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The origins of the Newsletter date to the late 1960's when it was published by a sub-committee of Muintir na Tire. It was later taken over by the first Community Council in Maynooth. This Council collapsed after a short period in office but the Newsletter established itself as an independent entity and was published regularly by a small group of volunteers (including Ted Kelly, Peig Lynch, John Reed and Liam Bean). After more than ten years of dedication to the Newsletter they entrusted it to the newly elected Community Council in 1985, under whose auspices the magazine has been published ever since.

Almost 1,000 copies are printed each month by the Cardinal Press and sales are always in excess of 900. Most local businesses in the community advertise in the Newsletter making it an ideal index of services and a convenient reference guide for consumers. The majority of clubs and organisations in Maynooth submit notes for publication which provides for comprehensive overview of social and recreational activities in the area. Regular features such as Street Talking, Eye Hear, Garda Talk, College Notes, film and theatre reviews, the crossword, children's colouring competition and puzzle page, the eccentric horoscope column, political party notes, Muintir Ma Nuad and Local News Column go to make the Newsletter of interest to all age groups.

The function of the Editorial Board is to edit material submitted and to ensure the monthly publication of the Newsletter. We depend on readers to contribute news items relevant to Maynooth and do not necessarily serve this function ourselves. It is up to you to supply the news. We publish it.

In fact, the majority of the material published in the magazine is submitted by readers - as such it is a unique publication. In essence it remains the magazine of the community, for the community and by the community. It is your monthly Newsletter. If you feel that there is little of relevance to you in the Newsletter then put pen to paper and send us your contribution before the next issue's copydate (check page three for details). The Maynooth Newsletter is in every sense a community project. Make use of it.

Editorial Board, Maynooth Newsletter
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Dear Editor,

As a relative newcomer to the town it has now become obvious to me why the village has one of the worst litter problems in the country, such deplorable roadways and an underdeveloped infrastructure. Our politicians are consuming their energy in political thuggery and back-stabbing that make the Mafia look like the masters of goodness. I refer to recent articles and letters on behalf of the Workers Party and Labour and Fine Gael parties which have appeared in your magazine. It is all the more sad that fine academics on the one hand and pillars of the local community on the other hand, have reduced themselves to the level of the gutter as they engage themselves in what is little more than a brawl.

It is disappointing too, that the *Newsletter* which has served our community so well, should allow itself to be the forum for such activity.

I appeal to the good reason of all concerned to put an end to this nonsense. I should hope that we have all entered the political arena, not to serve our own interest or that of the party to which we belong but rather to serve the community as a whole.

No one party has a monopoly on truth. All parties have merit. Surely that is the essence of democracy. For this reason, what more noble act than for all of us to bury our political differences and indifference and begin to work together to enhance the quality of life in Maynooth. In that way we can all enjoy a more pleasant environment in which to live.

Yours sincerely,
Anna Kavanagh.

Dear Editor,

It is now common knowledge that the management of the Leinster Arms Restaurant has changed. We would like to avail of your medium to thank the Newsletter and its readers for their much valued custom. It was a pleasure meeting the various clients who frequented the Restaurant whether for Carvery Lunch, an Evening Meal or just a cup of coffee. We also look forward to a well earned rest.

Yours sincerely,
Ciaran and Mary Tierney.

Open letter to Deputy Durkan and Cllr Brady

Sirs,

The people of Maynooth have been campaigning for years to have the public toilet block in the Square demolished. Their unanimous support for any attempt to further this project has been demonstrated in a house to house survey conducted by the Department of Sociology in conjunction with Maynooth Community Council and in a more recent petition signed by over 1,000 residents of the area. Representations continually being made to the Community Council testify to the fact that this overwhelming desire is still very much alive amongst the people whom you serve. There have been countless letters written to Kildare County Council and to our political representatives by the Community Council and others to make our views known.

Local school children have enthusiastically designed plans for the site in the event of the removal of the eyesore. The Community Council has sent delegations to meet with the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council specifically to request that the toilets be removed. Last January they managed to persuade this Committee to support our case. Concerted effort has even overcome the obstacle presented by the presence of an ESB substation beside the toilets; the ESB have agreed to remove it and to pay half the total costs involved in doing this. Until quite recently we had every reason to expect that the people of Maynooth would finally have been heard and that the block would be demolished.

I cannot sufficiently express my outrage, Deputy Durkan and Cllr Brady, at the discovery that both of you have impeded this progress at the very last minute. How is it possible that such an insult can be levied at the people of Maynooth by two of their political representatives? Kildare County Council, on the 29th April were about to adopt a motion in favour of having the toilets removed when you added an amendment insisting that a suitable site be found for construction of new public toilets before the block in the square be removed. Effectively this means that the toilets remain in place for good as whatever property there is in Maynooth has already been bought up by developers. Even if a suitable site materialised where will the £50,000 necessary to erect a new facility come from? The public toilet block is not being used enough to warrant its retention. There are four public houses on the Main Street - enough to service anyone passing through the town.

I look forward to whatever you can provide by way of explaining this apparent hostility towards the express wishes of over six thousand of your constituents.

Yours sincerely,
**Martin Hickey,
Moyglare Village,
Maynooth.**

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Election Fever

A number of readers were kind enough to fill out a questionnaire on their opinions of the *Newsletter* at the recent Trade Fair. We are always keen to have feedback on our efforts, as this is the only way we will know if we are meeting the needs of our readers. While we are glad that so many people expressed satisfaction with a whole range of aspects of the *Newsletter*, it was with some concern, if not surprise that we detected a certain level of dissatisfaction with the political notes. As we didn't ask why, perhaps the political parties who submit notes might have a look at their offerings to see how they might reduce this level of dissatisfaction.

As we have stated before, the *Newsletter* is an open access publication, and all (legitimate) organisations are free to express their views. This is what a healthy democracy is all about, and we are sure that our readers would not wish us to exercise censorship. At the same time, some recent contributors appear to have gone out of their way to attack their opposite numbers. It makes for stimulating viewing from the sidelines, but what does it achieve in the long term for these contributors?

Perhaps after the 27th June things will quieten down. In any event, the *Newsletter* has asked the political parties to provide us with a profile of their candidates which may help electors to decide. As readers will know, despite all their promises, the only real power politicians will have is to exercise their vote, so we asked candidates to indicate how they would vote on a number of issues of concern to Maynooth. Read the results in this issue.

Community Festival

This year's festival promises to be bigger, better, more street visible, and user friendly than ever. Details are in this issue, and a programme of events will be circulated to all residents. The *Newsletter* welcomes your support at their annual Table Quiz. See you there.



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Carton Development

The Community Council invited the representatives of the developers to a meeting in the I.C.A. Hall on the 24th of April. Those in attendance were: Brian Slowey, Chairperson of Guinness Ireland.

Sean O' Laoire, Architect,
Robin Harding, Development Director of Guinness Enterprises
Jim Milton, Murray Consultants
Community Council Members

The following assurances were given by the developers:

- There would be a maximum of 188 houses and this would be legally binding.
- There would be access to the public 24 hours a day.
- The house would be restored.
- The Golf Courses would not interfere adversely with the landscape.
- The Lime Walk Avenue will be maintained and there will be direct access from The Avenue to the Demesne and House.
- There will be 460 jobs created.
- There will be a spin off of £15m annually to the Community.
- Special rates will apply to the Maynooth Community for the use of The Golf Courses and Swimming Pool.
- A Committee comprising of Community Council, Chamber of Commerce and Carton Committee would be the liaison body for the Developers.

The Executive of the Community Council, at its meeting on 6th May, had no difficulty in welcoming this very positive development. We have the assurance from Brian Slowey, Chairperson of Guinness Ireland, that all the promises will be kept.

The Executive of the Community Council further agreed, at the suggestion of the developers, to specify to Kildare County Council what is required to restore and maintain the Lime Walk Avenue.

We will be specifying to Kildare County Council that the developers should be asked to carry out the following work as part of the planning permission:

- Clean up and restore the grass in the Avenue.
- Survey trees and replace faulty ones.
- Survey walks and rebuild where necessary.
- Install seating at appropriate points along the Avenue.
- Install appropriate public lighting along the Avenue.
- Restore the gates at both ends.
- Maintain the Avenue on a regular basis.

The Community Council had a full meeting on Monday 20th of May and endorsed all of the foregoing.

**John Mc Ginley,
Chairperson,
Community Council.**

'The Thing'

It is with great disappointment and anger that we learned of Kildare County Council's decision not to demolish 'The Thing' unless an alternative site and toilet are provided in the town. When the Maynooth Community Council met with the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council on 8th February we made it quite clear to the County Councillors present (Dep. Brady was absent) that the vast majority of the people of Maynooth want 'The Thing' demolished and do not feel a replacement toilet is necessary. Despite the fact that it was

already declared Kildare County Council policy to knock 'The Thing', Deputy Bernard Durkan effectively opposed it's demolition at a full County Council meeting on the 29th April, by putting forward an amendment stating that a replacement toilet must be provided before 'The Thing' be demolished. The Deputy's amendment was supported by all F.F. and F.G. Councillors.

These votes fly in the face of the expressed wishes of the more than 2,500 residents of Maynooth who recently signed a petition calling for the removal of 'The Thing' and who have been for at least 12 years campaigning for 'The Thing's' removal. A replacement toilet would cost in the region of £50 thousand pounds. Where is this money to come from? Who, besides Deputy Durkan, sees the need for a public toilet in the town? Has anyone ever seen anyone use the toilet or has any reader ever used it? How do Kilcock, Clane Leixlip, Celbridge manage (the latter with much bigger populations than Maynooth).

