlining our case and presenting them with the document published in last month's Newsletter.

The Repair Our Awful Roads sign addressed to Minister Flynn was first erected on Saturday 23rd February on the Dublin Road opposite Doyle's Mart. Unfortunately, the local Area Engineer of the County Council had men and machinery available at 9 o'clock the following Monday morning to take down the sign. This must surely break the record for the fastest action ever taken by Kildare County Council. What a pity that they neglect to act with the same speed and determination on activities more beneficial to the local community! However, following some skilful detective work the sign was located in the Council yard, retrieved and re-erected on Sunday, 10th March.

We would like to thank Lorraine Tracey, one of our office staff, who put so much time and effort into painting and drawing the sign. We would further like to thank Leo Bean and his assistants Barry O'Brien, Peter Connell, Frank Conlon and Dave Moynan for their efforts in erecting the sign.



Members of the Community Council delegation who handed the 2500 signatures on the petition to Mr. Gerry Ward, Manager, Kildare County Council on 25/2/91

Our protest March, also on 23rd February, was a tremendous success. Despite the very bad weather, some 250 people showed up outside Quinnsnorth, marched through the town and proceeded out the Rathcoffey Road as far as Greenfield Lane. The object of the exercise was to draw as much publicity as possible to the campaign. In this regard we were very successful, gaining coverage from all the national and local newspapers, local radio stations and special coverage by R.T.E. (the march, subsequent speeches and some interviews were the subject of a report on the lunchtime news on R.T.E. 1 on the following Monday).



The sign drawn by Lorraine Tracey. Office staff left to right: Christina Sauls, Shirley Nugent, Lorraine Tracey, Donal Fitzpatrick, Maura Walsh-Conneely.

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It is hoped that the sign will remain in place long enough this time to embarrass Minister Flynn into taking action on our roads and footpaths (He passes by the sign on each trip to the Dail from his home constituency). We would encourage members of the public to become involved in the campaign by contacting the Gay Byrne Show and identifying local potholes that would warrant a prize for size. Other courses of action open to readers include writing to the Minister supporting our campaign and drawing his attention to the appalling state of roads in Kildare.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1991

This year's parade was a great success, with 52 different groups taking part. On behalf of the Community Council I would like to thank all those who helped the St Patrick's Day Committee in any way. In particular I would like to thank the following:-

Christina Sauls for the tremendous amount of work that she put in over the last few months preparing for the parade.

All the other staff in the Community Council Office.

Mattie Callaghan for providing the reviewing stand.

Leo Bean and Ollie Bright for decorating the reviewing stand.

The Flower Club and Fionan Hardiman also for decorating the reviewing stand.

Jim Cunningham for again performing his duties as Master of Ceremonies so well.

Our 30 guests on the reviewing stand.

Willie Kiernan for again providing and installing the public address system.

St Patrick's College for providing the carpet for the stand.

Michael Hyland and Proinsias Breathnach for transporting the carpet.

Quinnsnorth Supermarket for opening the gates of the car park to allow the parade to turn round.

Sergeant Joe Canny and the Gardai for their co-operation and for providing the No Parking cones.

The Presentation Convent for the power supply and for the use of the car park.

Emmet Stagg TD for being guest speaker and for his help in getting the Army Band to participate.

Maynooth Tae Kwon Do School for their display of the Korean art of self defence.

Owen Byrne, our mayor, for leading the parade.

All the stewards who performed their tasks so professionally. A special work of thanks to Frank Conlon and Pat Corraway.

Pat Travers of the Parish Hall Committee for providing the chairs and steps for the reviewing stand.

Mary Tierney, Leinster Arms, for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests.

Eddy Sherry for cleaning the Main Street.

The Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring a beautiful new trophy.

Eileen Dunne and her St Patrick's Day Committee for giving Maynooth Community something of which to be proud.

The participants without whom there would be no parade and the general public for showing up in such great numbers.

Congratulations to all the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.

Thanks to our many sponsors in Maynooth who funded the parade.

The prize winners were as follows:-

(a) Best commercial float - Barrett's

(b) Best new commercial entrant - Maynooth Autos

- (c) Best Club entrant - Tae Kwon Do
- (d) Best band - St. Mary's Brass and Reed
- (e) Best marchers - The Scouts
- (f) Best Rock Band - Wild Cry
- (g) Most topical float - *Maynooth Newsletter*
- (h) Funniest Float - Leixlip Wash and Vac
- (j) Best Shop Windows -
- 1st: Maynooth Office Supplies
- 2nd: Top of the Crop
- 3rd: Greenfield Supermarket (Tom Geraghty)

John McGinley
Chairperson
Maynooth Community Council

TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

We thank all committee members for their help on St. Patrick's Day.

Following our meeting with Betty Carr, we now appreciate the task facing us in making Maynooth a Tidy Town.

However we had a good turnout at our last committee meeting. We thank all who contributed to our annual collection and those who missed can leave donations with our Chairman, Fionan Hardiman, Dublin Road or with Joan Lennon, Treasurer, Straffan Road.

Our work will take place on Tuesday / Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

We hope to meet many of you at the Spring Fair at our stand.

Richard Farrell,
Secretary / P.R.O. Tidy Towns

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Residents' Associations' Notes

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

This year's festival is scheduled to take place from June 15th - 23rd. There will be a concerted attempt to make it as 'street visible' as possible and to include novelty attractions and events. As well as Hudson's Carnival and the ever popular Inter Estate Seven-A-Side Soccer Tournament, the Festival Committee hopes to have busking competitions, street theatre, a driving-skills test and more of the popular treasure hunts. We will be appealing to each club and society in the locality to organise one event from their yearly programme which will coincide with the festival dates.

As usual, we are anxious to hear from people with ideas and suggestions for activities - no matter how bizarre! The Festival Committee will be meeting regularly now that the Patrick's Day Parade is over and anyone who wishes to come along to meetings is very much encouraged to do so. For further information contact the Community Council Office at 6285922.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Greenfield Estate Residents' Association took place on the 4th March 1991.

The varied work of your Residents' Association, over the last 12 months, is as follows:-

The selection, purchasing and location of the Estate Stone - which has given our estate an identity.

Neighbourhood Watch - the purchasing of signs by the Residents' Association and the erecting of same by the Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

Laurence Ave - Repair of fence, a joint venture between the residents of Laurence Ave and the committee.

The problem of Spanish students.

Clean up days - leading to our estate receiving 3rd place in the Best Estate Competition. *Let's go for No. 1 this year!*

A report on our very successful Dinner Dance.

We are sorry to advise that our Chairperson for the last 3 years, Peter Holland, did not seek re-election because of work commitments. Thanks to Peter for all your work on the committee over the years. Also our thanks go to Carmel Hogan who did not seek re-election due to study commitments.

Residents are reminded that the above committee will meet on the first Monday of each month and items for discussion should be submitted in writing to the secretary.

The 1991/1992 Committee:

Pat Hogan - Chairperson

Mattie Callaghan - Vice-Chairperson

Nuala Quinn - Secretary

Mary Farrell - Treasurer

Richard Farrell - P.R.O.

John McGinley, Michael Quinn, Michael Garvey, Kevin Galligan, Tom Purcell, Michael Quinn (L.A.), Elizabeth Callaghan, Shay Corbally.

Finally, there have been a number of robberies/burglaries on our estate in recent weeks. It is essential that we keep vigilant: report anything unusual to your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Happy Easter to one and all.

P.R.O.

Richard Farrell.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS PHASE 3

Well, on Saturday the 9th March we had a clean up and I have to say that the children, from the big ones to the smallest, worked very hard. I am sure the mums had no problems getting them to bed that night. Well done children.



Best Cleaners in Phase 3. Well Done. among the children in the photo are Peter and Lisa Finan.

At this point we would like to bring to the attention of our neighbours that the river and other parts of Phase 3 was not and never will be an official dumping ground. We will this time

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dispose of the outdoor christmas tree and other personal rubbish, but next time we will bring it back where it belongs. We will be having our disco on the 12th of April from 8.30 - 11pm and all ages are welcome. Also there will be a meeting of the residents on April 2nd at 8.30pm sharp in Caulfield's back room. Please do your best to come along.

Finally, we would like to bring to the attention of *Eye Hear* that we did put in the name of the winner of the 'Name the Estate Competition'. It was in the January or February Newsletter, but to save you looking for the winner, it was Miss Elaine Carroughers, Greenfield. She got the voucher for the bike shop.

Ann Kirby
Secretary

[*Eye Hear* was dying to know what actual name Elaine Carroughers came up with in order to win the 'Name The Estate Competition' as this was not mentioned in February's report. Perhaps you might write a note in next month's column telling us?]

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our sincere thanks to all parents who contributed to the annual subscription to the above association.

The next fundraising event to be held by the Association will be an evening of music and crack on 9th May 1991. The venue will be the Hitchin Post and music will be provided by Fiddlers Green. Tickets go on sale early in April and committee members will be calling to houses selling tickets during the coming weeks. There will also be tickets on sale in the school. It promises to be a great night and well worth attending so we ask you all to please support this venture and come along. Please remember that the money raised will be used to purchase worthwhile equipment for the school, finance for which, is not available from any other source.

We look forward to a large attendance.

Sheila Fleming
Pro

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES

Awareness Week - March 4th to 8th

The First Year Leaving Certificate students of Maynooth Post Primary School once again hosted their Awareness Week which ran from March 4th - 8th inclusive. This was a programme which focused on various social issues sharing a common theme of injustice and disadvantage. Visiting speakers addressed the students on topics including Unmarried Mothers, Childline, Alcoholics Anonymous, Drug Abuse, The Travellers and The Third World, over the course of the week which culminated in a twelve hour sponsored fast in which the whole school participated.

Mr. John O'Shea of G.O.A.L. opened the Awareness Week on the afternoon of the Monday, March 4th by highlighting the extent and effect of famine in Bangladesh, Sudan and throughout Africa. All funds raised in the sponsorship fast will go to G.O.A.L. to help alleviate hunger and hardship in these regions. The staff and students of the school would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the people of Maynooth for their continued generous support.



Left to Right: John O'Shea, Director G.O.A.L., Jenny Arthurs, Committee, Fr. Eoin Thynne, Chaplain, Aideen O'Brien, Committee.

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LUCAN / NORTH KILDARE YOUTH CONFERENCE.

The Lucan / North Kildare Youth Conference was held on Saturday 23rd March, 1991 in Lucan Community College. The Conference was of interest to all leaders, parents and teachers. The aim of the Conference was to offer the participants the opportunity to:-

- * attend workshops on topics of interest to them
- * meet and discuss common problems and concerns
- * contribute to the planning of youth service programme
- * learn of facilities / opportunities available in Lucan / North Kildare.

Workshops for the day were

- * Young people and the Church
- * Effective listening to young people
- * Coping with problem behaviour in teenagers
- * Stress Management

For further information contact Mary or Louise at the Youth Service, St. Mary's Boys' National School at 6280465.

CARTON COMMITTEE

The Carton Committee recently sent a delegation to the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare Co. Council to express its concern about plans for the development of Carton currently reported to be at an advanced stage. The Carton Committee is particularly concerned about the direction the Gleneagles' project is taking, about the proposal to erect a large number of houses on the demesne, and the highly exclusive nature of the development. The planning approach to developments in Co. Kildare is such that by the time planning applications are made, there are very few opportunities for the local community to make its views known. Meetings between the developers and the county planners and engineers have been ongoing for the past year. At present in Carton many trees have been removed to make way for two golf courses.

However the greatest alterations to the estate are proposed in the erection of a 200 bed hotel and up to 300 houses. This proposal closely resembles the last application by Powerscreen and will be strongly resisted by the Carton Committee. Carton continues to rank as one of the prime eighteenth century properties in Ireland, not in Ireland and the UK. It is listed as being of international standing in the County Development Plan. It is important that in the rush for 'development', we do not lose sight of the need for conservation, the obligations of property-owners in this regard, and the responsibility of the state and local authorities to assist owners in fulfilling these obligations.

With these concerns in mind a meeting of the Committee will be held in the next two weeks to review our approach to the development of Carton and to consider submissions to the county Council on the review of the Kildare Development Plan.

R.O.
J.Duffy

ST. MARY'S BAND BULLETIN

The Band's A.G.M. was held in the Band Hall on 18th February 1991 attended by a large number of members. Reflecting on last year. The chairman said that every member should remember 1990 as the year we won the Senior Marching Band Competition in Limerick on St. Patrick's Weekend - the first time in the history of the Band that we won a major marching band competition. This was achieved by a very dedicated and hard-working committee and with the sincere dedication of all band members, especially our conductors Cliff Murphy and Elaine Bean.