'The Thing', situated as it is in the Town Square, is an eyesore. Anyone with any aesthetic judgement can see this. It spoils the skyline and the carefully planned 18th century sweep up to Mullin Bridge. Besides this, it is an ugly building, by any standards. Maynooth Community Council have worked, along with the residents of Maynooth, long and hard to iron out any obstacles to its removal. What was thought to be the last obstacle to its demolition, the E.S.B. substation housed in the building was effectively dealt with some time ago. The E.S.B. in line with their environmental policy agreed to remove and relocate the substation, at minimal cost to the community. From there on it should only have been a matter of a short time before its demolition.

Deputy Durkan's amendment has effectively put paid to its removal in the short term.

Despite this setback however, the fight to have 'The Thing' demolished will go on. **This eyesore must be removed** and the wishes of Maynooth Residents respected. It is an issue which will not go away and will be central in the forthcoming Local Elections.

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Our 1991 Campaign is well underway and we thank all those who have helped us both in our recent collection and the interest that was shown at the Spring Fair, BUT WE NEED MORE HELP!

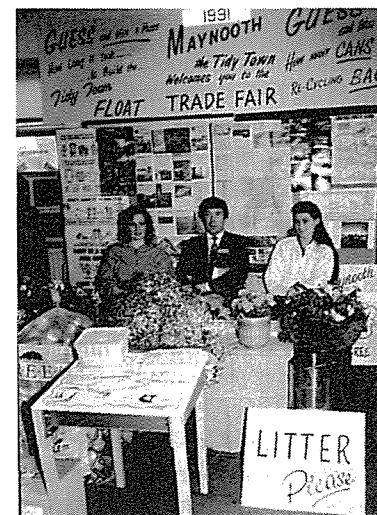
If you have an hour or two to spend on improving your community's environment, we can certainly use it. We have a job for everyone to do and our work times are as follows:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday Morning 10.30am - 1.00pm
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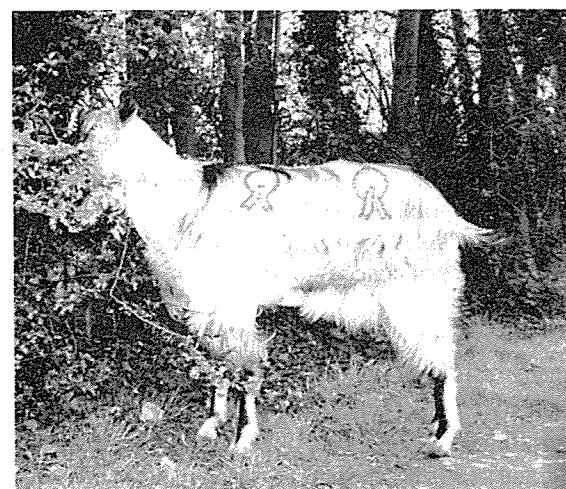
We would also remind areas, estates and business premises that our annual competition for same will commence with the Maynooth Community Festival and Judging will take place over the period of June to August.

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Richard Farrell
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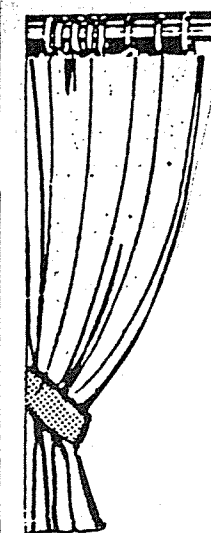


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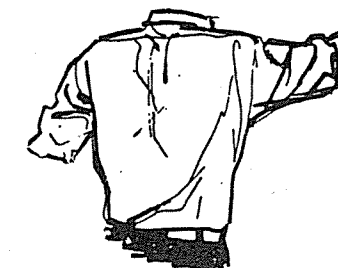
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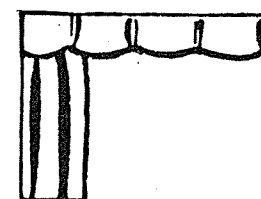
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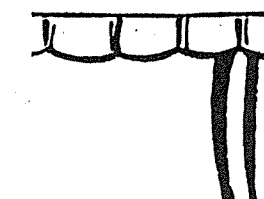


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Date	Event Location/Time		*Newsletter Table Quiz Caulfield's 9.00 pm Presentation of Newsletter adult short story prizes Caulfield's during Quiz *American Badminton Tournament Parish Hall 8.00 pm
Wed 12 June	*Inter Estate 7-a-side Harbour Field Soccer Men and Women 7.00 pm *Poetry Reading by Local Poets Library 8.00 pm		
		Tues 18 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field *Cabaret (Old People's Com.) Caulfields 8.30 pm
Thurs 13 June	*Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field *Talent Competition Caulfield's 9.00 pm		
Fri 14 June	*Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field *Battle of the Bands Geraldine Hall 8.30pm *Busking Main Street *Pitch and Putt Inter-estate (organised by Kingsbry Celbridge Golf Range Residents' Association) 7.00 pm Closing date for receipt of entries for this competition: 7th June. Teams of 4 (mixed) : £10. See Newsletter for entry forms.	Wed 19 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field 6.30 pm *International Folk Dancing (Irish, Greek, Etc.) with Accordion Band Slims 8.00 pm *Busking Main Street *High Speed manoeuvring Car test trials 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Car Park
Sat 15 June	*I.C.A. Craft Exhibition ICA Hall 2-6pm *Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field 6.30 pm *Children's Treasure Hunt 3.00 pm Town Centre Mall *Family Car/Bicycle Treasure Hunt 5.00 p.m. Town Centre Mall *Pitch and Putt Inter- Estate continued	Thurs 20 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Athletic Club Novelty Races/8,10,12,14 open to all children Harbour Field 6.30 pm *G.A.A. Juvenile Football/ Semi Finals 7.30 pm *Guinness Jazz Band Roost 9.30 pm *Busking Main Street *60's Night (Lyreen Res As) Slims
Sun 16 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field 6.30 pm *G.A.A. Juvenile Football/ Quarter Finals Harbour Field 3.00 pm * Tae Kwon-Do Display Harbour Field 3.00 p.m. *Busking Main Street	Fri 21 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Semi Finals Inter Estate 7-a-side Harbour Field 6.30 pm *Fishing Competition/ 8 to 16 year olds 6 - 9.00 pm
Mon 17 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate 7-a-side Harbour Field 6.30 pm	Sat 22 June	*Golf Competition/ (Maynooth Golfing Society) Moyglare 10.00 am?

Old People's Committee

	*Childrens's Disco and Dancing competition (Greenfield Res Ass.) & Presentation of prizes by Claire O' Connor for Newsletter Short Story comp (Under 12's and 12-18's) Parish Hall 8.30-11pm *Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Swimming Club Gala Swim Stewarts Sport Centre for club members. 4.30 - 6.00 pm Everyone welcome to attend. *Karaoke Competition Roost 9.00 pm *Railpark Res. Ass Barbeque 8.00 pm
Sun 23 June	*Golf Competition Moyglare 10.00 am? *Inter Estate Finals Harbour Field 2.30 pm *G.A.A. Juvenile Finals 4.00 pm *Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Air Corp Helicopter Rescue Display (unless they are required to perform an off shore rescue) Harbour Field 4.30 pm *Pitch and Putt prize giving Caulfield's 8.00 pm Sing-a-long

Throughout the festival there will be exhibitions in the library. There will also be an exhibition of the Presentation Convent Parents' Association Children's Art Competition in the P.E. Hall of the convent school (during school hours) for the duration of the festival. All of the Inter-estate competitions continue regularly each night and there will be busking on the streets throughout.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Active Age week was particularly successful this year. High spots included the cabaret and refreshments in Caulfield's; the trip to the Art Gallery in Kilcock together with refreshments provided by Mr. Tom O'Keeffe; and the concert given by Maynooth Brass and Reed Band. The final event of the week was the Party when the excellent entertainment included delightful items by some of the young people of Maynooth, Aideen Flood, David Moore and Niamh Mulready. We are very grateful to them for giving of their time and talents. Our thanks are also due to the committee and the many members of the community

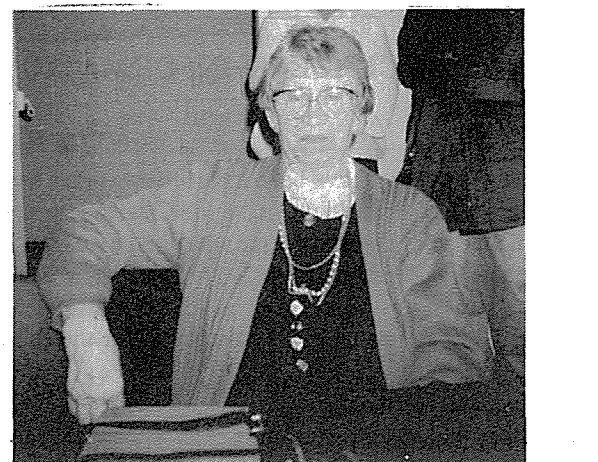
whose generosity, hard work and participation made the week so enjoyable and worth- while.

Our next event is the annual outing. This will take place on Saturday, June 1st. Please meet at the Band Hall at 1.15pm, prompt. Our contribution to the Maynooth Festival will be a cabaret to be held in Caulfields on Tuesday, June 18th, at 8.30 pm. Everybody is welcome. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Anne O' Reilly, Tess Fay, Charlie Dunne and Frank Horan who have died during the past month.

PRO



Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Walsh and Mr. John Walsh at last party of Active Age Week.



Mrs. Treacy at last party of Active Age Week



Mrs. Keogh, Mrs. Timmins, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Treacy
at last party of Active Age Week.



Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Alice Boyd
at last party of Active Age Week.

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If you have previously paid full-rate PRSI, the soonest you will come into benefit will be January 1992.