We are at present preparing for our 1991 trip to Limerick and of course our usual role in the Maynooth parade.

Our uniform fund is progressing very well with two-thirds of the cost already raised. Hopefully by 1992 we will reach our target. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support towards the high financial cost incurred in running the band.

Our Band Person of the Year competition was very keenly fought for, with Margaret Dempsey just one "Beat" ahead of Stephen Corcoran.

The following is the committee elected for 1991.

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P.R.O.: Margaret Dempsey.

Other Members: Kevin Boyd, Mick Hyland, Colm Carroll, Liam Kelly, Ciara Lennon, David Mulready.

As you are aware we started Junior classes last September which are progressing very well with approximately 40 members.

Plans are being made to hold a Musical Marathon on 28th April. Watch out for further details. During the summer we hope to hold recitals in various estates in Maynooth along with two engagements in Leixlip on 5th May which include a visit to Barnhall Rugby Club and Leixlip G.A.A. There's no such thing as summer holidays for members of St. Mary's band!!

On behalf of the members of the band I wish to express my sincere sympathy to the Boyd Family on the recent death of their father Michael Boyd, grandfather to Tara and also to Padraic Flood and Clodagh Myles on the death of their Grandfather William Monaghan.

On a happier "note" congratulations are in order for our chairman Michael Dempsey and his wife Josephine, who celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary on the 19th February.

P.R.O.

Margaret Dempsey.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER CLUB

Our Annual Spring Show will be held on Tuesday, April 16th. Schedules and all other information will be available from our secretary, Felicity Satchwell (tel. 6286240). Viewing will be open to the public between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m.

R. Smyth,
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

For all those children wishing to stave off boredom during the Easter Holidays - please contact the library. We are delighted to announce some competitions for children - group A, 7 years and under and group B, 8 to 12 years. The first group are asked to draw / paint a picture, and the second group are asked to write an adventure story, featuring the library. Phone us at 6285530 for details, or come along and pick up the information. Terry Hassett Henry will be presenting some wonderful prizes for these super competitions, which were sponsored by Allied Irish Banks, Ulster Banks and the Bank of Ireland.

Our juvenile borrowers will be excited to hear that at last there will be some new additions to stock - featuring the late great Roald Dahl, more adventures of Gumdrop, the famous vintage car, the Narina books, teenage romances and lots of other highly recommended reading - keep an eye on this space for details! For all aspiring borrowers, remember that it's only £1 a year for a child to join and £2 a year for adults with a further charge of 10p per item borrowed.

The FAS officer has changed his hours of attendance at Maynooth Library to the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The new hours will be 11 - 1 in the morning and 2 - 4 in the afternoon. He can be contacted at 6285477 during those hours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the benevolent people who have donated many good and interesting

books to us during the last few years - in times of economic recession libraries, being considered non-essential, are always badly hit financially. The list of donors is too long to publish, but all contributions were deeply appreciated and provided valuable new reading material for our avid borrowers.

The opening hours of Maynooth Library are as follows: Monday, 2.30-8.00p.m.
Tuesday, 2.00-5.00p.m.
Wednesday, 9.30a.m.-1.00p.m.
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Margaret Walshe-Gannon.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Over St Patrick's weekend we held our annual collection, not only at the Church gates but also at the supermarket and in the local pubs. We are delighted to be able to tell you that we raised the grand sum of £1417.18. Many, many thanks to you all for your unfailing generosity and a particular word of thanks to Mona Byrne, Barbara Nolan, Joan Carroll, Michael O'Riordan and Bridie O'Brien who helped the committee members with the collection.

Part of the money will be used immediately to pay for fuel which will be distributed to the elderly for Easter.

The Easter party will take place in the Post Primary School on



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14th April at 4pm. It will be preceded by Mass at 3.30pm. There will be an 'Easter Bonnet' competition and we are hoping for a good number of entries. This competition is not restricted to the ladies, so get to work gentlemen, please! The draw for the 10 holidays at Kirduffstown will also be held at this party.

We extend our sympathy to the wives, families and friends of James (Chicko) Dowling and Paddy Fay who died recently.

A number of our elderly are in hospital at present and we send them our special Easter greetings.

Active Age Week will be from 28th April to May 5th. We will give you details of the programme of events in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for activities or events that you would like to see included please let any of the committee know.

P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the local branch of the R.C.A.G. will take place on 3rd April in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 p.m. and the Committee welcomes new members who are interested in the refurbishment of our wonderful amenity. The Canal, together with Maynooth Castle which is also being refurbished, are two important amenities, and townspeople, and indeed those outside Maynooth, should take an interest in the work being done. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the A.G.M.

Spring Fair

Plans for the Spring Fair are now well advanced and the it will take place on 27 - 28 April, 1991. Once again we are joining forces with the Boys' National School for this major event. Many attractions are planned, full details of which will appear in the next issue. Further information may be obtained by contacting our Spring Fair Office at 6286463.

Jamboree

The Royal Canal Jamboree takes place on Sunday 12 May. Once again it will feature "It's a Knockout" as well as many other sideshows etc. The "Jamboree Queen" will be selected at a function on the night, preceeding the Jamboree, so if any of you ladies are interested in taking part or if you know someone you would like to nominate then why not contact any member of the Lions Club or the undersigned at 21 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

As usual the local R.C.A.G. had a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year the float featured local Rock Band "Falling Angel" who performed live on the float (lead vocals, Declan Molloy; lead guitar, Ken Folan; rhythm guitar, Olly Nevin; drums, Colin Hanley). Our Royal Canal Queen Miss Joyce Quirk was also on the float. The committee would like to thank the chief executive of Kingsbry Developments, Mr. Hugh Sullivan who made transport available for the float.

Jerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.

BRU BOSCO

Bru Bosco Youth Club has been open since Friday 23rd November and this is our first item in **The Newsletter**. So far we have had two great discos in the Geraldine Hall where we meet every Friday night. A great night was had by all at the Discos including Leaders. John Read, one of the leaders, is also a - wait for it - D.J., which is a great bonus to the club. Bet you all thought I was going to say something else! We have also shown a few videos which are a great success. Before I go any further I would like to thank Nuz Stop for kindly donating a T-Shirt for us to raffle at one of our discos. Our Christmas Party was another one of our successes.

Our club is always looking for new members, so feel free and come down on a Friday night between 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. to see what we get up to. We have a pool-table, a table tennis table and a section for playing darts. We also have a full size snooker table and video games nearly every 2nd Friday. We will be running tournaments in each of these games so come on and join in on the fun. I will give you the names of all our leaders in the next letter, but for now here are the names of the committee members. That's all for now, thanks for reading.

Chairperson - Brian O'Malley
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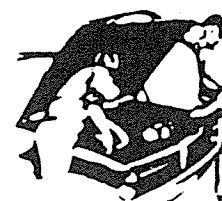
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Answer: Once the Department of Social Welfare become aware that the pensioner is in hospital the Free Telephone Rental is stopped immediately. The Free Electricity Allowance is continued for six months and is then reviewed. If the pensioner is still in hospital and is unlikely to be returning home within a short time, then the Free Electricity Allowance is also stopped. In your friend's case, they may not be aware that he is in hospital and may have thought that he had gone to live with you. So, you should inform the Free Schemes Section in Sligo about the true position and they will look into the Free Electricity Allowance for you. When he returns home he should re-apply for the Allowance.

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MAYNOOTH MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GROUP

The Birmingham Six
Saor Faoi Dheireadh

We offer our congratulations to the six men, their families and all the Birmingham Six Committees, particularly those who campaigned when it was not fashionable to do so. We would like to thank the people of Maynooth who supported our entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There are still many more cases to be looked into including Judith Ward, Martin Foran and others.

Should we not question the whole extradition scene until Irish people can be sure of a fair trial in England? Our sympathy to the families of those killed and injured in the Birmingham Bombings and we are glad to hear the Home Secretary Kenneth Baker saying that the police will now go out and find the real bombers and bring them to justice.

Hilda Dunne

S.V.P. NOTES

Sincere thanks to all volunteers who helped us with the E.C. Meat Distribution recently. Special thanks to Madeline Stynes and the I.C.A. members for their help and use of Hall. The Society hopes to organise another clothing sale during late

Spring. Donations of good quality clothing and footwear are always welcome. Please note that only items in sterling condition can be accepted and must be handed in personally to a member of the Society at our clothing store by arrangement. Good quality blankets are particularly needed. The Society are considering the possibility of organising a Home Management Course in the near future. More details on this in the next Newsletter. Any ideas regarding same would be welcome.

The Conference may be contacted as follows:-

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3. Note in S.V.P. Box in St. Mary's Church.

Pat O'Brien
Conference President

DUNBOYNE UNION OF PARISHES

Thanks to all who supported our parish in our recent raffle. The winners of the prizes are as follows:

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4th	10.30am The Eucharist.

Rev Gavin Williamson

BISHOP O'MAHONY CONFIRMS MAYNOOTH'S FINEST!

The 26th of February dawned bright and cheerful. It was an excited crowd of 122 boys and girls who gathered that day in St. Mary's Church to be confirmed. Bishop O'Mahony confirmed them and performed a beautiful ceremony complimented by the tuneful hymns sung by the fifth class choir who were accompanied by Sr. Aquinas on the organ. The sunny weather proved ideal for taking photographs in the church grounds afterwards.



Confirmation Left to Right: Eithne Cunningham, Virginia Breslin.

Congratulatory hand-shakes were the order of the day with numerous Confirmation cards being exchanged. It was an enjoyable day for all concerned.

Catherine Commane
Sixth Class

YOUTH REPORT

The band held a highly successful concert this month, including an appearance by the Junior Band on their recorders. A variety of tunes were played and all present enjoyed the music.

Both primary schools are bringing out a school newspaper. The convent has two currently running and the Boys National School is also making definite plans for the production of one. Good luck to all three publications and may they all flourish (although we claim to hope that they outsell the Newsletter!)

The Boys National School recorder band, taught by Mrs. O'Connell, recently made an appearance at the Cor Fheile in the Mansion House. They played three tunes, starting with "My Love is an Arbutus", followed by "Ode to Joy" and finishing up with "O I Did Climb a Tree-Top". They received great applause and, according to (unauthorised) inside information, a glowing

report from the judge - to quote - "They played so sweetly as to delight my ears".

Of course Confirmation took place on the 26th of February. Many seemed to be quite cool about the whole thing and it seemed as if a visit to Tallaght Square or to the cinema to see 'Kindergarten Cop' was the main event. However, rigorous training was obviously undertaken by all, especially the choir who provided excellent musical accompaniment throughout. As usual all present were well dressed and the bishop, Dermot O'Mahony, was very friendly to the children. Unfortunately he was unable to attend last year due to ill health. Thanks are obviously due to all who made it possible, with special reference to the deacons, priests and, of course, teachers.

In closing, to those of you without children, a wise use of your Quinnsworth receipts is to give them to a child you know or a school. Both primary schools, and probably the post-primary, are collecting them for an IBM computer.

ESB Community Spirit Award for John McGinley

John McGinley, Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council has been selected as an ESB Community Spirit Award Winner. The Awards are a joint Union/Management initiative established to "recognise the extensive and very valuable work done on a voluntary basis by ESB staff within their local communities." In recognition of the award Maynooth Community Council has received £100 from the ESB Participation Council in Distribution Department.

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John's selection is well deserved: since settling in Maynooth 16 years ago he has been a willing and tireless worker on behalf of the community. An active member of his resident's association, he was responsible for bringing the first piped T.V. to Maynooth. He was elected as Secretary of Maynooth Community Council when it was first established in 1984 and has served continuously on the Council since then.

It is John who has been responsible for the stewarding of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, no mean task when one is organizing over 50 floats, not to mention bands and marchers. He is an active member of the Maynooth Castle Committee and the Carton House Committee, both concerned with conserving and developing the town's historical heritage.

John is a long standing member of the Labour Party and will be one of Labour's candidates in Local Elections to be held this June. In his capacity as a local candidate he has been able to extend and develop his service to the community.

John's name will go forward to the National ESB Community Spirit Awards, to be held later this year. He stands an excellent change of winning and we wish him every success.

'MESSIAH' IN MAYNOOTH

Sunday, March 10th saw the Maynooth University Choral Society, under the directorship of Professor Gerard Gillen, perform their annual concert. This year's chosen work was G.F. Handel's great oratorio *Messiah*. A most beautiful piece, *Messiah* was performed by some 150 staff and students of the College along with members of the local community. Accompanying the choir were Mr. John O'Keeffe on the organ and 25 members of the Dublin Baroque Players directed by Mr Liam Fitzgerald. Soloists for the performance were Ms Maree-Rose Jones (Contralto) from Australia and now studying in Maynooth; Ms Frances Lucey (Soprano), who took time out from her work with the Bavarian State Opera in Germany to join the choir; Mr Conor Biggs (Bass), a well known Irish soloist and Mr Emmanuel Lawlor (Tenor), another well known, accomplished singer and soloist and old friend of Maynooth.