On the other hand if this is the very first time you have paid full PRSI you will come into benefit as soon as you have 39 weeks PRSI paid, which would be January 1992. The reason for this is that when you take up insurable employment for the very first time you get special pre-entry credits back to the beginning of the contribution year in which you first became insured and for the two previous tax years. These credits allow you to qualify for benefit as soon as you have 39 weeks of PRSI paid.

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2 pm - 4 pm

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CELBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

Camera Club was very pleased to have taken part in the Maynooth Spring Trade Fair and we sincerely hope that visitors to the Fair were equally pleased to see our display of fine photographs. Judging from the number of people who stopped to admire and comment on the display it seems that most people were impressed and found something to interest them. It was indeed the Club's pleasure to provide some light relief from the more serious business aspects of the Fair. Our thanks to Matt Kennedy and Co. who facilitated us once again.

Finally, if you are interested in photography and would like to learn more why not join the Celbridge Camera Club. New members are always welcome and for further information as regards the Club's activities please don't hesitate to contact - Michael Davitt LIPF PRO at 6288904.

MAYNOOTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Maynooth Chamber of Commerce recently held its Annual General Meeting and reported on another successful year. The highlight of the year was the Christmas Bonanza and the erection of the Christmas lights in the Main Street. This project is becoming increasingly costly and the Chamber will have to go on fund raising moves to pay for it. The secretary reported on the detailed correspondence which had taken place over the year with Kildare County Council and others about the footpaths. The meeting was in unanimous appreciation of the proposed plans for Carton House and the resultant jobs that would be available for people in the town. There should also be a considerable spin off for business people. Ted Kehoe was re-elected as Chairperson and the new Committee is made up of Phil McAree, Pauline Burke, Mary Houlihan, Joe Buckley, James Barry, Sean Donovan, and Gerry O'Sullivan. The new Secretary is Phil McAree who works for the Bank of Ireland.

Recently the Chamber has been in contact with the Gardai about the traffic problem/lack of available car parking. A detailed questionnaire is being completed by the traders with a view to an extensive survey and report being prepared by the sub committee for submission to the Gardai.

The Coonan Cup will be played for on a team basis at Knockanally Golf Club by the members of the Chamber on Tuesday the 18th June and anyone interested in taking part should contact Declan Foley immediately.

Ted Kehoe thanked the members for their support and their contributions by way of subscription and sponsorship over the year.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

Becoming a Member.

Joining a Credit Union is easy. You may apply to join a Credit Union if you are over 16 years of age and within the Common Bond.

To be a full member you must:

Complete an application form and, on being approved for membership, pay a small entrance fee (£1 or less) and purchase a share (generally £1).

The Common Bond

An essential element of any Credit Union is that all members and potential members should have something in common with each other. This is called their "Common Bond". The group which forms the Credit Union initially shares a Common Bond of interest and common purpose. The Common Bond describes the ties that bind the members together.

Sharing a Common bond

The law provides for a number of different Common Bonds. Two types generally exist;

Community Bond:

This bond exists where members are resident or employed in a particular locality or neighbourhood.

Occupational or Associational Bonds:

These bonds provide for people of the same occupation or for those employed by a common employer or who belong to the same association or society. The Community Bond is by far the most frequent with 90% of all Credit Unions in Ireland operating within it. It caters for all members of the community.

Ownership of the Credit Union:

Once you have the minimum savings required to make you a member you have one vote and will only have one vote irrespective of how much you may subsequently save.

Responsibilities of Members:

In a Credit Union, members are encouraged to take an active and genuine interest in the management and control of the organisation they own.

They can do this by:

Attending the Annual General Meeting

Asking questions about the running of the Credit Union

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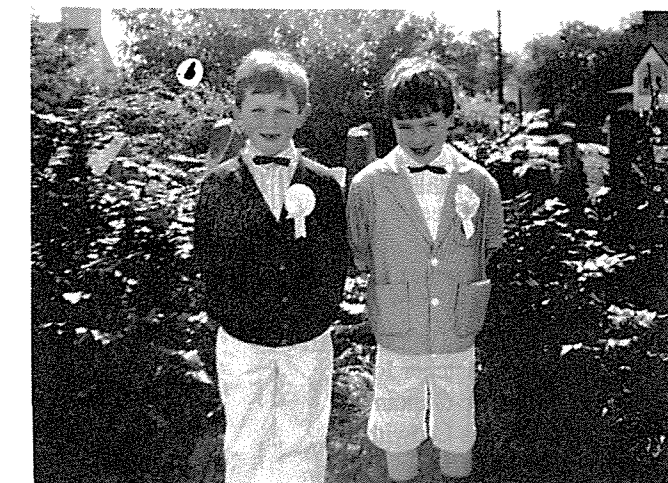
Friday 7 pm - 8.30 pm

Saturday 10 pm - 12.30 pm

May Haren

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN MAYNOOTH

On Saturday the fourth of May last the boys and girls of Maynooth turned out in their finery to make their First Holy Communion. At a well rehearsed and moving ceremony Fr. Supple assisted by Fr. Cogan gave the children their first experience of the Blessed Sacrament.



(Left) Eric Roberts, Ashley Ledwith

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Our Annual Spring Show was held on April 16th in the SVD Hall. The level of competition was very high and we had entries not alone from Maynooth Club members but also from many other clubs. Many people came to view the exhibits and we had a most enjoyable evening.

So impressed was Sr. Carmel of Kairos Magazine with the exhibits that she asked if we might leave some of the exhibits to decorate the hall as the president Mrs. Mary Robinson was due to visit in a couple of days to present prizes to second level students who had participated in a competition on Justice and Peace. The exhibitors were also honoured with an invitation to meet the President.

We would like to remind you about an annual outing to Powerscourt Gardens on June 8th. Those interested can contact Felicity Satchwell - Phone 6286240.

On June 18th we will have May O' Connor demonstrating at our new venue, the post primary school. The demonstration will start at 8.00pm and it will be our last until September.

Prizes at the Annual Spring Show

Class I	<u>The Christening</u>
1st	Jean Fletcher Jones
2nd	Mary Cleary
3rd	Noeleen O' Brien
Class II	<u>Nature Walk</u>
1st	Bridie Gleeson
2nd	Dina Seery
3rd	Jean Fletcher Jones
Class III	<u>Head to Toe (Modern)</u>
1st	Jean Fletcher Jones
2nd	Ena Mc Grattan
3rd	Theresa Ledwith
Class IV	<u>Sweet Simplicity (Petite)</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Imelda Desmond
3rd	Ethne Nugent
Class V	<u>Nimble Fingers (Miniature)</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Eithne Nugent
3rd	Mary Cleary
Class VI	<u>Prize Day</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Sarah Angel
Class VII	<u>Pat et Fleur</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Noeleen O' Brien
3rd	Adrienne Hatch
Class VIII	<u>One Stem of Flowering Shrub</u>
1st	Carmel O' Leary
2nd	Liz Watkins
3rd	Maureen Mc Cormack

Class IX	<u>One Daffodil or Narcissus</u>
1st	Theresa Ledwith
2nd	Kitty Corie
3rd	Val Ledwith
Class X	<u>Vase of Flowers from Garden</u>
1st	Liz Watkins
2nd	Sarah Angel
3rd	Mary Doyle
Class XI	<u>Four Sticks of Rhubarb</u>
1st	Siobhan Smyth
2nd	Maureen Mc Cormack
3rd	Mary Cleary
Class XII	<u>Collection of Polyanthus</u>
1st	Liz Watkins
2nd	Catherine Fields
3rd	Kitty Corie

R. Smyth,
P.R.O.

GARDA TALK

Now that the fine summer weather is with us, visits to Dublin either at leisure or on shopping trips will be a regular feature especially in respect of women. Outlined hereunder are a few tips for such trips and indeed for all occasions.

Women Alone

When out alone:

1. Where possible don't walk alone after dark.
2. Always be alert.
3. Avoid shortcuts, and dark deserted areas.
4. Walk near the kerb, away from bushes and buildings.
5. Walk facing traffic.
6. Do not hitch-hike.
7. Carry a torch and screech alarm after dark.
8. To avoid delay keep your keys in your hand when approaching car or home.
9. If attacked scream and shout as loud as you can and use screech alarm.

When in alone:

1. Secure all windows and doors.
2. Fit and use a door chain and viewer.
3. Only use initials and surname in name plate and directories.
4. Don't admit strangers to your home.
5. When answering the phone don't let strangers know you are alone.
6. Report all suspicious incidents to the Gardai immediately.

Shopping:

1. Carry your handbag close to your body and beware of persons approaching from front or rear.
2. Don't put your handbag down where it can be easily stolen.
3. If someone snatches your bag - *don't fight, you may be injured.*
4. Get a good description of culprit and notify Gardai immediately.



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7. Don't carry excessive amounts of money in your handbag.
8. Do not carry your cheque book/cheque card in the same bag.
9. Remember first protect yourself - then your belongings.

In your car:

1. Where possible always travel on main or well used roads.
2. Always lock your car when entering it or leaving it.
3. Check the interior of your car before entering - especially the back seat - at night carry and use a torch.
4. Keep all valuables out of sight.
5. Park in well lit areas.
6. If followed home, don't get out of the car, make sure the doors are locked, sound the horn or flash your lights to attract attention.
7. If you have car trouble, stay in your car and wait for help.
8. Don't stop to help others - drive on and summon assistance by telephone.
9. Never pick up hitch-hikers.

Travelling by public transport:

1. Avoid isolated bus stops.
2. Sit near the driver, conductor, or another woman.
3. Avoid empty compartments, or compartments containing only one male person.

Babysitting:

1. Let friend or parents know where you can be reached.
2. Make sure you know where the childrens' parents can be contacted.
3. Keep a list of emergency numbers.
4. Arrange for safe transportation home.