Set in the splendid College Chapel, the *Messiah* was attended by an audience of over 700. Chief among the dignitaries present were former president, Dr Padraig O hIrghile and his wife Maeve; their Excellencies the Ambassadors of Spain, Germany, Italy, Denmark and Portugal; Mr Peter Barry, T.D.; Dr Niall Crowley; Dr Walton Empey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare and a large number of guests of the President of the College, Msgr Miceal Ledwith and his staff.

Taking just over three hours to complete, *Messiah* was performed with great feeling and skill by the young choir, soloists and orchestra. The highlight of the concert was undoubtedly the great *Hallelujah* chorus for which the audience stood in keeping with the tradition begun by King George I. A very memorable night, the concert received a very warm and enthusiastic applause at the end. On Monday, March 11th, the choir travelled to St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy to give a second performance which was also very well received.

To all our sponsors in the Maynooth locality and in a particular way to those who attended the performance, the Music Society extends a very sincere word of thanks and appreciation.

P.J. Breen,
P.R.O.,
Music Society.

Travellers' Tales

A recent letter in the *Sunday Independent* from two Americans outlined a sad tale of woe common to many travellers. The Americans in question, two travel writers who had spent some time in Ireland gathering together information for a Guidebook, had all their possessions removed from their rented car on Sunday 2nd December by persons unknown. Among the locations visited by the unfortunate Mr and Mrs Hammond on that day was Maynooth, the Roost to be exact, where they spent all of one half hour. The Hammonds have appealed for the return of their possessions, most particularly their research material and the six rolls of film. Did anyone notice the removal of two large cases and two small bags plus one Aran sweater from a blue grey 1990 Toyota Carina on that day? The Hammonds would like to hear from them if they did - otherwise, Maynooth may receive less than glowing reports in their forthcoming guide to Ireland.

And more tourist tales:

Another letter from a tourist, this time to the *Leinster Leader*, has come to our attention. Mr John O'Brien from Dungarvan felt moved to share his experiences in the craters of the Moon to which parts of North Kildare now bear a close resemblance. Mr O'Brien, who was visiting the Bennetts of Maynooth, sings the praises of the County Council for keeping the main roads free of snow and ice during the recent cold spell. However, off the main roads, things were very different. Craters replace roadways, and he suspected Saddam had preceded him with Scud missiles. Mr O'Brien notes that the good name of Kildare will suffer from the condition of its secondary roads, especially with tourists.

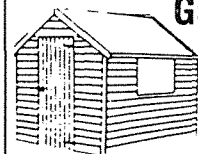


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MEMORIES OF THE 1916 RISING

Sure if we had a good tune we could sing it Mr O'Brien, but thanks for the support anyway.

Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Editorial Member, Isabelle Cartright, whose qualities have been recognised by her fellow students in the College, who presented her with the Woman of the Year award on Women's Day on March 8th. In addition to her contributions to the *Newsletter*, Isabelle, who hails from more locations than Charles J Haughey (including Cork, Kilkenny, and Surrey), is also one of the editors of *Cobweb*, a literary magazine published in the College.

Woman of Europe

And more congratulations are due to our own Battling Norah (as the *Tabloids* refer to her now). Norah McDermott has done trojan work over the last few years in the Community Council office, but some Maynooth residents may have been unaware of Norah's pathbreaking achievements on behalf of women, when she took on the Irish government (with the help of some good lawyers, admittedly), and later the European Court. Now, married women are not discriminated against under the social welfare code, and thanks to the most recent European Court decision, many women may be due refunds going back over the years, when the Irish government withheld their rightful payments.

The First Issue

Eye Hear that *Maynooth Newsletter* has been around for some time. We are not quite sure when exactly the first issue was published. Perhaps some reader out there who happens to have the first issue might contact the *Newsletter* office.

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Leaving aside the debate about whether we should celebrate, commemorate or simply forget the 1916 Rising, the following account of the events as they were experienced by the fifteen men who marched from Maynooth to the GPO has its own unique interest. This somewhat unemotional account was published in a *Maynooth GAA Guide* printed in 1967. At that stage, at least seven were still alive.

"On Easter Monday 1916, we assembled in Buckley's Yard at about 6.30p.m. There we were issued with single barrel shotguns (stereno 12 - bore) and about 2 dozen cartridges. The cartridges were a very tight fit in the chamber, and there was difficulty in extracting them after firing. We were each given a packet of sandwiches. We formed up in double file in the laneway and were ordered to proceed down the street to the College. We were followed down the street by two RIC men. As we neared the College, one of the party turned and ordered the police to go back. We proceeded through the Square to St. Patrick's and there we knelt down on the grass, while the President, Dr. Rogan administered conditional absolution. From there we left the College by the Gas House Gate, and continued on by railroad and canal back to Clonsilla, where we took to the fields. At Ashtown we rested and had a sandwich. Thence we cut across country northwards to Finglas, and below Finglas Bridge we waded across the Tolka into Glasnevin Cemetery. There we stacked arms in a water tank and dried out in the shelter of the tombstones until morning. It was very cold. In the morning we formed up, same as leaving Maynooth, and proceeded via Cross Guns Bridge and Frederick Street to the GPO where we were received by Connolly. Later on we were sent to relief of the City Hall, where in Parliament Street we took possession of the Royal Exchange Hotel."

The *Newsletter* would like to hear more of what happened then.

The following is a list of the men men who marched from Maynooth to Dublin on Easter Monday, 1916 to join the GPO Garrison:

Domhnall O'Buachalla
Patrick Colgan ✓
Patrick Kirwan ✓
Matt Maguire ✓
Tom Mangan ✓
Patrick Weafer ✓
Joseph Ledwith ✓
Jack Graves ✓
Jack Maguire ✓
Tim Tyrell ✓
Oliver Ryan ✓
Tom Harris ✓
Tom Byrne ✓
Ted O'Kelly ✓
Liam Regan ✓

We believe the 1916 Committee is still in existence - it might be appropriate to consider building a memorial, preferably to replace the 'Thing' in the Square which some of the more awful aspects of post-Rising Ireland and its approach to the environment.

Muintir Mhá Nuad

Mrs Annie Daly, O' Neill Park

Mrs Daly of O' Neill Park is, at the age of 94, the oldest woman in Maynooth. She was born Annie Monaghan in Moyglare in 1896.

Mrs Daly walked three and a half miles to school in the Presentation Convent in Maynooth where she remembers being taught by Mother John. On the day of her First Holy Communion she was brought back to the school for a treat of tea and sandwiches. Children then did not visit the extended family collecting gifts or money but if they were lucky, they might be brought into Dublin as a treat.

At the age of 19 Mrs Daly went to work in the laundry in Carton House. While living on the estate she had to be home by 10pm every night. Her family enjoyed a long tradition of service at Carton: Mr. Monaghan, her grandfather, was a shepherd on the demesne.

During this time Mrs Daly remembers going to the Band Balls in the Town Hall in the Square. This was also the venue for the Maynooth Market. Her father and three brothers played in the Brass and Reed Band. Mrs Daly recalls that her father played at Parnell's funeral. The Band Balls were open to all - not so the Hunt Balls which were the reserve of the 'upper crust'. The Maynooth Hunt incidentally met in the Square.

While working on Carton Mrs Daly cycled to Dublin to watch Larry Stanley captain Kildare in Croke Park in 1918-'19. The bike, like Mrs Daly, is still in great condition - they don't make them like that anymore.

In 1927 Annie Monaghan married Mr Daly from Laragh in Kilcock. She moved to Laragh where her husband's family had been stewards for five generations. Tragically, Mr Daly was shot in a hunting accident and Mrs Daly was left to raise three small children alone.

Her own family, the Monaghans, have lived in Maynooth for generations. Joe Monaghan, her brother, worked in the powerhouse in the college. She remembers James Monaghan once walking a herd of sheep from Roscommon to Dublin and taking a week to do so. The same man, she says, won a prize in the 1902 Spring Show for a heifer which he had raised himself.

One of her memories associated with the College is of the remains of Dr. O' Growney being brought there on the night "of the big wind".

Fr. Paddy, her nephew, has a family Bible belonging to her grandparents.

Mrs Daly remembers D'Arcy's Hotel for down-and-outs where one could get bed and breakfast for 1 penny. This was located near Puck's Bridge.

When I asked Mrs Daly what her secret was for obtaining a long life she was quite specific: "Hard work", she said, "- and be sure to have a bicycle."

GARDA TALK

Burglaries

Maynooth had its share of housebreakings last month, and we urge you please to review the security of your home or business. Fit reputable locks to windows and doors. If you see anything suspicious ring the Gardai immediately. Together we can make it difficult for the criminal. Don't forget to keep our elderly in our thoughts as well. Help them to keep unwelcome visitors at bay.

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This information is for the business community. Read carefully, and cut out. Don't let the Conman fool you.

- 1, Do not keep your cheque book or card together - if lost, report at once to your bank.
- 2, Cross all cheques written.
- 3, Be cautious of strangers who are name droppers. e.g. Fr.O'Brien the P.P. said you would change the cheque for me.
- 4, Be suspicious of customers who are indignant at requests for identification.
- 5, Be wary of cheques drawn on a bank outside this country. Should it turn out to be a dud, there is no easy remedy.
- 6, Be aware of juveniles cashing cheques: they are not legally liable for their debts.
- 7, Do not accept a cheque which shows signs of change: have the issuer write a fresh cheque.
- 8, Keep in mind that in accepting a cheque which is post-dated or cheques over a month old you are taking a chance.
- 9, Don't let the client hurry you into accepting the cheque, take all the time you need, and get answers to all your questions.
- 10, Be aware of cheques presented over bank-holiday weekends or other busy times.
- 11, Stop and think if somebody asks you to cash a cheque for a sum larger than that required to cover the transaction.
- 12, Have employees initial cheques cashed by them, and lodge all cheques promptly.

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The People Who Bring You The Newsletter - Part One

As is the case with all publications, the **Maynooth Newsletter** does not simply materialise each month out of thin air and settle itself on shop counters across the town. There is an awesome degree of planning and preparation involved in the production of each issue which begins well before the copydate and which intensifies during the final two weeks of the month. This month we take a look at behind the scenes and put faces on some of the voices on the phone. We have decided to introduce you to the Teamwork staff first of all. Next month we shall concentrate on the remaining office workers and outline the areas of work undertaken by the Community Council office staff.

Who does it?

80% of the work takes place in the Community Council offices - on Main Street above Kehoe's Delicatessen - where there will generally be found six young adults, two supervisors and anything up to seven older adults flying about imposing order on chaos. The younger group are the Teamworkers. They are employed by the Community Council for a year on the F.A.S. Teamwork Scheme and are supervised by Christina Sauls from Parson Street who is also the Community Council Office Administrator. Those aged over 25 are the S.E.S. workers - those employed for a year on the F.A.S. Social Employment Scheme. These aging flowers are supervised by the nationally revered Norah Mc Dermott, who has put fear into the Government's heart! She recently and finally won her long legal battle with the Irish Government in the European courts and is the deserving toast of Irish women everywhere. The Teamworkers are comprised of the following gallery of out and out gangsters:

1. **Michael Murphy** - escaped from another planet and was reared in Greenfield. Son of the distinguished looking, firestop-ping, soccer club supremo Lenny and the ever admired, recently plaster-of-parised Lily, Michael tortures a group of younger soccer players every week on the training pitch as their manager. He has developed a relationship with a horse over the last few months and is practising the skills of horsemanship. He is also - and not many people know this - blessed with an acute talent for rhythm, which he has occasionally brought to bear on a drum set. More often however, he practises on the office furniture. Using nothing but prit-stick, a scissors and a lighting board, Michael is one of the people who designs and lays out the ads each month in the Newsletter. Considering the limited equipment we have available, the quality of his work is exceptional and speaks for itself.

2. **Donal Fitzpatrick** - is still on another planet but visits this one from time to time. Donal has a bewildering capacity to speak and has never been known to be silent for longer than one full minute. He comes from a famous Maynooth Park family and knows nearly everybody in the nation. Donal is absolutely devoted to Acid House and Hip Hop music and wears the clothes to prove it. His ambition in life is to become a chat show host and his greatest fear is of becoming an Eskimo. He is the Stephen Hendrix of the Maynooth Snooker world. He joined us knowing nothing about ad design and lay out and is now proficient and talented in this area. He has been known to work diligently in the office until 3am, night after night, slaving over a hot ad and emerging in the morning with a minor masterpiece. Along with Michael, he will be leaving the scheme shortly and we will undoubtedly miss his input to the Newsletter.