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GLIDING COURSES

A number of Maynooth people have become actively involved with the Dublin Gliding Club recently, among them Michael O'Reilly of Beaufield and Peter Denman of Leinster Park. The club is based at Gowran Grange airfield, three miles beyond Naas on the Ballymore Eustace Road, with flying every weekend, and on Wednesday evening in summer. Because gliders fly so high and silently they are rarely noticed by passers-by, but visitors to the airfield are always welcome; it can be an opportunity to find out more about this beautiful form of flying, and perhaps to take a trial flight in one of the two-seater dual-control training aircraft.

This summer the club will be offering a series of one-week training courses at Gowran Grange. The courses cost £170.00 (£150.00 for students) and offer an ideal chance of an intensive introduction to gliding and its flying operations. It is a sport that practically anyone can take up - if you're fit enough to drive a car you can fly a glider - and the club has flyers of all ages and sexes.

For further information, contact Peter Denman at 6285464 or the membership secretary, Ken Haslett at 11 Cherrington Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin, Tel: 01-2820759.

Gliding Courses



Attaching the rope for take off

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held on the 2nd of May 1991. The President, Madeline Stynes was in the chair. Vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mary Fagan who was a founder member and Past President of the Guild. Sympathy also to our President Madeline Stynes, her father and family on the death of Mrs Mary Breen. May they rest in peace. As this was also our Annual General Meeting our invited guest was Mrs Jackie Bergin V.B.O. who gave an informative and interesting talk on the I.C.A. As there was only one nomination for President and Vice President no voting was necessary. Our new President Mary O' Gorman will hold a meeting on the 9th May to form her new committee. The Vice President is Imelda Delaney and the other committee members and their positions will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The Make a Model Competition took place on Tuesday 7th May 1991 in the Red House, Newbridge. The Guild had nine entries and were winners as follows:-

Best Model: Mary Doyle

2nd Prize Crochet: Mary Halton

Special Raffle Prize: Mary Halton

2nd Prize Advanced: Betty Moore

(Previous prizewinners category)

Congratulations to the winners and other competitors and models. Table Quiz: (Kitty Mc Carthy Cup) will take place on the 21st May and we have two teams entered. Wishing our members the best of luck.

During Community Week there will be a display of Crafts and Demonstration in the I.C.A. Hall on the 15th June 1991.

The Annual Show will take place this year on the 13th July, Post Primary School and we hope there will be a large number of entries in the various classes.

The yearly prize for the most number of points in competition each month, was won by Rosemary Hanley, 2nd Kay Burns and 3rd Madeline Stynes. Well done and keep up the good work. The raffle was won by Madeline Stynes, 2nd Geraldine Tracey and 3rd Vera Kearns. All activities continue until the end of June. Arts and Crafts, 8.00pm Monday, I.C.A. Hall. Badminton, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12 O' clock in the Parish Hall.

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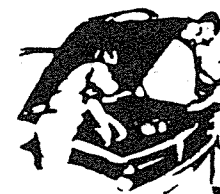
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Leixlip Amenities Centre

Activities

The Centre as usual is very busy with both indoor and outdoor activities. As the summer draws near the Turbo Sunbed is very active with people availing of this facility which saves the discomfort of those long hot sunburnt days ahead. The Tennis Club continues to increase its membership as the peak season arrives. For the little ones our Mini-Soccer will continue throughout May and June and Mini-Sports will continue until the end of May. Our Junior Badminton Club will also continue throughout May and June on Wednesdays and instructor Jillian is organising an end of season tournament. On the badminton scene also, the Junior and Senior clubs come towards the end of their year and are looking forward to their new season in August/September and of course are always looking for new members. Badminton

To the Ladies' Morning Badminton Club, we send our congrats. Team one won the final Southside Section and then went on to win the Northside winners, Clonslaugh. Team two unlucky on the day and lost to a strong Baldoyle Team. Well Done Ladies! Training Group

Breda Tallon's Mini-Marathon Meet and Train Group continues their excellent work every Monday and Wednesday morning. The group will be seeking sponsorship for the centre so please be generous. Both Leixlip and Confey Community Games Basketball teams are training hard for their matches ahead. The Kildare finals take place here at the centre on May 24th and 25th.

Olympic Spirit

Congratulations to Terry Mc Hugh who works out regularly in our gym on being picked for the Winter Olympics in the Bobsleigh team. They are the first team ever to represent Ireland in this event.

Soccer

Also congratulations to Tommy Keane (Galway United) a previous member of F.A.S. League of Ireland football scheme based here, who was named Man of the Match and provided the crucial cross for the winning goal in the recent F.A.I. Cup, Galway United V Shamrock Rovers. Also playing on that date in Lansdowne was Gerard Heffernan of Leixlip Park. Gerard was part of the Dublin U/14 selection who played Waterford in the U/14 League Section. Gerard plays in the Indoor Soccer Tournaments here throughout the winter.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Mary and Gerry Browne of Glendale on the birth of their son Conor. Mary and her other son Gavin are active members of the centre. Mary takes part in the Morning Badminton Club and the Meet and Train running group. We look forward to seeing Mary's face around the Centre very soon. Also congratulations to Peter Devine, Treasurer, who will be married on the 18th May. Our best wishes to the happy couple.

Looking Ahead

The Annual Summer Camp will commence on July 8th. It is hoped to have Basketball, Soccer and Badminton weeklong courses in the summer as well.

The Salmon Festival will see the Amenities Centre hosting a Rock Concert on May the 30th and a week of sports for all. Also we will be at the Field Day in Leixlip on Sunday June 2nd with Fitness Testing, Basketball Throwing competition and a Summer Camp Information Desk.

We will be closed all day Monday 3rd June.

On Wednesday June 5th we commence our summer Badminton Open Play and Tournaments. Every Wednesday from June 5th

to July 31st the 8-11 Open Play and American tournaments will be organised. This was a great success last year and we hope it will continue to do so this coming summer.

New Committee

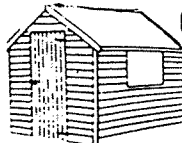
At the first meeting since the A.G.M. on the 22nd of April the following Officers and Committee were elected:

Chairperson: Ray Mc Cauley, 81 Oaklawn West, Leixlip
Vice Chairperson: Irene Bergin 123 Oaklawn Close, Leixlip
Treasurer: Matt Lennon 2 Leixlip Park
Ass. Treasurer: Peter Devine 55 Elton Court, Leixlip
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Paddy Conway 118 Oaklawn West, Leixlip
Tanya Hand 369 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip
Brian Wynne 1 Knockaulin, Leixlip
Richard Darcy 22 Oaklawn, Leixlip
Sean O' Reilly 206 Glendale Est., Leixlip
Tony Lawlor 63 Leixlip Park, Leixlip
John Cody 3 Cedar Park, Leixlip
Margaret Lennon Kilmacraddock, Leixlip
Colm Purcell St. Marys Park, Leixlip
Jim Gallagher 73 Oaklawn, Leixlip

A lot of hard work and some new ideas for the future are promised and it is hoped they will continue the success already achieved over the past 12 years.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Calling all you talented people in Maynooth - we have the ideal venue for anyone wishing to mount an exhibition - be it of painting, photography, woodwork, sculpture - we would be delighted to display, free of charge any such *object d'art*, in the library. This service covers both children and adults, professional and amateur. We will have a special display case in the juvenile section for any child who wishes to display a coveted collection of postcards, matchbox, cars, batman paraphernalia or whatever else is collectable.



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Maynooth Festival Week is looming on the horizon and we hope to participate in this worthy event. We plan to have a painting exhibition, music days - each day being devoted to a particular type of music. Lists of recommended reading will be available for interested parents. Another feature of the week will be an amnesty - ie - there will be no fines charged for overdue books, no matter how long overdue. So don't be embarrassed about that book you've been meaning to return for the past two years - just bring it along during that week.

Currently on display in the library are some beautiful examples of work done by the Old Folks Committee, for Active Age Week. Another display which should be of interest to all you "green" people is the Environmental Information Service stand, containing a huge variety of leaflets promoting care of the Environment, ranging from Irish bogs, Radioactivity, to making a Wildlife Garden.

See you during Festival Week!

Margaret Walshe-Gannon.

MAYNOOTH PARISH FOLK GROUP

The Maynooth Parish Folk Group has been in existence since 1979, and apart from short simmer breaks, plays and sings each Sunday at 9.45am Mass.

Recently some members of the group participated in a concert in the Parish Hall as part of a music marathon fundraiser for St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band. We have also recently participated in a concert in Carton House (as part of a fundraising venture for St. Mary's Church of Ireland Restoration Fund). The concert co-incided with a poetry reading by Mary O'Donnell, Pdraig Rooney and Eibhlin Ni Chuillineain, and was warmly received by a packed audience in The Green Drawing Room of the house.

We are also available for wedding ceremonies.

The folk group is always pleased to welcome new members - singers and musicians, male and female - so please come and talk to us any Sunday morning after mass.

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Maynooth Schools News

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Parents' Association of the boys' school has been very busy during the past school year, raising much-needed funds for the school.

In November, we held a very successful 'Night out' with Fiddlers Green, in the Hitchin' Post. And in April, our Race Night took place. We are very grateful to all our sponsors and would like to acknowledge them publicly:

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Sincere thanks also to all the advertisers, townspeople and parents who supported the event.

We are pleased to inform parents that with the money raised this year, we are in the process of purchasing a further two computers for the school. Some of the boys will already have had 'time' on the computer purchased last year and by all reports are enjoying the piece of technology. The new computers will ensure that more of the boys, including junior classes, will be allowed to acquire basic computer skills.

In addition to the costly computers, funds from the Parents' Association have been allocated to P.E. equipment, the library and other badly needed teaching materials.

A final word of thanks to all parents, teachers and friends who have supported our work throughout the year and we wish the boys many fun filled hours of learning.