3. **Anne Marie Thompson** - this courageous young woman donned balloons and wellingtons and led the Newsletter float down the town on St Patrick's Day - she was the one trying to be inconspicuous in the bright yellow wig. Anne Marie comes from Greenfield and is the world's best organiser of anything. She will give all things a try at least five times and has been known to cause revolution and rebellion at the drop of a hat. Unfortunately she harbours a sad admiration for Bon Jovi and no matter what we have tried she still suffers from this dreadful illness. Her ambitions in life are far too numerous to catalogue, ranging from marriage to Jon Bon Jovi to saving the whale singlehandedly. Anne Marie's voice is one of those whose charm and inflexion persuades you to take out an ad in the next issue. She is responsible for wages and so far has not absconded with all 14 cheques. She also attends the Editorial Meetings, and when not contributing she tries to make sense of everything said in order to minute it (a fairly impossible task). Anne Marie is a whizz with a typewriter and will reproduce volumes of C.V.s in seconds on a Macintosh. She will be greatly missed when her year finishes.

4. **Lorraine Tracey** - Blackeyed Biddy herself, Lorraine (who hails from Greenfield) drifts along in an artistic world of her own when she is not involved in bossing everybody into laying out the ads! She has spent the last seven months seducing advertisers over the phone into buying space in the Newsletter and has recently begun to sit at sub-committee meetings taking minutes.

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Lorraine lists her hobbies (in order of importance) as men, men and men (with an occasional interest in M.C. Hammer and Vanilla Ice). She batters the local youth around the Geraldine Hall every Friday night at the Bru Bosco Youth Club meeting and enjoys expressing herself in artistic creations of all kinds. For instance, she was the person responsible for the painting of the Mona Greaser (the R.O.A.R. Campaign sign), for designing our Christmas cards (which were all returned) and for drawing the cover of our February Newsletter (the one which never sold). In all seriousness though, Lorraine is exceptionally talented and we are extremely lucky to have her work for us.

5. **Fiona Cummins** - recently arrived from the boglands of Johnstown to startle the judges of the R.C.A.G. Fashion Show into awarding her the Best Dressed Lady before Christmas. Her outfit is still causing style-sensations in Maynooth as nobody had ever seen green, polka-dot welly boots before. Fiona's is the voice which astonishes our contributors every month, informing them (at 4.30 in the morning) that copydate is looming that evening. She is a keen learner when it comes to laying out ads, an occupation which she absolutely adores and wishes to pursue as a fulltime career. To date Fiona has knit enough jumpers to clothe a barracks and is currently working on bullet-proof tights for all the office staff (which will match the new maroon and orange uniforms she designed very late last night). A keen reader, Fiona enjoys unravelling the many mysteries listed below the letter Z in dictionaries and loves totalling up the numbers in the pages of the telephone directories. All in all, our Fiona is one in a million (listed on page 7,777) whose varied range of talents are put to excellent use in the office.

6. **Shirley Nugent** - the most recent arrival in the office, Shirley travels thousands of miles to work each day on her high nellie (from Celbridge). She suffers from a little known disease called B.T.I.M. (Bad Taste In Music) and has never found a cure for her acute symptoms of Michael-Bolton-itis. Shirley has hidden talents which are not displayed in the office - she used to be a hairdresser and has designed all the wigs we used in our float this year for the parade. She is being trained in on the ad layout section and is so far showing great promise. She looks forward to working on the Newsletter for the coming year.



Back Row: Michael Murphy, Nuala Noonan, Fiona Cummins. Front Row: Annemarie Thompson, Lorraine Tracey, Donal Fitzpatrick.

Starblasts

Minerva Murphy (known as Big Dipper in occult circles) continues her monthly assault on the gentle individual via her horoscopes. Again, we issue our usual warning - Minerva delights in predicting bad fortune and where possible she will invent it.

Pisces (Feb 20 - March 20)

It appears that you will stumble into an entire barracks of new friends this month but don't worry - once they get to know you, you will be back to your normal solitary existence by the end of the month. Go easy on the whiskey as prices are set to rise somewhere near mid month (which I have to say is by far the worst sight I have ever encountered in my crystal ball. Pray that it was only a passing reflection).

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Well aren't you the gobdaw! Not content with squandering a small fortune in the first week of April you go on to land yourself in debt to the tune of £4,000 during the next fortnight. The situation can be averted however if you avoid traipsing off to every auction which presents itself to your notice. You might also be able to convince yourself that you really can exist without a fireplace in the bathroom.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23rd)

Prepare for a sudden descent of family on the 19th. They will arrive en masse and they will expect to be treated like tourists for a week. Hide.

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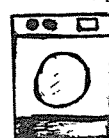
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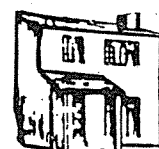
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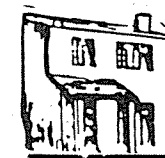
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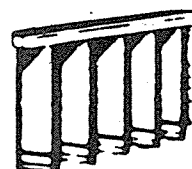
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Starblasts Continued

Libra (September 24th - October 23rd)

This could be an extremely critical month where friends and loved ones are concerned. Whatever happens from the 9th to the 25th do not be tempted to open your mouth. It is almost inevitable that you are going to unleash havoc when you speak and possibly cause serious bodily harm. Loosen up and rapidly cultivate tolerance or you're finished.

Capricorn (December 23rd - January 20th)

God help you this month - Saturn is ploughing through your delicate cusps with little or no regard for the prominent ascendancy of Uranus so expect an emotional wallop from the rear which could all but propel you to 1992. Get all unfinished business completed before the 10th and be ready to expect anything. Try to recall to mind every single relationship you ever had and be particularly precise about the ones you ditched.

Taurus (April 21st - May 21st)

Expect to be hearing from a friend who is distraught, depressed and on the verge of breakdown towards the middle of the month. Your success at bringing hope and joy back into this person's life (after an intense fortnight) will result in a queue to your door. An opportunity presents itself for the acquiring of money (lots of it) which is somehow or other related to the profferment of tea and sympathy mentioned above. I can do no more than hint - the rest is up to you.

Leo (July 24th - August 23rd)

Yet another sickening injection of cash into your coffers this month and what's more, an item of luxury will become yours for a bargain price on the 17th. However, this string of good fortune could be dangerously close to termination and only the presentation of a very expensive gift (of a car) to a certain fortune teller will guarantee its continuance. You have to choose the recipient very carefully indeed or plague and damnation will be hurled upon your head (I can be contacted for expert advice on the matter at any time, day or night, at any place you care to mention).

Scorpio (October 24th - November 22nd)

An explosion of some sort or other is indicated for the first week of the month. Luckily you now have new fire extinguishers so you can cope with anything going blast in your home. However, I suspect that this particular explosion will be an emotional one and will centre around a rusty object with four legs (or are they wheels?). Whatever it is, it will rise phoenix-like from the midst of chaos and continue to inspire warfare for another few years. It might even reproduce.

Aquarius (Jan 21st - Feb 19th)

Having double checked my vision and called for my assistant to rub the dust from my crystal ball, I was still confronted with the sight of an Aquarian marriage in the last week of April. There are very few occasions which warrant immediate flight but I must inform you that this is one of them. With all of the haste capable of propelling you, flee as far from such a situation as is humanly possible and never - I repeat, never - set foot next or near the proposer of such a disaster for as long as you live.

Gemini (May 22nd - June 21st)

Is it possible that you could be contemplating an occasion of frivolity and lust and licentiousness for the final week-end in April? If so, I demand to be invited and should I not get a formal

request to attend before next Tuesday I shall tell you exactly what every other sign in the Zodiac thinks of you.

Virgo (August 24th - September 23rd)

I'm sorry to have to tell you that yes, you are quite correct, - everybody you've met in the last week has regretted doing so and you are the major topic of conversation in Maynooth now that the war is over. You'd better go back beneath the handbasin till the summer when you'll have plenty of shrubbery to camouflage your appearance out onto the street.

Sagittarius (November 23rd - December 22nd)

Stay in bed for the month. Don't think about work. Don't eat dried food and stock up on plasters, vitamins, cough bottles, tablets and lotions. Pay a doctor to sit in your bedroom daily and have a speedy mode of transport at the ready at all times. On the 5th of the month you will be told that you passed an examination or test (possibly a driving test) and the shock of this news will reduce you to ash for at least four weeks.

Minerva (Big Dipper) Murphy

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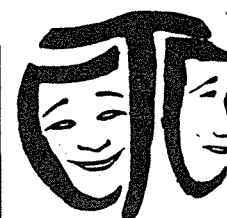
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Solution to Crossword No.40

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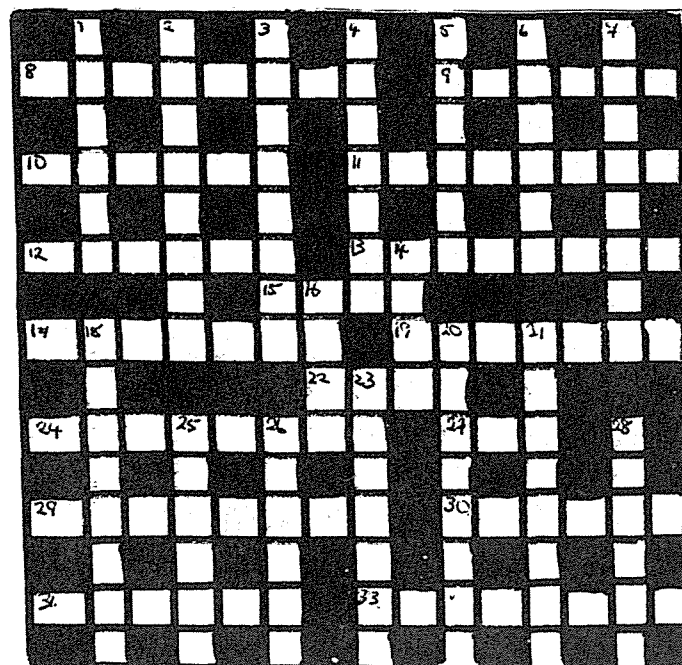
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Across

8. Mitigate (8)
9. Kind of acid (6)
10. Two (6)
11. Pertaining to exotic fruits? (8)
12. Deadly vehicle? (6)
13. Respected (8)
15. Facial projection? (4)
17. Preaching boxes (7)
19. Secrete milk (7)
22. Slouch (4)
24. Forest for his Merry Men? (8)
27. Bobby's first wife in Florida (3)
29. Disgusting expressions? (8)
30. Downright (6)
31. Underground room (6)
32. Carries out - even to death? (8)

Down

1. City in Pakistan, Oh real? (6)
2. Balderdash (8)
3. Footpath (8)
4. Piers or wharves (7)
5. Spicy stew (6)
7. Fine wire used in light-bulbs (8)
14. Exchange for money (4)
16. Capital of Norway (4)
18. Safe, unscathed (8)
22. A to Z (8)
21. Fearful (8)
23. Wanderings of Ulysses (7)
25. Wander (6)
26. Happens (6)
28. Peril (6)



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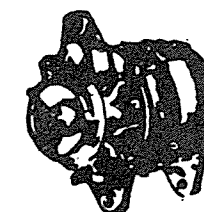
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The Thing 2000.

[A Song by G. Martin.

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As I was passing through Maynooth in the county of Kildare
I thought I'd like to take a break and sit down in the square
I stopped my car to do just that and nearly lost my mind
For I discovered a — before me and behind;
For I etc..

Imagine then my panic as I gazed with startled eyes
I thought the crazy object was put there to terrorize;
I looked for help and one man said as he banged and locked his
door,

"Oh get far away with your — and don't come back no more!"
"Oh get etc..

I ran like hell no need to say as the good man said I should,
To tell the local sergeant and to help out if I could;
but when my story he had heard he said with heartless grin,
"Oh be off from here with your hoax — and don't come back
again!"

"Oh be off etc..

Now I had heard the Parish Priest was a kind and holy man,
So to his humble residence with eager step I ran;
He heard my story to the end and then without pretence,
Suggested that my — would fade with abstinence:
Suggested that etc..

My faith now gone in Law and Church one card remained
unplayed,

So to a nearby hostelry my anxious way I made;
'Midst pulls of pints they heard me out and then laughed one and
all:

"We once heard of a — at least ten times as tall";

"We once etc.."

Now that was many years ago yet I have carried on,
And my oft-repeated story has been mocked by everyone;
But now I think I'll join their ranks and face up to the truth,
For there couldn't have been a — in the middle of Maynooth;
For there etc..

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Provision of Crash Barrier

John Mc Ginley has asked deputy Emmet Stagg to make representations concerning the provision of a crash barrier on the corner of the Dublin Road and Main Street. The delay in replacing the previous one is unacceptable.

Dumping at Blacklion

The condition of this once beautiful laneway is disgraceful. There are four cars dumped in the ditch along the lane as well as domestic refuse. John Mc Ginley has requested that the area be cleaned up by Kildare County Council as a matter of urgency. Some resurfacing work is also required on the road.

Provision of Footpath

At the request of John Mc Ginley, Deputy Stagg has tabled a motion for consideration at the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting concerning the provision of a footpath from the exit of Doctor's Lane onto Main Street to link up with the present one longer be tolerated where pedestrians have to walk through large craters on their way to Maynooth Shopping Centre from their homes.

Kingsbry Estate

Following representations made by John Mc Ginley, through Emmet Stagg, Kildare County Council have undertaken to bring a number of matters to the attention of the developer. These include tree planting, public lighting and the removal of builders' rubble. The developer has been asked to complete this work and has been told that public lighting and landscaping must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

Maynooth By-Pass

John Mc Ginley has recently informed the residents of estates off Straffan Road that he will continue to press to have plans for the proposed link road in the area put on display as early as possible. The County Engineer has indicated that the plans should be available for inspection within the next four to six weeks.

Annual Conference

Fourteen delegates from the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party have been chosen to attend the Party's Annual Conference to be held in Kilarney on the week-end of the 5th - 7th of April. P.R.O. of the local branch, Peter Connell, has been chosen by the Kildare Constituency Council to contest elections to the Party's Administrative Council.

Moyglare Road

During the recent wet weather residents of Moyglare Village resorted to using wooden planks to cross the very impressive puddles and potholes which feature on the road into the town. Both John Mc Ginley and Emmet Stagg continue to press Kildare County Council to carry out the necessary repair work in this area. John Mc Ginley has also made representations to the E.S.B. to remove dangerous stay wires which crossed the footpath on the Moyglare Road and these wires have recently been removed.

WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

Public Lighting In Maynooth.

A comprehensive survey of public lighting in Maynooth has highlighted just how bad the situation is in the town. The survey, carried out by the Maynooth Branch of the Worker's Party in late February, concentrated on identifying poorly lit areas around the town, as well as noting cases of non-functioning lamps.

Maynooth has a particular need for good public lighting, because of the high level of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the town. This is mainly due to the big student population, but also involves a high proportion of local families with young children. A number of recent attacks on female students has drawn particular attention to the problem, as has the very poor state of roads and footpaths, which makes "blind" walking and cycling very hazardous.

The survey shows that "dark spots" abound in Maynooth, due to insufficient lights and both inadequate strength and poor siting of those lights which are actually present. Non-working lights (22 were found in all) only add to the problem. In particular, the lighting on main roads in the town (apart from the Dublin-Galway road) is extremely poor, and belongs to another age. In the housing estates, there is no regularity in the distances between lights, and many lights are very badly placed in relation to the needs of pedestrians. Green areas in general are very badly illuminated.

A detailed report of the survey, outlining deficiencies in each estate and road, has been sent to Kildare County Council, the ESB, Maynooth Garda Station, and Maynooth Community Council. Copies can be obtained by calling 6285241. The survey is accompanied by a call by Commissioner Catherine Murphy, (Workers' Party County Council candidate for the Celbridge Electoral Area) for a uniform national set of regulations and standards regarding public lighting, and for rigid enforcement of these standards at local level.

Local Elections Fiasco

While County Council elections are to go ahead in June of this year, this will still leave Maynooth without any local council of its own. The proposal to set up district councils in each county, which arose from the report of an expert committee set up by the government, has not been acted upon. This means a denial of real democracy at the level of the local community. It is likely that such a district council would combine Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip in the North Kildare area. This might not be a bad thing, as the problems of these three towns are very similar, as they arise mainly from rapid overspill growth from Dublin. Indeed, one could ask about the wisdom of sticking to the old county structures at all, as Maynooth is now, in effect, part of the Greater Dublin area - and is commonly regarded as such by certain officials in Kildare County Council.

It is also much more likely that Carton Estate would by now have been taken over by Dublin County Council, if it was part of that county. This is based on the fact that Dublin County Council has already bought several such properties in its own area of jurisdiction in recent years.

Meanwhile, it is to be hoped that the Government will appoint a Commissioner to review the electoral area boundaries for the forthcoming county council elections, in the light of recent population changes. Population growth in the Celbridge Electoral Area warrants an extra seat to add to the existing five. Certainly, we could do with an extra voice in North Kildare in order to highlight the dreadful state of local authority services in the area.

Condom Controversy

It is interesting to note that the Catholic Church spokesmen who have spoken out against the proposal to liberalise the availability of condoms have been inclined to argue on the basis of the social consequences of such a move, rather than on the basis of personal morality. However, even here they have been wide of the mark.

Studies from several other countries show that an extension in the availability of condoms tends to lead to significant reductions in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases. It is always better to face up to a serious social problem rather than hoping it will go away.

It will be interesting to see if the Government waters down its proposals in the face of sectional opposition, despite the clear majority in favour of change demonstrated by a recent opinion poll.

FINE GAEL NOTES

The Freeing of Kuwait

During a discussion at the February meeting of the branch there was general support for the actions of the Coalition forces in the Gulf war. The support given to Saddam Hussein by the leader of the Workers Party and prominent members of the Labour Party gave rise to concern at the type of regime these parties might impose should they ever attain power here. It would appear that following the collapse and ousting of their role models in Eastern Europe, especially Romania, the Workers Party and at least some of the Labour Party see the Iraqi dictator as an acceptable replacement father figure.

Labour Supports Cuts

Addressing the AGM of the Kildare Constituency Executive, Mr. John Bruton said that in abstaining on the Dail vote on the Programme for Economic and Social Progress the Labour Party has in effect given support to the £900m. in extra taxes and cuts that implementation of this programme would entail. Their performance raised serious questions concerning the credibility of Labour party representatives, particularly in Kildare, who purported to be concerned about the plight of the sick, the elderly and the less well off; the very people who will be most affected by the cuts Labour now support.

Chaos on Main Street

In view of the difficulty in getting up Main Street experienced by drivers emerging from Parsons Street and the Harbour it is surely time that the powers that be provide the traffic lights approved for this junction by the planners. Otherwise driver frustration is likely to result in a serious accident.

Ministerial Replies to Questions from Bernard Durkhan T.D.

Closure of Kelly's Bakery

Asked by Bernard Durkhan if he (a) intended to take any action to avert the closure, (b) expected the bread price war to continue, and (c) intended to initiate any investigations into the circumstances of the closure, the Minister Mr. O'Malley said that to lay the blame for the closure exclusively at the door of the temporary reductions in the price of bread was to ignore reality. There was overcapacity and a need for rationalisation in the industry, he said. Newer bakeries provided competition for the older less efficient operations. During a previous round of competition the Director of Consumer Affairs had investigated the situation and concluded that (a) there was no evidence of below cost selling as defined in the order, and (b) that using the most efficient methods bread could be produced economically and sold at least in the short term at the prices then being charged. He (the Minister) saw no need for any further studies to be undertaken.

Political Party Notes

Bernard Durkhan felt this reply was most disappointing. He said it was ridiculous for the Minister and the Government to wash their hands of an industry established for 126 years. To ignore the cause of the massive redundancies in the Baking Industry betrays either a lack of concern for the industry and for employment generally or a lack of knowledge that, in the Minister's own words, "temporary" reductions in price will not be in the long term interest of the housewife.

Commuter Rail and Bus Services

Replying to questions from Bernard Durkhan concerning his plans for commuter rail and bus services the Minister for Transport said that "Investment plans include proposals for extensive commuter diesel rail services to the Western suburbs. The Maynooth line has already been upgraded by the addition of four new stations. The project has been included for E.C. assistances in the Operational Programme for Peripherality. I am also preparing legislative proposals for the liberalisation of bus service to encourage greater competition between public and private bus operators."

Dangerous chemicals

Responding to a question from Bernard Durkhan concerning the amount of dangerous substances transported by rail the Minister for Transport said that, excluding petroleum products, about 220,000 tonnes of dangerous substances viz. acrylonitrile, methyl acrylate and liquid ammonia, were transported by rail. Acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate are normally routed from the North Wall to Ballina via Portarlinton, Athlone and Claremorris. Routes and timetables of these trains are advised to the various emergency services. The maximum speed of trains transporting dangerous substances is 50 m.p.h. for ammonia and 40 m.p.h. for acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate. In addition there are barrier wagons on both ammonia and acrylonitrile trains. A scheme for alert and co-ordination of Emergency Services and other organisations in the event of an incident or accident involving one of these trains has been drawn up. It provides for the identification of substances, raising the alarm and rendering the site safe. Exercises are held from time to time to test the operational capability of the scheme.

COLLEGE NOTES

New Sabbatical Officers

After a campaign which placed the American Presidential Election in the shade as regards razzmatazz, the students of Maynooth College elected a new President and Vice-President for their Student Union on March 14 last. With five candidates for each post, competition for the position this year was particularly keen, and the College was awash with posters of all sorts, with every student, it seemed, displaying badges and rosettes for their preferred favourites. Information desks, publicity stunts and loudspeakers were further features of the campaign.

At the end of it all, the victorious candidates were Geraldine Delaney (President) and Sean O'Reilly (Vice-President). Geraldine, one of only two women candidates in the field, is a postgraduate student in Sociology and is from County Tipperary. Sean O'Reilly is a final year B.A. student and hails from Dundalk. They both take up their one-year full-time positions on July 1st next. We offer them both our congratulations and wish them well in the tasks lying before them.

College Notes

Table Quiz

The 5.05 Club, the college staff social club, held a successful and very enjoyable table quiz in Slim's on March 11th last. There were eleven tables in all, who endured willingly the trials and tribulations of Colm Nelson's set of questions without even a hint of a lynching party afterwards. The winning team was led by Bill Tinley (poetry in motion) and Jim Walsh (answering as fast as a chemical reaction). The student assisting them wishes to remain anonymous in order to avoid guilt by association.

'Messiah' in the College

The Maynooth University Choral Society presented Handel's 'Messiah' in the College Chapel on Sunday 10th March. This oratorio was last performed in the College in 1987, when the tenors did themselves less than justice. However, this time around, the Choir was in fine voice throughout, all 156 of them. The soloists were Frances Lucey, soprano; Maree Rose Jones, Contralto; Emmanuel Lawlor, Tenor; and Conor Biggs, bass. Emmanuel Lawlor, who was in second year when he last sang in this role, has now graduated from Maynooth, and is developing an international career. Maree Rose Jones, from Australia, is new to Irish music. However, she is pursuing a Masters Degree in Performance at Maynooth and we can look forward to hearing her fine voice again. It should be said that while the soloists performed adequately, they were not as impressive as soloists in previous years, while the choir outshone themselves. It seems such a pity that performances are so limited with one in the College Chapel and a second this year in St Aidan's Cathedral in Eniscorthy. With so much effort invested in bringing these performances to fruition, why not provide more opportunities for the public to enjoy this wonderful music? Tickets were difficult to obtain, so it is obvious that there would be enough demand to fill seats for at least a second night's performance in the College Chapel.

Finally, among the principal guests were former President Hillery and Mrs Hillery. Mrs Robinson was unable to attend due to commitments in Galway. Sadly, the lovelorn swain who enlivened the proceedings at last year's performance of *Elijah* was not in attendance this year.

College Ball

Last month about 500 young and some old enough to know better donned their dress suits and long dresses to dance the night at the College Ball. This annual event was organised by the Classics and Literary and Debating societies.

The tickets were £15 per head which included a meal and transport. It was held in the Ard Boyne Hotel in Navan in both the ballroom (holding 140) and the "Boyne" suite holding 360. Those in the ballroom were entertained, if that's the correct term, by Dr Keith Sidwell who sang his own version of the "Mountains of Mourne". This was a treat denied to the majority who instead said grace led by Mr Paul Thornton. Speeches were also made by Mr Vincent P. Martin president of the Students' Union and Ms Francis-Mary Long.

It is perhaps churlish to relate that not only were the elite in the Ballroom entertained by Dr Sidwell but were also fed first. Dr Sidwell was a guest of the Committee as was Prof. Barbara Hayley, head of the English Dept.

The meal included vegetable soup, turkey and ham, roast and creamed potatoes, creamed cauliflowers and carrot and turnip mix followed by sherry trifle and tea and coffee. A vegetarian meal was also available but the reporter could get no details about this.