*Helen Nelson,
Secretary.*

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOC.

About 450 parents, teachers and friends of the school attended an American Tea Party held in the County Club, Dunshaughlin, on Friday 12th April.

Music was by Panache who played up to their usual high standard and a very enjoyable evening was had by all, with the proceeds of the raffle (£500) went to the Irish Red Cross Kurdish Appeal Fund.

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Maynooth Schools News

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POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Donnchadha O'Brien, a Leaving Certificate student of last year on being selected to represent Ireland at the London International Youth Science Fortnight from July 24th to August 8th. Donnchadha, who is studying Engineering in Bolton Street, will be on an all expenses paid trip. He will be a fine ambassador for our school and country.

Congratulations also to Cormac Ashe on winning the Fuji school photo competition in his section. His prize consists of a weekend at a photography workshop and a variety of photo equipment.

On the sporting front, both boys and girls have distinguished themselves recently. The Junior girls' Basketball team won the Carlow/Kildare Zone final with an exciting victory over Bagenalstown School only to be narrowly beaten in the Midland Regional Semi-finals play-off by Athlone. The second and third year boys won the Kildare County Championship with a one point victory over Prosperous. Next month our second years go on their annual school trip to Wales while the first years will take off to the wonders of the Burren Countryside. All in all a busy month and we have yet to play the final of the Under 14 football championship.

Language Festival

Language Day was organised in the school on March 6th. It was a great success and the adjudicators who visited the school were very impressed by the level of participation of all three languages - French, German and Irish. Thank you to all those who helped make the day such a success. Some students were selected to go forward to the Young Linguists' Competition in Dublin on May 11th. We wish them well and know that they will do us proud.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our sincere thanks to everyone who bought tickets and attended our recent fund raising venture held in the Hitchin' Post on the 10th May. Excellent music was provided by Fiddlers Green. Thanks also to the new management and staff of the Hitchin' Post who looked after us so well and to the teaching staff of the school for donating three of the raffle prizes. All the other raffle prizes plus the refreshments and sandwiches were donated by committee members. The night was a great success due to your continued support and for this the committee are extremely grateful.

To coincide with this year's Summer Festival week the committee are sponsoring an Art Competition for the children of the school. Prizes will be awarded to those who have been adjudged as winners in the four different age groups. The paintings will be on display in the P.E. Hall of the school during school hours throughout Festival Week (15th - 23rd June). It is hoped that many parents will go to see them.

Sheila Fleming - P.R.O.

SPECIAL AWARDS CHILDREN

Children, it is often presumed, have no real worries or problems. We believe it is our job as adults to ensure this. This is unfortunately not always true and children often suffer in our society. Often this suffering is caused by the unthinking neglect or deliberate abuse of our young people. Such suffering, terrible though it is, can at least be blamed upon somebody. Suffering though cannot always be explained in terms of somebody being at fault. Sometimes children are born to lead lives which will demand from their first breath great courage simply to continue.

Four such children of courage were honoured last March with a Mc Donald's Child of Achievement Award. These four children are Ciara Caulfield, Louise Bruton, Edel King, all from Maynooth and Anna Shinnors from Leixlip. Two of the Maynooth children attend Caroline Foran's Montessori School in Maynooth and the third one is a past pupil and now attends the Convent Primary School. Caroline nominated these children for the awards.

Billy Mulhern B. COMM. A.C.A.

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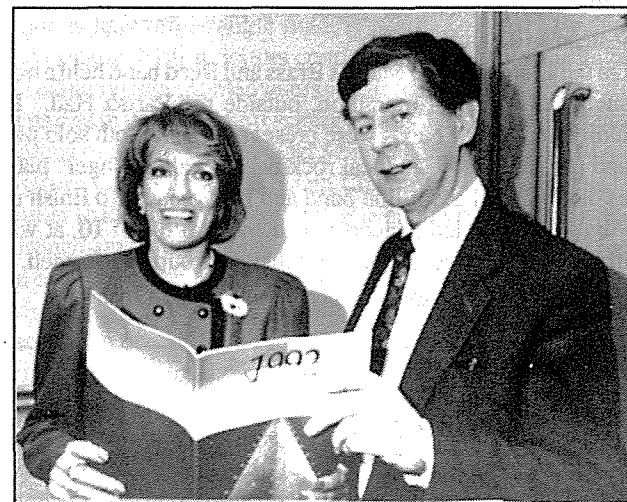
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St. Mary's Band Bulletin

The Band held a Sponsored Musical Marathon from 12 noon to 10 pm on 28th April. The Marathon started with a parade from Greenfield shopping Centre to the Parish Hall, where various groups of musicians played throughout the day and it ended with a free concert from 8 - 10 pm, which was enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to thank the other groups who participated in our Marathon - The Folk Group, The Accordion Band and Fallen Angel. We also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this year and last, and due to your continued support we are glad to say that our uniforms should be ready in a few months time.

The Band have a busy schedule ahead of them this summer with engagements coming from all parts of the country. Our summer season started with a local engagement on 12th May, when we played at a tree Planting Ceremony in commemoration of the fifteen men who marched from Maynooth to join the 1916 Rising. We also played at the Jamboree in North Kildare the same day. We are playing at a Feile na nGael Parade in Dublin on 19th May and that same day we are playing in Carton and also at Barnhall where there is a meeting of all the people who adopted Romanian babies. Our next engagement is in Thurles, which is also becoming an annual event for the Band. We are also playing in Peamount Hospital on Sunday 30th June.

As you can see the band are getting numerous engagements, therefore, if you are interested in booking the band for an event you should contact the Secretary, Elaine Bean, Rye View, Maynooth, as early as possible otherwise you might be disappointed and find the Band are already booked for the appropriate day.

On behalf of the committee and band members I wish to congratulate our Vice Chairman, Mick Dempsey and his wife, Marie who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 21st May.

Margaret Dempsey,
P.R.O.

YOUTH REPORT

With summer well under way, Maynooth presents several interesting and scenic bicycling routes, although with the conditions of our roads and the way many drivers terrorise the innocent bicyclist, helmets are a good investment. Helmets are available in the Maynooth Cycle Shop and should be worn; if anyone thinks that helmets are 'stupid' they should remember that an ordinary fall from a bike can damage unprotected heads to the same extent as a half-ton of concrete being dropped on you head.

Although outside games are the current trend as the summer sets in, a good indoors occupation is playing role-playing games. Games like Dungeons and Dragons are very popular world wide, and anyone interested in finding out more about these games or anyone who already plays D & D can write to this column for more information on role-playing games (or for an extension to their gaming group).

The Boys National School magazine, *Boys Bag*, has sold very well, with the first issue selling out in two days (a total of 200 were printed). On behalf of the Editorial Board, thanks to all who bought the magazine, and especial thanks to both the Parents Association (for the generous grant), and to all members of the Gunn family, without whom publication would have been

A.C.R.A.

impossible. Also, the Gunn family generously asked that the £20 owed to them for paper and photocopying be donated instead to a charity.

On the 28th April, St. Mary's Brass and Reed band held a highly successful musical marathon, outside the Parish Hall. Both junior and senior bands were present, playing both solo pieces and group tunes. The local rock band, "Fallen Angel" played, as did the local accordion band and folk group. To finish up, a very well-attended concert was held from 8 'till 10, at which many of the above mentioned musical groups performed. All proceeds were put towards acquiring band uniforms.

A C R A

(The Central Body For Residents' Associations)

Greetings to you and to your Association for 1991. As you are already aware our A.G.M. has come and gone. This year it took place on Sunday, April 14th - a few weeks later than usual - because of Easter falling on the last week-end in March. I have pleasure in giving you an account here of the various topics of interest discussed.

Ground-Rents:

Ground-rent has been on A.C.R.A.'s agenda for 17 and a half years to date. Despite a relentless campaign over that period by the combined body of Residents' Associations to get successive

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Tribute to Professor B. Hayley

Nurturing their heads those that could went on a cultural trip to the art gallery Kilcock. The weather being kind, those elderly reprobates recuperated in the sunshine from the night before. More culture was on offer on Thursday night with St. Mary's;s Brass and Reed Band hall. I'm assured this at least was a sober occasion.

The week ended on Sunday May 5th with a mass followed by a party. Tea and sandwiches were on offer but again rumour had it the tea was fortified. The whole week was a great success and many thanks must be given to the many people who gave of their time to make it such a success.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR BARBARA HAYLEY

The tragic death of Ireland's leading bibliographer and one of its finest academics has deeply shocked all those who benefitted from Barbara Hayley's guidance and friendship over the past ten years in Maynooth. She was appointed Professor of English in St Patrick's College in 1984, the first woman to become a professor in the college's history. Under her professorship the English department enjoyed an increased postgraduate school, an enormous rise in the amount of students studying the subject and a varied and challenging programme of study for undergraduate and postgraduate students alike. She was actively involved in the administration of the Arts Faculty, as Dean of Arts from 1987 to '89 and as member of various college boards.

Professor Hayley especially encouraged the careers of mature students in college, having studied for her own degrees in Trinity College, Dublin, and at the University of Kent, as a mature student. Her remarkable contribution to the field of bibliographical research was second to none: her work on the nineteenth century Irish author William Carleton is an acclaimed landmark in bibliographical studies. She was also a frequent guest lecturer at home and abroad, especially at the Yeats' Summer School.

Professor Hayley will be remembered by the many students whose work she encouraged and whose friendship she cultivated during their careers in Maynooth. She showed a most genuine interest in all of her students, helping to solve financial and other problems, promoting their endeavours in future employment and encouraging any extra-curricular activity in which they were engaged. She was a dedicated supporter of the Drama Society, the English Literary Society and of all of the college magazines which her students produced (at every issue-launch of the recent *Cobweb* magazine Professor Hayley bought practically one third of the copies in an attempt to boost the magazine's finances!). She attended every poetry reading and every play which involved her students. She was teacher, friend and guardian.