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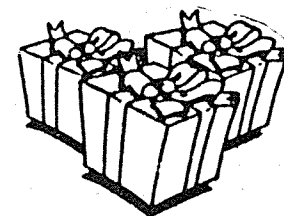
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Street Talking

The meal was followed by local band, **Replay**, who specialised in golden oldies. A nostalgic theme which was carried on by the hotel's resident d.j. Mr John Bird, an obvious Beatles' fan. The music stopped eventually at 2.30 when 500 exhausted people were driven back to Maynooth and some to Dublin. A good-humoured night was had by all thanks to the organising committee of Mr Geoff Cooney, Paul Thornton, Frances-Mary Long and Carol Clifford (a former member of the Editorial Board of *The Newsletter*).

STREET TALKING

Moyglare Nursing Home

On the first of March last, Moyglare Nursing Home was opened by Mr. Brian Lenihan T.D. who in a brief speech said it was "an appropriate enterprise in the Ireland of the 90's to care for our elderly and convalescent".

The Home itself stands on two acres of private grounds. It is purpose built and is approved and subvented by the Eastern Health Board. It will cater for 15 people, both the elderly and those convalescing.

There are 13 private bedrooms and two semi private, some en-suite. The cost per week ranges from £180 for a semi-private room to £220 for a private room en-suite. Eventually it is hoped to have a staff of four, two nurses, a cook and a cleaner. The owner, herself a qualified nurse, Nuala Doyle, hopes to recruit her staff locally. Those wishing to contact Nuala may do so at 6289022.

Art Exhibition

The Bank of Ireland shed its image of a staid financial institution and played host to the paintings of Mr. Sean Walsh of Straffan. The paintings themselves were abstract expressionist with a great exuberance in colour. It was a welcome display of visual art in Maynooth which is sadly lacking any permanent art gallery.

Larine House

Street Talking is pleased to see that the decorators have begun work on Larine House which is to be opened by the Eastern Health Board for ex-psychiatric patients.

Fusciardi's

The decorators were also at work on the front of Fusciardi's take away. It is nice to see a shop maintaining its street face. Perhaps the Allied Irish Bank would get the painters in as well.

Vegetarians at the L.A.

It has come to the notice of Street Talking that the Leinster Arms Carvery and Restaurant are not pleased. What has displeased them most is the suggestion that they neglect the vegetarian palate. Not so! says Mary the manageress of the Leinster Arms Restaurant. Any vegetarian will be catered for in either the carvery or the night time restaurant if they are given prior notice of their intending to eat there. And of course it goes without saying that the rest of us meat eaters are also well served by Mary and her staff. The LA remains an ideal spot for that important meal be it romantic, social, or merely business.

Bin there, saw that.

Congratulations to the Bank of Ireland for placing a litter bin beside their "Pass" machine. This should greatly reduce the amount of advice slips flying around Maynooth.

Sports News

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The AGM of Maynooth Golfing Society was held on Monday February 11 last in the Leinster Arms, Maynooth. The meeting was well attended and the following officers and committee were elected for the forthcoming season.

President John Carey
Secretary Dominic Nyland
Treasurer Joe Moore
Captain Paddy Foy
Vice-Captain Sean Tracey
Committee:

M. Dempsey, T. Sheehan, P. Brazil, E. Kavanagh, R. Delamere, J. Ryan, G. McTiernan, D. Roberts, M. Scanlon, W. Moore.

The Society members travelled to the Heath Golf Club, Portlaoise on March 9 last for their first outing of the year. The weather conditions were ideal for golf and all 39 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Heath Golf Club for making their course available to us and in particular to the catering staff for the magnificent meal provided on the day.

Results from The Heath, March 9th.		Points
1st Overall	S. Feeney (10)	37
2nd Overall	D. Roberts (14)	36 (on back 9)
Class 1		
1st	E. Ledwith (10)	35 (on back 9)
2nd	N. Herteich (9)	35
3rd	R. Delamere (11)	34 (on back 9)
Class 2		
1st	J. Downey (15)	36
2nd	M. Hall (17)	33
3rd	M. Dempsey (14)	32
Class 3		
1st	T. McMenamin (17)	33
2nd	P. Brazil (32)	32
3rd	T. Flatley (21)	31
Front 9	K. Dukes (16)	20
Back 9	W. Moore (21)	19
Visitors	B. Carty (28)	32

The 1991 first round Matchplay Draw was held at the above venue and some very interesting pairings were drawn. The details of the draw and rules are posted on the Maynooth Golfing Society Notice Board in Caulfields. The Society will be very soon selling tickets for their Annual 500 Club Draw which was so successful last year. The draw will take place on May 16 in Caulfields Lounge. The prize fund is as follows:

1st prize - £1000, 2nd prize - £500, 3rd prize £250 and 10 prizes of £100. Tickets will be £10 each and will be available very soon from any committee member. We hope that those people who have supported us in the past will continue to do so.

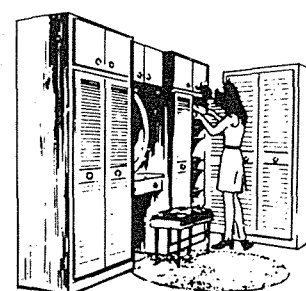
Our week-end outing this year is to Oughterard from May 17-19. Those intending to travel should contact a committee member as soon as possible. We are again looking forward to another fabulous week-end away.

Listed below are the trips remaining for the 1991 season.

April 27th	- Tullamore
May 17-19	- Oughterard (week-end)
June 15	- Athlone (Seamus Moore Memorial)
July 20	- Edenderry (Captains Prize)
August 24	- Cavan (President's Prize)
October 12	- Headford

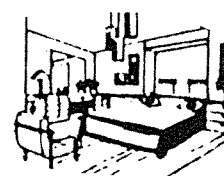
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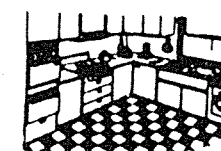


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Sports News

NORTH KILDARE RUGBY CLUB

At a reception in North Kildare Rugby Club details were announced of their forthcoming Heineken Rugby 7 A-Side Tournament on Easter Sunday commencing at 1.30 p.m.



Left to Right: Jack Simon, Tournament Director, Frank Robinson, President North Kildare Rugby Club, David Creevey, Heineken Sales Manager and Dave Bruton, Captain, North Kildare R.F.C.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

The good news is we have a Committee to run the 1991 Games, thanks to those who turned out at the re-convened A.G.M. In spite of the fact that it was not a big turn out, a committee was elected. They are:-

Chairperson	- Elis O'Malley, 5 Laurence Avenue
Secretary	- Shay Lynch, 20 Cluain Aoibhinn
Treasurer	- Madeline Stynes, Moneycooley
Vice-Chairperson	- Tom Purcell, 49 Laurence Avenue
Asst. Secretary	- Breda Gormally, 91 Carton Court
P.R.O.	- Phil McLoughlin, 54 Cluan Aoibhinn

Committee:-

Margaret McLoughlin, Bernie O'Shea, Jim Fleming, Frances Kearney, Marie Gleeson and Fiona O'Connor.

Indoor team entries are Badminton, Draughts u10 and u14 years, Volleyball, boys and girls u16, Basketball girls u16 and Variety mixed under 16. If interested in any of the above, contact any member of the committee.

Norah McDermott was thanked for all her work involving the Games for the past twelve years since they were founded in Maynooth. Since moving house she is now inside the Leixlip boundary and at present is Treasurer of Leixlip and also Treasurer of Kildare Community Games. Norah wished the Games every success in the future, and hoped that with the new committee, they will go from strength to strength.

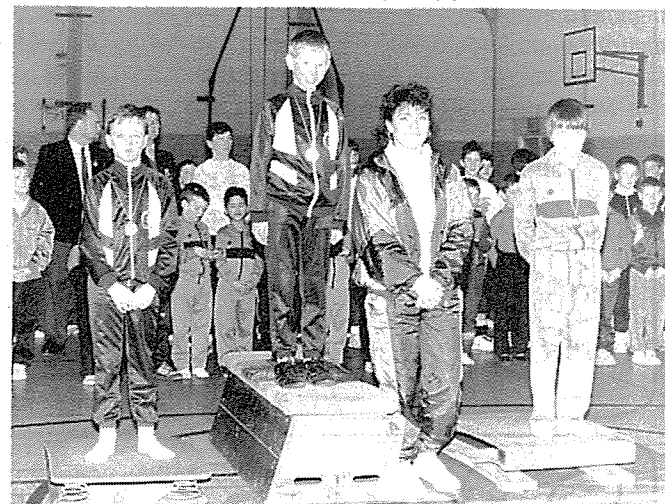
The Games are for all boys and girls resident within the boundary areas of Maynooth, and who are under 17 years on 31st July, 1991. Watch out for posters advertising all the coming events. Congratulations again this year to the O'Shea Family who for the second year have won the family involvement trophy for their performances in the 1990 games, and to Enda Lyons who won the best overall individual cup for his performance in the 1990 Games in Maynooth.

The following were presented with Certificates for representing Maynooth and Kildare in the National Finals in Mosney:- Josephine Fay, Gymnastics; Paula O'Shea, Gymnastics; Michelle Cunningham, Art; Anna Flood, Lorraine Farrell, Susan Dillon, Aoife Callaghan, Elaine Fleming and Jane Edmonds - Swimming.

We take this opportunity to wish all boys and girls every success in 1991.

Would the holders of all perpetual trophies from last year's Games please return same to Maynooth Community Council Offices, Main Street, Maynooth, on or before Friday 12th April 1991, 5pm.

MAYNOOTH MEDAL WINNER IN GYMNASTICS



John Moran, Leinster Park, came 2nd in All Ireland Gymnastics in Cork.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Once again we are getting nearer the Summer Project. Our Registration date is Tuesday 2 July in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth at 10.30 a.m. We have all our usual outings e.g., swimming, picnics, games, bowling and Donadea Forest etc. The Project will start on Wednesday 7 July. A timetable of all events will be sent out before the holidays and the project is for children from 7 years upwards. We will also have some night time events for the thirteen plus, which were well attended last year. The usual highlight of our Project is the Summer Camp and we hope to be able to have same this year and that depends on the adults available at the time. Watch out for more news in future editions of the Newsletter.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the continuing wet weather games have been few, and the ones that were played proved to be large disappointments. Having advanced to the later stages of two prestigious cup competitions expectations were high but alas a rude shock awaited us on two fronts. Our first team made their exit from the Dalton and Sheeran Cups on successive Sundays and heads hung low as a result. Hopefully, we can raise our spirits and mount a serious challenge for League honours later in the season. Our second team have had no games since our last report but are looking forward to their quarter final game against Silver Granite in the Conway Cup. Our Schoolboys teams have also been idle and they too are eagerly awaiting the resumption of games.

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Sports News

Dalton Cup

Maynooth Town 0 Park Celtic 2

We fell to two sucker punches in this game which we had every chance of winning but shot-shyness in front of goal proved a costly error. Goals from set pieces ensured our exit when a penalty and free kick were converted by the opposition to dump us out at the quarter-final stage.

Sheeran Cup

Maynooth Town 1 Willow Park (Athlone) 2

An early goal by Tom Donovan failed to inspire us to victory where defensive errors presented two soft goals to Willow Park which proved our undoing. The subsequent bombardment of the opposition's goal failed to reap any benefits and the disappointment of the previous week was further compounded by this lack lustre display.

Disappointments on the playing field are part and parcel of a long season and are usually forgotten with the next good result and can usually be rectified by the players themselves by raising their game. Other events can often leave an indelible mark which can seldom be rectified without public help and extra vigilance on everyone's part.

The event I refer to took place recently. When checking pitch conditions for a recent game it was discovered that attempts were made to burn our recently acquired dressing rooms. We are currently in the process of refurbishing the dressing rooms to bring our changing facilities up to a comfortable standard. Evidence of attempted arson was most noticeable and fortunately damage was light but further repairs will be necessary. Funds to purchase the dressing rooms were provided by the public who have supported us in any fund raising events we launched. It is most disheartening to think that there is an element present who would try to deprive our community of a facility which is being provided for our senior players and our children who enjoy taking part in a healthy activity.

We received a welcome boost recently when it was announced that our 1st team Manager Vincent McKenna was appointed to take charge of L.F.A.'s league team in representative matches against the Welsh F.A. This is a very important appointment for Vincent and is just reward for the hard work he has put into this club whereby we can compete with the best. We are confident now that he can bring honour to our clubs with his assistant Des Farrell also playing a major part.