Her abiding love of her students will never be forgotten. It will endure, requited, for as long as there are days to thank her.

Governments to grasp this nettle and rid the nation of the iniquitous landlord strangle hold, it is still with us. To their eternal shame, Irish solicitors continue to issue threats of legal proceedings against homeowners who refuse to pay; very prominent names in the legal profession come to light in this business, including one who is a Fine Gael Senator and Councillor in Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Mr. Liam Cosgrave. I mention this as a pointer to the fact that Fine Gael is seen to view the existence of Ground-rent with favour. Solicitors' letters to householders have been stern and unnerving. As well as naming the Courts to instil fear, house holders have also been threatened with possession proceedings being commenced against their property and forfeiture of the lease. And some five of our members have had to endure the ignominy of confinement behind prison bars because of their refusal to pay.

Over the last 17 and a half years of ACRA's struggle for the termination of the Ground-rents system, this Association has had recourse to every law-abiding method to induce successive Governments to end, once and for all, the landlords' stranglehold on our peoples' lawfully-acquired property. Every Taoiseach's attention has been drawn to the ACRA campaign; every relevant Government Minister, and all T.D.'s from all political parties, have been lobbied to press for a final termination date. Most of them have dodged the issue; they promised but afterwards reneged.

True, Fianna Fail moved a step forward in 1978, in response to ACRA's pressure. A Fianna Fail Government, that year, prohibited the creation of Ground-rent on dwelling-houses in new legislation so that no dwelling-house built since May 1978 has a ground-rent attaching to it. But the 1978 Act did not free the householder from the ground-rent trap who, before the act was passed, had no option but to buy his/her home.

Successive Governments have stood idly by while ground-rent protesters were committed to prison by court order obtained by ground landlords.

176 Irish Citizens have received jail sentences ranging from 2 to 14 days each which includes husband and wife teams. In all 5 ACRA members have experienced the barbaric penalty of jailing for their ground-rent refusal to pay since 1973, two of them as recently as April 1990.

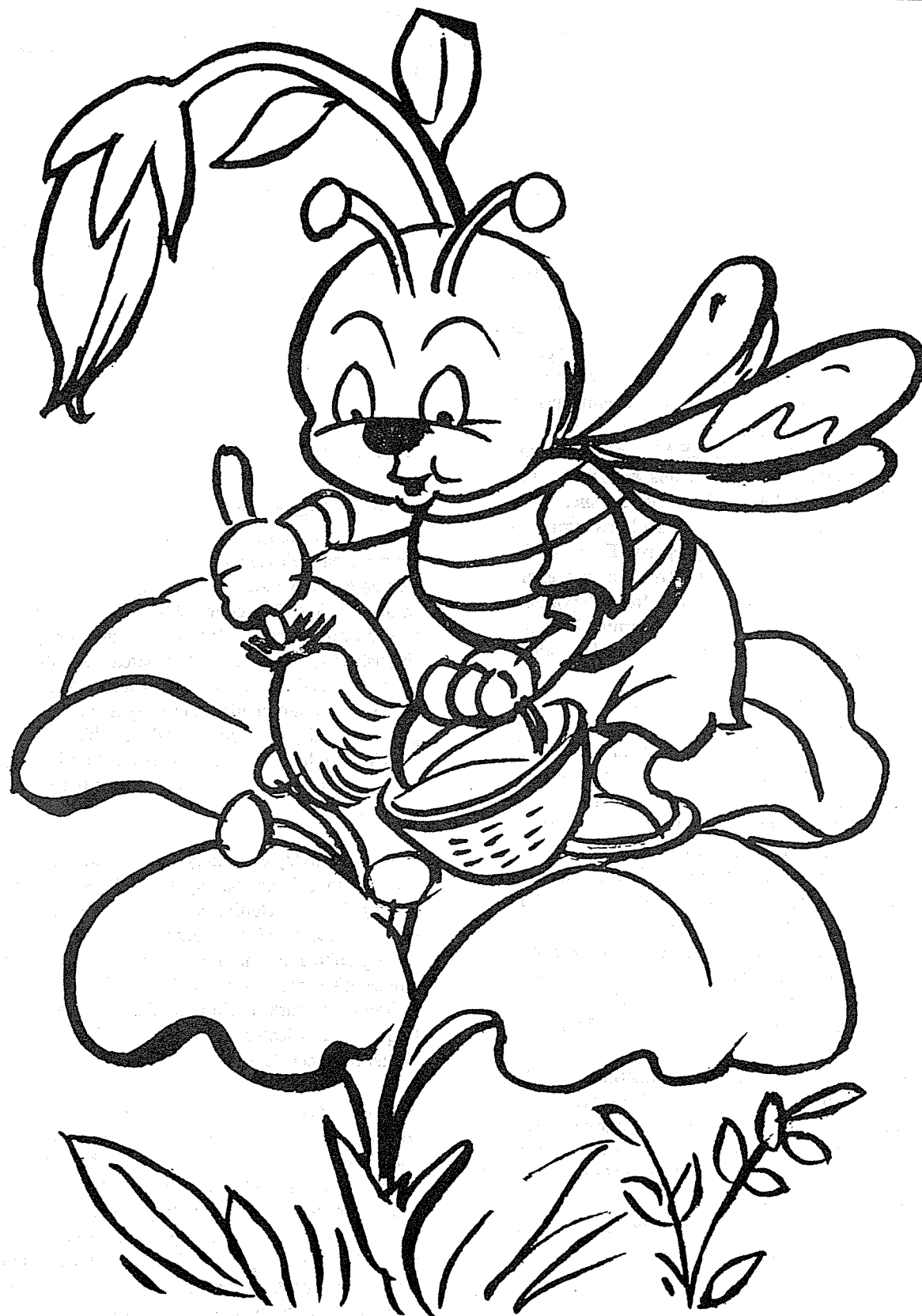
Is the landlord's privilege to go on and on indefinitely? The harassed house holders must very soon decide. Public representatives and their canvassers will be knocking at your member's doors in the very near future seeking support for their respective parties for election to local authorities for the next 5 years. The power will then be in your hands.

No votes until the party you support spells out its immediate policy on the ground-rents issue.

Mairin Callanan (Mrs)
Hon-General Secretary.
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ACTIVE AGE WEEK

Between The 28th of April and May 5th the senior citizens of Maynooth showed how lively they still were. It began quietly with prayers on the Sunday, then on Thursday 30th of April they let their hair down at the cabaret in Caulfields, which went on well into the early hours of Wednesday.



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

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Residents' Association News

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The two main areas that the committee will focus on for the next month will be the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Clean-up Day in Carton Court.

1) The meeting with the Gardai for the setting up of the Neighbourhood Watch took place on Tuesday 21st May, in the Boys' National School at 8 p.m.

2) Clean-up Day was on Saturday 25th May.

3) We continue to investigate the possibility of a wall, fence or other type of division between the south-facing road (Nos 54 - 74) and Mr. Brady's field. We still await a communication from the County Council concerning the matter, before we can make any further move forward.

4) The annual contribution of £10 is being collected by the Road Representatives at present. Thanks to all who have already contributed, and we appeal to those who have not yet paid to support the Association and the various projects undertaken during the year.

5) **An appeal from the heart!!**

Could we please put an end to the dumping of rubbish/grass at the junction of Carton Court Estate, Greenfield Estate and Brady's Field - or we may need to hire a "Pied Piper" to deal with the rats!!

And what about those *big* dogs who pollute gardens and greens so freely? Perhaps their owners would care to do clean-up every evening after work?

6) At our last meeting, a new member was co-opted on to the committee - Michael Keogh, No. 39. We welcome him to the team for 1991.

7) **Let us know !!**

Do get to know your road representatives, and let them hear your ideas for projects and improvements that might benefit the estate. Your committee is there to discuss your needs and to see what can be done to further them.

Noelle Topley
Secretary

COLLEGE GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association has become dormant over the past year with little or no work being done by the 'caretaker' committee except to collect the subs and organise the grass cutting. We hope to remedy this situation at our A.G.M. which will be held in Caulfields' on Thursday the 23rd of May at 9.30pm. We hope to get a good attendance and elect a new committee who will get the ball rolling again.

Shortly after the A.G.M. we will begin collecting the subscriptions which we need to pay to have the grass cut on the open spaces. Could we use this opportunity to ask people to keep the area outside their own homes tidy. Try to eliminate the grass and dandelions growing at the side road and cut the small grass verges which the mowing machine cannot get at.

The committee, on behalf of the residents would like to express our deep sympathy to Clare and Tony O'Connor (and Amy) on the loss of their baby David.

Ursula Forde
Secretary

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all the Residents who have paid their annual subscription to our Association.

As you are aware, this goes to pay for the upkeep of the estate, lawnmowers, insurance, buying shrubs, trees etc.

We once again appeal to residents from Greenfield Drive to stop dumping rubbish in the ditch between Greenfield Drive, Carton Court.

Work has started on the estate as part of our campaign to improve and keep Maynooth tidy.

As part of this campaign 15th June 1991 has been designated Estate Clean-up Day. A skip will be provided for dumping of trees, grass-cuttings etc. We would ask that household rubbish will be kept to an absolute minimum. Further details in our next circular.

Maynooth Community Festival

We will ask all residents to support the Maynooth Community Festival. We are particularly looking for entries for an Inter-Estate Pitch and Putt Competition. If you are interested, please contact R. Farrell at (6286044) before the 4th June 1991.

R. Farrell
PRO

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The estate clean up day will be held on Saturday, 8th June. As there is a great deal of work to be done to maintain last years' standard, we would ask all able-bodied residents to come out on the day to help. Please don't leave it to others to do all the work. If each resident did the area in front of their own house and all joined in on general areas, ie the main road of the estate, big greens etc., the job would be much easier. Skips will be provided on the day for litter, weeds etc.

Our Pitch and Putt competition this year is being run in conjunction with the Community Council as one of the events of community week. More details elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.

With all the young children out and about due to the long fine evenings, and the Summer holidays fast approaching, we appeal to all motorists living in and visiting the estate to drive slowly. Looking forward to your help and support on the above.

Kevin Coyle
P.R.O.

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our first open meeting since our A.G.M. took place on Monday 13th May. We had a good attendance and we dealt with the current issues relating to our area. Foremost of interest was the ongoing position with regard to the "No Entry" signs at the Convent Lane and Mill Street entrances to the lane parallel to the Main Street. There has been a reduction in through traffic since the erection of the signs but there are still some problems especially at school times and at weekends with people ignoring the signs. We would urge all people to be aware of the signs and to comply with them if only as a courtesy to the residents on this thoroughfare.

Residents' Associations' News

With regard to our Tidy-up, two days have so far been allocated and considerable work was done on both occasions. We will have completed a third clean-up by the time you read this and we hope that our endeavours will be noticed and that people will make an effort on an ongoing basis. Students living in our area please be aware that you are part of our community and we ask that you treat the property and your neighbours with respect and courtesy. A few people causing disturbances are giving you all a bad image as "Students".

With the advent shortly of the Summer Festival we have arranged a "sixties night" in Slims for Thursday 20th June to tie in with the events of that week. More details of this will be advertised locally so keep that night free!!

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the departure of Maynooth men to fight in the Easter Rising in Dublin a tree planting ceremony took place in the 'Green'. The ceremony which was organised by the 75th Anniversary Committee took place on Sunday the 12th May and those who attended were treated to some music by the Brass and Reed Band. A plaque was also unveiled to indicate the relevance of this newly planted maple tree.

The Committee wish to apologise to the outgoing committee and to thank them for a year of hard work in which we saw our Association gain in profile and achievement. We hope that we shall be able to continue in a similar vein.

Sympathies are extended to the families of May Fagan and Tess Fay and to the husband and family of Mrs. Breen.

Finally, local elections are just around the corner - now is the time when the pen is mightier than the promise at the door! If the local representatives want our votes then let's ask them to earn that No. 1 on the Ballot Paper.

Tony Bean
Secretary.

NEW GREENFIELDS' RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Treasurer, Mrs Maureen Kelly and wish her well. We would like to thank our out-going Treasurer, Mr. P. Perry for his good work. By now everyone should have availed of the new lawnmower. It can be got by contacting any of the following: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lee or Mr. N. Birchall. A small fee of £1 is charged to go towards its upkeep.

The Disco, Friday 17th was as usual a great success. The next childrens disco is Friday 7th June - all welcome.

Saturday 22nd, sees a Disco again, being run in conjunction with Maynooth Summer Festival. There will be a Disco Dancing Competition along with The *Newsletter* Short Story (Under 12's and 12 - 18's) Presentation of prizes. This Disco is as usual open to all children.

The planting of shrubs and flowers is still in progress each Saturday - and we welcome all your support.

Ann Kirby
Secretary

College Notes

Last month the students of Maynooth voted 2 to 1 in favour of condoms being made available to students from the health-centre on the campus. The total number of students who voted was 1,063 with 688 for the proposal and 373 against, there being only two spoilt votes.

However Mr. Vincent P. Martin the President of the Students' Union informed the *Newsletter* and the national media that despite the referendum, condoms will not be made available to students from the health-centre. This, Mr. Martin says, following legal advice, would be illegal as the health-centre is not an approved outlet for the distribution of condoms.

Mr. Martin does however respect the right of students to hold referenda on whatever issue they wish. This is, according to Mr. Martin, their democratic right under the constitution of the Students' Union.

It will remain the official policy of the Students' Union to make condoms available to students as soon as it becomes legal to do so. In the meantime students wishing to use condoms must await the Minister's pleasure or go to a chemist which will sell them the said item.

The Condom Referendum:

When asked why they called the recent referendum on whether or not to make condoms available on the College Campus, spokespersons for the group "Students for Change" said it was a basic human right to have condoms available. It was basically a health rather than a sexual issue. Further, before the referendum the Student's Union had no policy on the issue, unlike all other Third Level Colleges.

On the legal implications of the referendum's result the same spokespersons dismissed the President of the Student's Union position completely. They argued that if the referendum did mandate the sabbatical officers to act illegally they will be obliged constitutionally to carry out that mandate. Therefore the sabbatical officers should be leading the campaign to have the health centre on the Campus upgraded so that it could become a legal outlet for the sale of condoms. The spokesperson for "Students for Change" claimed that the sabbatical officers were "bowing to pressure from the Catholic Hierarchy".

Finally the "Students for Change" asked that it be stated that they are not an exclusively left-wing group, but in fact, enjoy support from a broad spectrum of students.

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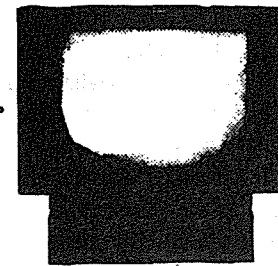
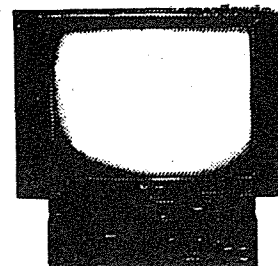
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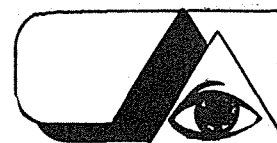
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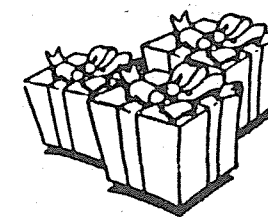
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College Notes

From our Student Affairs Correspondent: Condoms Referendum

Considerable controversy has abounded within the College since students once again voted in a referendum on the availability on campus of condoms. The sabbatical officers have declared their refusal to implement the outcome of the referendum which was overwhelmingly carried as providing condoms through vending machines or by selling them from the shop is illegal. The sabbatical officers have claimed that there is no legal avenue open to them for making condoms available.. This is despite the fact that the referendum wording specifically required the union to take steps to register their first aid centre as a Health Centre with the Eastern Health Board. In addition to this the motion also referred to an increase in the doctor's hours, which would make it possible for her to provide condoms to students. A general increase in the doctor's hours for a better health service was proposed by some candidates in the recent sabbatical elections. The new vice-president Sean O' Reilly said at the changeover meeting (AGM) of the union that he would be prepared to follow through the mandate asked of the union from the referendum. Answering a question from Fiachra O Ceilleachair (one of those involved in bringing about the referendum), O Reilly said he envisaged a role for student assembly in implementing referenda. Unlike last years referendum and a 'no' campaign was organised. A public debate before the vote featured an address by Mr Joe Mc Carroll of Family Solidarity. Students for Change spokesperson Fiachra O Ceilleachair along with other S.F.C. activists have criticised the union response, speculating about possible church intimidation. Some critics of condoms raised rumours before the vote about the college authorities forcing the closing down of the Health Centre if it was to provide condoms. Although a possibility, this scenario would appear unlikely given the fact that a cheque towards dental equipment for the centre was presented to the union on the final of the recent Challenging Times quiz on RTE TV. Along with this there would be considerable uproar if the College authorities were to force the removal of a health facility from its students. There can be no doubt that some powerful people within the union and the College have serious reservations about allowing condoms to be provided. Fiachra O' Ceilleachair has expressed the hope that the union will assert it's independence in the face of any possible church pressure. Sooner or later condoms will be provided on Maynooth campus It should be a newsworthy item for the *Newsletter* when this happens.

New executive for Students Union

Maynooth Students' Union have elected a new executive. At the recent annual changeover meeting six new officers were elected to join the new sabbatical officers Geraldine Delaney and Sean O' Reilly. Tensions ran high as last minute deals and understandings were hammered out between prospective candidates and those entitled to vote. Considerable speculation surrounded the voting intentions of a number of Fine Gael activists, who now constitute a significant force within the union. In the first election of the night Eddie Murphy was returned unopposed as Treasurer. Daithi Nelligan narrowly edged out Robert Flavin to become the new Ents. Officer. Martin Hughes was suprisingly elected Publicity Officer ahead of last years' Dennis Carty. Last year's Education Officer Feargal Shaw-Doyle failed to be re-elected, losing out to aspiring first year student Brian Gillen.

The new Officer without Portfolio is Paddy Matthews who was comfortably elected. The biggest surprise of the night came in the election for Womens Rights Officer. Patricia Carey, a leading figure in "Students for Change" (the grouping of left orientated students in the College) was elected ahead of hot favourite Kathy Williams. There is certainly plenty of variety present in this new executive and we wish them well for 1991/92.

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EYE HEAR

First Issue

Maynooth Newsletter commenced as a *Muintir na Tire Newsletter* in 1967 or 1968. It comprised of just one typed sheet. In March 1969 it got its first logo drawn by Michael Dargan, a clerical student in the College.

On the winding up of Maynooth Branch of Muintir na Tire the then committee were asked to continue to produce the *Newsletter* and continued to do so until the first Community Council took it over, and the *Newsletter* committee continued to produce it until the present Community Council took over. The first Community Council produced the first professionally printed copies with advertising.

Eye Hear

About 200-300 typed and duplicated copies of the *Newsletter* were sold up to 1975 when the numbers grew considerably. It may be of interest that the price of the original *Newsletter* was one penny, up to March 1975, when it increased to two pence. [Our thanks to Ted Kelly for supplying this information].