We were saddened recently by the death of James (Chicko) Dowling who was always a staunch supporter of our club. Any club function he attended was always enriched by his considerable repertoire of funny events and jokes. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

The month of March produced some very satisfying results, particularly in the Challenge Cup. We have now reached the semi-finals of the blue riband competition for the second time in three years.

League Division 2

Summerhill Celtic (1) 3 College Green (3) 5

McGroarty -3, Ray Brougham, Hughes.

Matches against Summerhill are invariably uncompromising, entertaining and high scoring. This game followed the usual pattern. Thanks to a hat-trick from the Donegal "box-hitter" and

an outrageous goal from Ray Brougham we were 4-1 up after 50 minutes and coasting. The home side pinned us in our own areas for the next half an hour, until David Batty's ancestor, John Hughes, grabbed our fifth to move it 5-2. Summerhill again reduced the deficit, before an unknown player missed a penalty, which would have been his fourth goal.

League Div.2

Killua Wanderers (0) 0 College Green (2) 2

2 - Cantwell and Hughes

Who cares - Our netminder extraordinaire Malachy McCann need not even have woken up at half-time to change ends. Footing turf in Bellarorick bog would have been more interesting.

Challenge Cup - Quarter Final

Bailieboro Celtic (1) 1 College Green (1) 2 after extra time.

The trip to pothole-strewn Co. Cavan was almost as interesting as the game itself. They could do with a visit from the "Pothole Princess", Fran Walsh.

After an indecisive start we were caught napping by the home side after 20 minutes. For the remainder of the opening half we dominated. A McGovern corner kick perfectly found the boot of McGroarty to make it 1-1 after 40 minutes. The opening quarter of an hour in the second half was ours, but for the remainder of normal time Bailieboro were on top. It took a superb one-handed save from McCann to keep us afloat mid-way through the second half. The "man in the iron mask" McGovern had an outstanding game - obviously the Cavan air (he and his mask are now booking for pantos). Cavan's other prodigal son, Thomas Martin had an excellent match also. The grafting of the "Rapper" Rattigan and John Hughes in the middle produced a succession of set pieces, from which the home keeper made a string of top class saves. "Hop along" Brougham swept at the back with commendable composure. Extra time resulted and largely we had the better of exchanges. With a minute to go Eanna O'Boyle, our supersub, forced the Celtic keeper to move a fine outrushing save. The Dublin man recovered the loose ball and crossed to McGroarty, who headed home for the winner.

League Div. 2

College Green (0) 1 Navan Celtic (1, 1

McGovern

We dominated this game from start to finish and produced some superb passages of football. A very well struck shot gave Navan the lead after five minutes. It wasn't until the 87th minute that Paddy Govern restored parity from the penalty spot. A point lost perhaps, but we were relieved to save a point at the end. Another day might have seen seven or eight goals.

Cup Semi-Final

This game will probably be on Sunday the 7th or 14th April, in the afternoon. Supporters are desperately needed to augment the handful of desperados who usually follow our fortunes. The venue will be neutral, probably in the Navan area.

Dutch Tour

Club coach (and erstwhile tour bus) Paddy McGovern is well advanced with proposals to organise the "Tulips to Amsterdam" tour in May next. A strong squad is being assembled for this "Mother of all tours". What will Holland make of our total football? Will the Chair of the Community Council wave us off at the Airport?

Yours in Sport

Declan Forde.

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Regarding the demolition of the castle ... there's no April Fool

like an old April Fool, is there?!!

Sports News

TAE KWON-DO NEWS.

Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School was visited recently by a Sixth Degree Black Belt of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association, Mr. Anthony Phelan who gave a class and then conducted a grading examination for a number of students. Students who upgraded were: John McLoughlin, Andrew Clarke, Bernadette Dennehy, Stephen Hallihan, Roisin Madden, Adrian Kilkenny, Eunan O'Boyle, Garrett Walsh, Cathal Power and Greville Stockil.

Tae Kwon-Do in Maynooth has proven to be very successful, and since the appointment of the school's first Black Belt (Antoinette Mooney) last year, is once again, under pressure to start another course for beginners, young and not-so-young. Enquiries can be made to the Parish Hall on Mondays 7-8p.m., Tuesdays, 8.30-9.30p.m. and Saturdays, 11a.m.-12noon.

Instructors:

Gerard McClelland 3rd Dan.

Michael Devereux 2nd Dan.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Senior Football League: Fixtures 1991

Sunday 24 March - Home to Confey - 3p.m.

Sunday 31 March - Away to Straffan - 11.30 a.m.

Sunday 7 April - Home to Ardclough - 3p.m.

Sunday 21 April - Away to Sallins - 3p.m.

Tuesday 23 April - Home to Kilcullen - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 30 April - Home to Cappagh - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 7 May - Home to Two-Mile-House - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 14 May - Away to Athgarvan - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 21 May - Away to Eadestown - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 11 June - Away to Nurney - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 2 July - Away to Ballykelly - 7.30 p.m.

To be Fixed - Away to Castledermot

To be Fixed - Home to Clongorey

Top team in Final 2nd and 3rd in Semi-Final League Games will not be postponed because of u/age fixtures.

A fine of £50 will be imposed on teams failing to fulfil fixtures. If Club gives two walk overs they will be disqualified from the league.

Grounds and Referees Competition

Best Referees judged by club Chairman and Secretary. Best

Grounds judged by Referees

10 pts - Rules Application

5 pts - Time Keeping

5 pts - Fitness

5 pts - Flags and Nets

5 pts - Condition of Grass

5 pts - Pitch Markings

Championship Draws 1991.

Junior "A" 1st Round

Maynooth v. Kilcullen

2nd Round

Maynooth or Kilcullen v Ballykelly or Straffan

Junior "B" 1st Round

Maynooth v Athgarvan

2nd Round

Maynooth or Athgarvan v Caragh or Eadestown

u/21 1st Round

Maynooth v Balyna

2nd Round

Maynooth or Balyna v Ballykelly or Robt. Emmet's

300 Club Draw

Result for February

£100 - John Nevin £50 - Pat Burke (Jan) £20 - Kitty and Una Dunne

4 x £5 each - Ann Caden, Antoinette Nolan, Louise Boyce, Bialhnaid Ward.

Minor Football League Results

Robert Emmet's 46 Maynooth 1.2

Maynooth 2.9 Moorefield 1.3

St Laurence's 2.4 Maynooth 1.4

On going to Pres we will have our first Senior League match over.

This Sunday 31st we play Straffan away.

Sunday 7th April we have two home matches our minors are home to Rathangan at 11.30 and our Seniors at 3.00 to Ardclough. We would like to thank everyone who helped out with our St. Patrick's Day Float.

Regarding our Social Centre we have no further news on this. Hopefully next month we will have better news.

T. FAY

P.R.O.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ballygoran:

L Slevin: Retention of motor repair garage with conversion of dwelling to spray booth and staff rooms and stores with septic tank (27/7/90).

Barberstown:

Mrs E Logan: Retention of commercial fuel yard and building (31/5/90).

Bareen:

P and C McEvoy: retention of bedroom extension together with new extension and new entrance to house (16/8/90).

Barrogstown:

M Mc Greevy: Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank (12/7/90). J O'Hagan: Erection of 2 bungalows and septic tanks (20/7/90).

Mr and Mrs G Moynan, Barrogstown East: Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank (7/6/90).

C McAree, 25 Carton Court: Conversion of Garage (21/10/90).

Crewhill:

B and J Geoghegan: Two bungalows with septic tanks (10/8/90).

College:

Trustees of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, New Campus: Erection of sports hall and restaurant (21/12/90)

Managers apartment and student reception area, New Campus (13/7/90).

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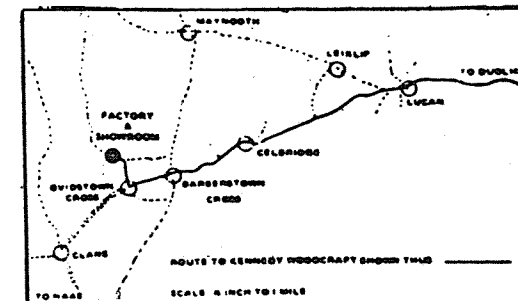
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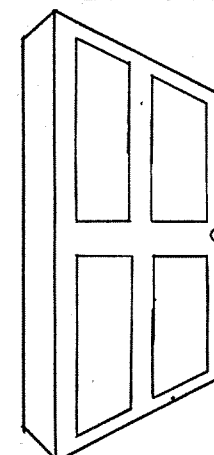
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Planning Applications Continued

Dublin Road:

Fionan Hardiman: Erection of 2 dormer bungalows (25/7/90).

Dunboyne Road:

Tony Bean: Establish pitch and putt course (15/2/91)

Greenfield Estate:

Mr and Mrs B Horn, 80 Maynooth Park: Upper floor extension over existing garage to side (10/8/90)

Antoinette Byrne, 35 Laurence's Avenue: Erection of extension to rear and porch to front (19/10/90).

Noel O'Neill, 9 Straffan Way: Erection of porch in front of house (24/7/90).

Stanley Oliver, 40 Maynooth Park: Erection of front porch (18/6/90).

Johninstown:

T Travers: Erection of bungalow and septic tank (8/2/91).

J Whelehan: Retention of front porch and minor alterations to facade of existing house (27/7/90).

Kilmacreddock:

Sean O'Flatharty: Erection of dwelling house and septic tank (23/11/90).

Anthony Hopkins: Erection of 2 storey dwelling house and septic tank (23/10/90).

Kingsbry:

Brian O'Brien, 141 Kingsbry: Erection of extension (20/12/90).

M Brown, 148 Kingsbry: Erection of porch to front of house (23/11/90), 2 storey extension to side of house (6/7/90).

Laragh:

Declan Gibbons: Construction of dwelling house and septic tank (4/12/90) and percolation area on lands (30/7/90).

Main Street:

AIB Bank: erection of external signage (16/1/91).

Ulster Bank: Installation of ATM to front of premises and attending works for same (23/7/90).

H Cash: erection of extension to premises (18/1/91).

Michael Mullins, Market House: New shop front and internal alterations to Mullins and Henry (21/12/90).

Owen Owens, Junction of Mill St and Main St: Retail use to entire first floor and alterations to approved 2-storey retail and office development (28/12/90).

Frank and Annette Regan, 6 Main Street: Change of use of former restaurant to 2 shop units (20/9/90) also from restaurant to office accommodation and new shop front (15/6/90).

Moyglare:

North City Builders, Moyglare Apartments: Four 2-storey apartments (3/8/90).

Crewhill Properties, Moyglare Village: revise approved layout, site 60 (13/8/90), sites 61-75, 50,60,76,101 (5/6/90).

Crewhill Properties, junction Moyglare Road and Kilcock Road: Retain for a temporary period advertising sign at junction and entrance to Moyglare Village (10/7/90).

Michael Sheerin, 107 Moyglare Village: Side extension and utility room.

Newtown:

Taghadoe Developments: Erection of two 3-bedroomed semi-detached houses with garage spaces on sites 180 and 177 (original permission was for two 4-bedroomed semi-detached houses). (20/12/90)

Lark Developments: Revised layout and house types for sites 181, 182, 185-188, 254-255 on previously approved sites and 181-182 and 185-188 on housing development (29/8/90) and 117-122, 256-257 (11/9/90).

G Quinn, 509 Newtown: Replace existing flat roof with apex roof at rear (19/9/90).

P Twomey: Erection of 2 houses (8/10/90).

Old Carton:

Dimitri and Eleanor Caffola, Leinster Stud: Erection of bungalow, septic tank with ancillary stables (21/2/91)

Parson Street:

Ordos Developments: Residential development of 20 houses adjacent to Old Rectory (26/9/90).

Railpark:

Fintan Ruddy, 122 Railpark: Erection of kitchen 7' x 12' at rear of garage adjoining existing kitchen/dining room (14/1/91)

T Collins, Old Railpark: Erection of dwelling and septic tank (15/10/90).

Straffan Road:

Castletown Foundation: Directional fingerpost signs, Celbridge Road/Straffan Road junction.

Timard:

Margaret Howe: Erection of garage (21/12/90)

SYMPATHY

Wife, sons, daughter, brother, sister, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late *Michael Boyd*, Newtown, Maynooth.

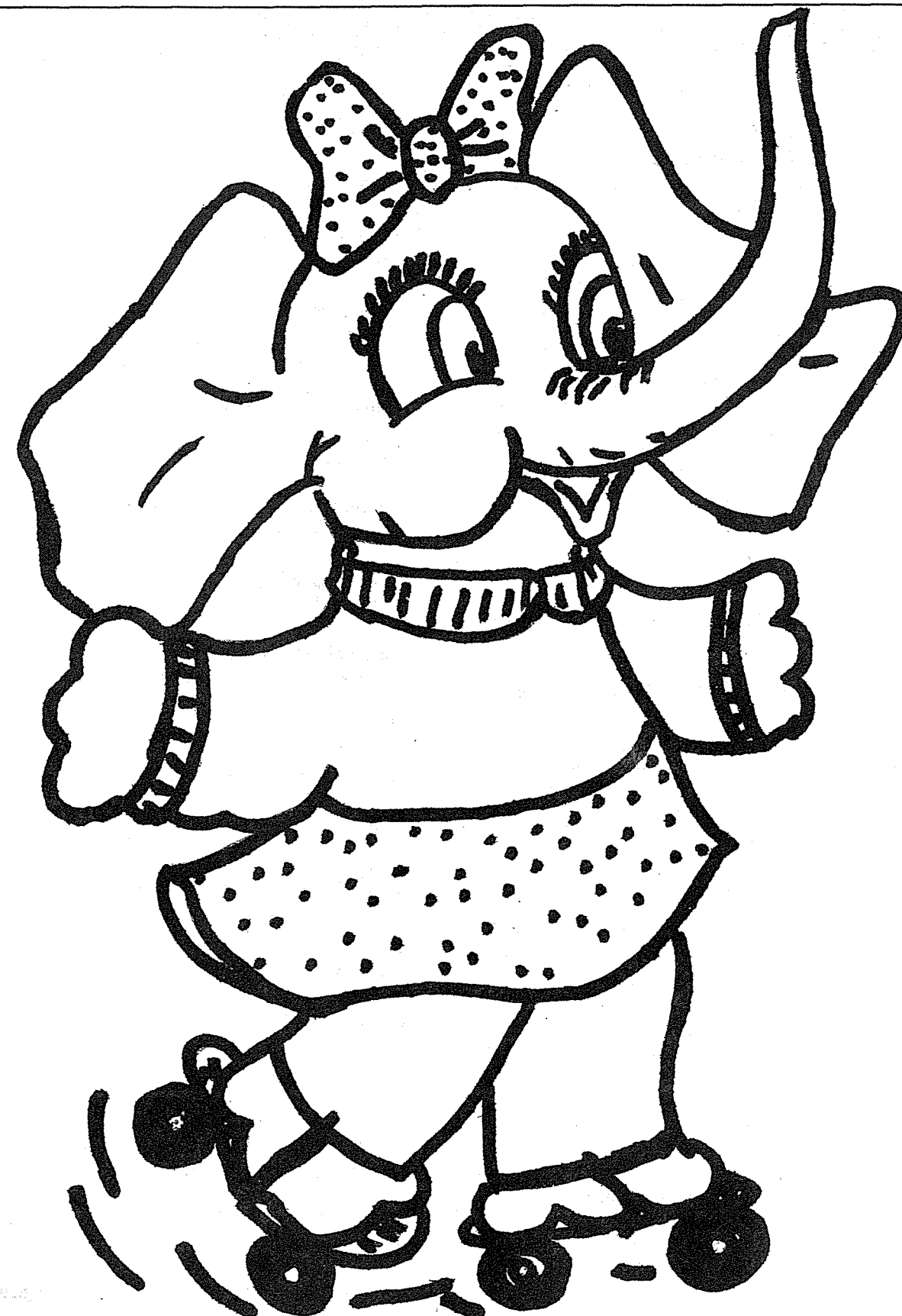
Daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late *Leecily Robinson* (nee Delany), Collinstown, Maynooth.

Daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late *Sarah Matthews* (nee Holbrook), Birmingham formally Maynooth.

Wife, daughter, son-in-law, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late *Patrick (Paddy) Fay*, Pound Street, Maynooth.

Wife, sons, daughters, sister, brother, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late *James Dowling* (Chicko), Greenfield, Maynooth.

Husband, daughters, son, sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends of the late *Veronica Quinn* (nee Ryan), Rail Park, Maynooth late of Leadogan Road, Fairview, Dublin.



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

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All entries must be original work of entrants.

This category of the colouring competition is for 4 - 12yr olds.
Closing date for receipt of entries is 15th April 1991.

Acknowledgement

QUINN

The husband, daughters, son and family of the late Veronica Quinn, Rail Park, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all their many friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support in their recent great loss. A special word of thanks to those who personally called, sent floral tributes, mass cards and messages of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral.

To Fr. B. Supple, Fr. Cogan, Fr. Thynne, Sr. Aquinas, Fr. Daly, Fr. ARcher, SDB, Fr. Carroll SDB, Maynooth Gardai, Management and Principal, Staff, Pupils of Colaiste Chiarain in Leixlip, Staff and Pupils of Salesian College in Celbridge, Dr. M. Cowhey, Staff of Ascon Head Office and Site at Intel, Management and Staff of Dunnes Stores in Stephens St., Dr. P. Daly, Staff and Nurses of St. James Hospital.

Trusting that this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. Holy Mass will be offered for their intentions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mum on your baby girl. Love, Lorna, Nuala and Donal (Houlihan).

Congratulations to Antinette and Pascal Kiernan, Kingsbry on the birth of their baby boy Shawn.

Congratulations to Tony and Mary Bean, Nuada, Maynooth, on the birth of a baby boy, Conor Patrick, a brother for Aisling and Brian, with love from the grandparents.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday wishes to Kitty Dunne who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on the 17th April. Best wishes from Una, Eddie, Patsy and her five grandchildren.

Happy birthday to Caroline who will be 21 on the 18th April. Lots of love and best wishes, from Mammy, Daddy, Geraldine, Eamonn, Valerie, Nolleen, Nana and Una.

Happy Birthday to Luke Walsh, 37 Moyglare Village. Love Mammy, Daddy and Tom.

Happy Birthday to Bridie Conneely, Pagestown, Maynooth.

Birthday Wishes to Mickey Conneely, Pagestown, Maynooth. Love Mammy and Daddy.

Happy Birthday to Mum. Love Lisa and Andrew.

Happy Birthday Dad. Love Lorna, Nuala and Donal.

Happy Birthday to Phil and Dermott Cummins (Donadea). Love Mum, Dad, Pamela, Dermott, Gary and Ciaran.

Birthday wishes to Stacey McGovern, Greenfield who celebrates her 8th birthday April 13th. With love Mammy and Daddy, sisters Nannie and Una and Uncle Kevin.

Personal Greetings

Happy Birthday to Stacey McGovern 8 years old April 13th from Noel, Marie and cousins, Richard and Thomas, Nannie Flynn and Uncle Noel.

Birthday greetings to Julia Donovan, Greenfield, April 5th

Birthday greetings to Joan Coughlan, Woodgreen, London, April 5th.

Patrick Judge, Edenderry, 8 years, April 6th

Suzanne Coughlan, Birmingham, 10 years April 23rd.

Tom Collins, Woodgreen, London, April 24th

Siobhan Burgess, Clane, April 30th.

Belated greetings to Bernie Conneely (Mrs.Mop), Pagestown, Maynooth.

Birthday greetings to Jim Tracey, Moyglare, March 22nd, from family and friends.

Happy birthday to Michelle Nash, Leixlip (18) from Marie, Mick and family.

Happy birthday to Eric Quinn, Greenfield age 13 on April 19th.

Happy birthday to Gerry Quinn, Greenfield age 16 on April 17th.

Brithday greetings to Ted Connolly, Greenfield on 19th April.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Mary Traynor, Greenfield on 19th April.

Birthday greetings to Gearoid McTeighrnain, Parson Street on 18th April.

Birthday greetings to Pat Burke, Newtown on 14th April.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Catherine Thompson on the 5th April. Love from family and friends.

Happy birthday to Mary Nolan on April 9th. From Annette and Caroline. (Teenager at last).

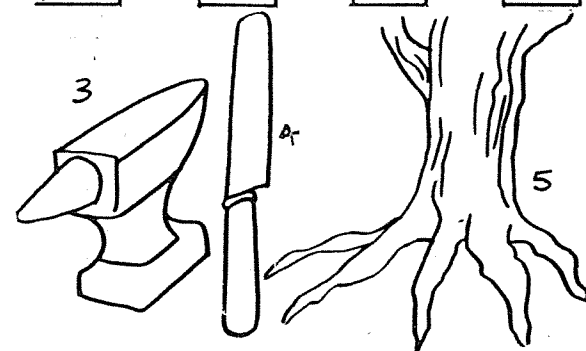
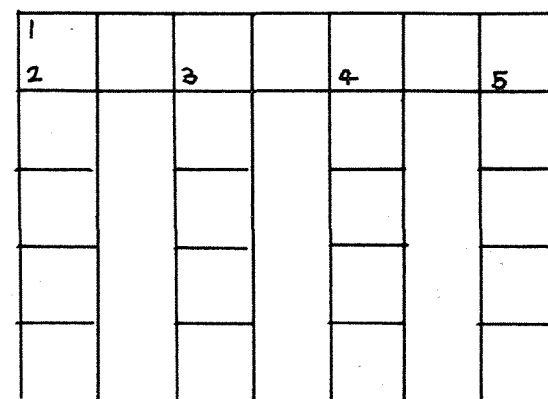
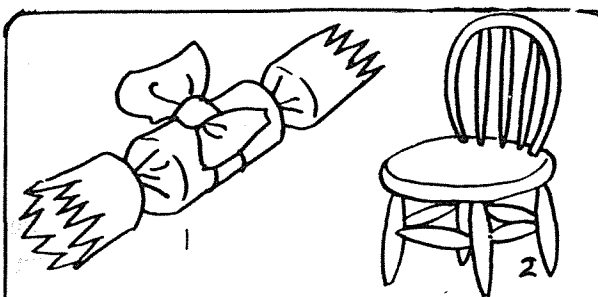
Birthday greetings to Phil Tracey who celebrates her 21st in April. From all the gang.

Happy *Mothers' Day* Mum, love Joanne Duignan.

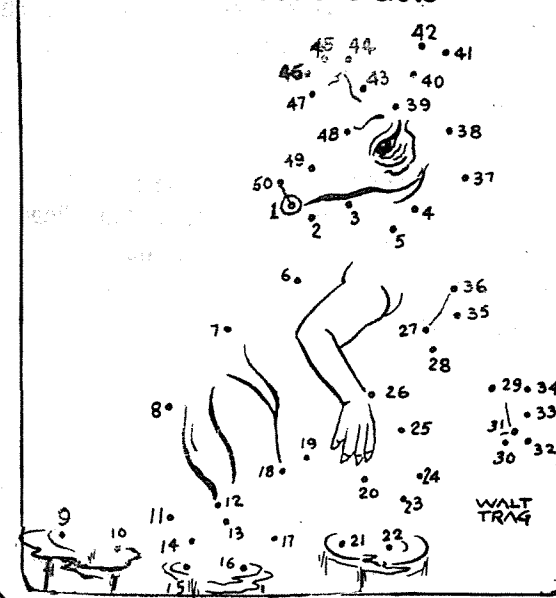
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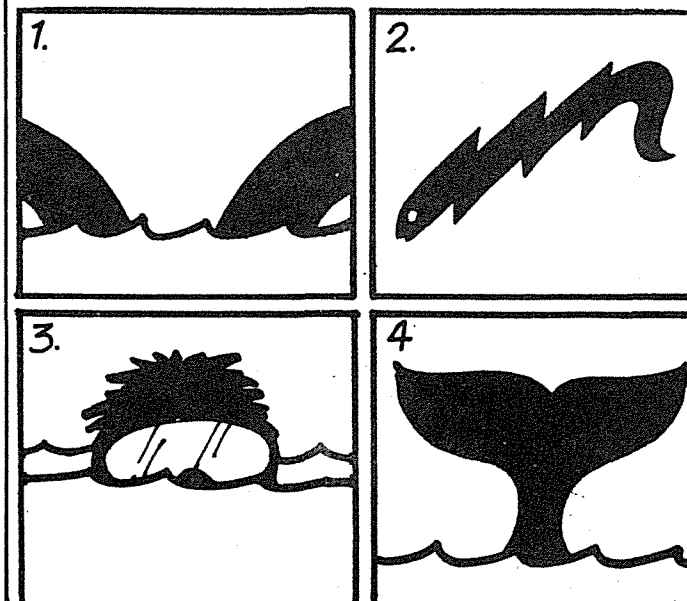
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Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club,

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by **April 12th** for further details ring **628 6718**

12 girls will be selected to enter the final selection
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Eve of Jamboree Disco on Saturday May 11th.

Each finalist will be expected to raise at least
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The panel of Judges includes:

Olivia Treacy, Ciana Campbell and Siobhan Cleary

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