Hunt for Treasure

Eye Hear that electioneering is to be put aside on the 15th June when it is hoped that scores of teams will set out on the Great CarTreasure Hunt. Starting at 5.00pm in the town centre mall, teams will be expected to do a circuit around Maynooth, and come back with the answers to such perplexing riddles as 'where the corresponding twin no more can roam, tell us what divides his continental home?' It's usually frustrating, and not recommended for warring families. But from last year's experience there are still enough masochists around who'll be raring to go. Good luck to them all!!

Egg on their faces?

A programme for the GAA Children's Sports Day on Sunday, 22nd July 1962 has fallen into our hands. Finalists in the Girls' Egg and Spoon Race were Bridgid Bracken, Catherine O' Brien, Nuala Farrell, Irene Slattery, Emer Mc Dermott, Teresa Breen, Mary Murray, Ann Rowan, Catherine O'Neill, and Catherine Lenehan. The boy finalists in the same event were Paul Hand, John O'Brien, William Moore, Sean Farrelly, P.J. Nolan, Tony Mc Ternan, Paul Bracken, Gerard Mc Ternan, Noel Redmond, and Christy Edwards. Can anyone remember who won?

An early Newsletter

From the same attic we have retrieved a copy of the *Maynooth Newsletter*, dated 20th April 1969. This appears to have been a free publication although the editorial committee regretfully announced that it would henceforth be necessary to make a nominal charge in future to defray costs. This five page document reveals that some things stay the same, and not much has changed over the last twenty two years in Maynooth. Work had commenced on the new school, for which the nuns had presented a site, and paid an architect just over one thousand pounds. The Table Tennis Club had finished a successful second season (did it have any more?). The Tidy Towns Committee had just been set up at a public meeting called by Muintir na Tire, and Maynooth was to embark on a somewhat unrewarding career as an entrant to this prestigious competition. The Youth Club, with Misses M. D'Arcy and K Murphy, and Mr L. Nevin at the helm came third in a debating competition in Coill Dubh. The Band was appealing, as always for support. Members of the Red Cross were offered the enticement of attendance at Mondello Park car racing. And the second quarterly draw for the Swimming Pool Project saw such dignitaries as Fr M Ledwith, and Dodo Murray winning a fiver each. At the end of April, the total amount standing to the Credit of the Association Trustees was 1208 pounds. (Did one hear someone saying 'don't mention the war?'). And, finally, Mrs Mulready delighted the ICA with a demonstration on making rugs from fur clippings but the cooking demonstration by the ESB had to be postponed until after the Parish Mission.

Watch this space next month. Find out what your neighbours were doing in 1975. Not much escapes the *Maynooth Newsletter*.

To the Loo

Eye Hear that Kildare County Council is at last thinking of demolishing the Thing in the Square - the inconvenient problem is to identify another location for the public toilet. For despite the shudders of horror at the thought, unsuspecting passers by have been observed entering and leaving this unsavoury enclosure when the call of nature cannot be ignored. Perhaps the solution is to extend pub opening hours. At the recent Ireland/Poland match, at least seven men with their knees tied in knots were observed making a dash for the facilities in Caulfields.

Closing Time

And speaking of pub hours, Eye Hear is glad to have benefitted from one local hostelry's premature declaration of Summer Closing Time, a week before the official date. It took at least three days before the aberration was brought to managerial attention, and the winter times were back again. It's been a long winter.

Make Straight the Paths

We must invite President de Klerk and his ilk around more often. His sojourn in Moyglare Manor coincided with major improvements in the local road conditions. In view of the improvement in Connemara roads inspired by the presence in their midst of President Robinson, perhaps we could persuade her excellency to drop in more often. Eye Hear is delighted to report that the ROAR sign on the Dublin Road is having an impact. One impressed motorist took the trouble to ring the Community Council office from his car phone to compliment those responsible.

Travelling on

Finally, Eye Hear that Editorial Board Chairperson and Treasurer of the Maynooth Travellers Settlement Committee, Kay Mac Keogh, is aiming to emulate her triumph of optimism over reality of last year, by again running the Evening Press Women's Mini-Marathon on 16th June. All who come in contact with her between now and the big day, will be entreated to sponsor her endeavours. The cause is good. The Maynooth Travellers' Committee are required to organise transport to bring travelling children to school. The Department meets most of the cost, but the local committee is expected to raise 5% which amounts to several hundred pounds.

Aussies puzzled by Condom-nation

Eye Hear's foreign correspondent sent us a clipping (by wire) from a daily Australian newspaper stating that "students at Irelands' main training College for Roman Catholic priests in Maynooth had voted 688 to 373 in favour of making contraceptives available on campus". The Australians were so stimulated by this piece of news that they even broadcast it on national television. Our foreign correspondent wants to know if we are telling them lies or are we "fair dinkum, mate!"

Political Party Notes

FILM REVIEW

"The Hard Way" (15)

Where does fiction begin and reality end? This is the question which underlies the new Michael J. Fox and James Wood film "The Hard Way". The premis of the film is that Nick Lang (Fox), a film actor, is allowed to work with Lt. Moss(Wood) in order to find out what real police work is.

The antagonism between Lang and Moss, is palpable and gives the film its dramatic focus. The post - apocalyptic cityscape against which the film is set is a constant visual treat if you're into surreal art. Moss (reality) is the straight man playing against Lang (fiction) the funny man. The relationship is given an extra romantic twist with Susan (Annabelle Sciorra) Moss' girlfriend turning to Lang for advice. The final thread in the plot is the psychotic killer "The Party Crasher" who takes Lt. Moss' attentions personally.

The whole film is a lot of laughs and never takes itself too seriously. For a good night's entertainment this is well worth a visit.

POLITICAL NOTES

FINE GAEL NOTES

Insurance Costs

Members expressed their concern at the enormous differences in motor insurance costs in the U.K., Northern Ireland and the Republic. Examples of young drivers being charged in excess of £2,000 for third party, fire and theft were cited. It was felt that premiums of this magnitude only encouraged young drivers to drive without insurance. There was criticism of the insurance companies' failure to reduce premiums as they had promised to do on the introduction of no jury trials.

The failure of insurers to give drivers any recognition for years of accident free driving under company insurance policies, when taking out their own insurance drew criticism from some members who had found themselves in this position. The problem also applies to spouse s or other family members who appear as named drivers on the family car insurance who find that when they come to taking out their own car insurance they are classified as novice drivers.

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The enormous cost of public liability insurance to businesses and organisations running public events was also raised. The blame for these costs and to some extent motor insurance costs lay with us as a nation and our tendency to make exaggerated claims whenever the opportunity arose. Many of these claims were bogus as shown by a recent Cork Court case. It was the opinion of some members that the insurance companies could do more to counteract these bogus claims by having a national computerised register of claimants and by not being so willing to settle so called "small" claims out of court, often without the knowledge of their policy holder.

The views of the members expressed in this discussion are being forwarded to H.Q. for consideration in the preparation of a policy document on the subject.

Local Election Candidates

Three candidates have been selected to contest the local elections in the Celbridge electoral area. In keeping with our tradition as an equal opportunity party a lady is included. She is Catherine Mc Garry from Celbridge, a long time member of Fine Gael. She is also active in the Kildare Civil Defence, the Royal Canal Amenity Group and in addition is a member of the Celbridge Community Council.

Leixlip is represented by Gerard Gallery who has lived in the area for the past ten years. A teacher by profession he has been active in boxing with Arbour Hill and in the G.A.A. He is a member of the National Teachers' Organisation and is on the Supervisory Committee of their Credit Union.

The third member of the panel, Bernard Durkan T.D., needs no introduction to the readers of this publication or to the many constituents he has helped during his 15 years on Kildare Co. Council. His dedication and hard work speak for themselves. By voting for these candidates the electors of this area will be voting for responsible representation as opposed to the bandwagon, catch-cry representation offered by others.

Carton Poll

A poll to establish the public's attitude to the proposed developments in Carton was carried out at our stand at the Trade Fair in the Boys' School. The results showed that just under two thirds of the respondents favoured the development. This is in marked contrast to the attitude adopted by some local election candidates.

Political Party Notes

The "Thing"

Contrary to recent Labour Party propaganda we wish to state that the Maynooth Branch support the removal of the toilet block from the Square. However in keeping with our policy of responsible representation we recognise the need for a properly maintained public convenience in Maynooth in view of the number of visitors to the area which is likely to increase in the future.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The Thing Survives

- Thanks to Durkan and Brady

Despite the overwhelming wish of the local community in Maynooth to have 'The Thing' demolished, your local Fianna Fail and Fine Gael councillors Brady and Durkan failed to support a Labour Party motion at Kildare Co. Council seeking to have the toilet removed immediately. Instead, Deputy Durkan proposed that the toilet not be removed until an alternative public toilet was provided in the town. During the debate this was supported by Cllr. Gerry Brady and Cllr. Paddy Power.

The matter was put to a vote and all F.G. and F.F. councillors supported Deputy Durkan's amendment except Cllr. Gerry Brady who abstained as he did 'not have enough information on the matter'. (If he had attended the Area Committee meetings he would have been well informed). Labour councillors Purcell and Stagg voted against this blocking tactic.

The effect of this vote is to block the decision to remove the toilet until a suitable site is found and agreed for replacement toilets and until approximately £50,000 is provided to build a new facility. This money is not available - i.e. *The Thing remains*. No further action is now possible until the new Co. Council is elected on June 27th. The Labour Party hope that you will use the ballot box on that occasion to express your opinion on this issue and support our local candidate John McGinley.

Carton Development

To date the Labour Party has been the only political party in Maynooth to publicly welcome published proposals to develop Carton estate. Recent misleading statements by Fine Gael suggesting that the Labour Party opposed any development of Carton are simply untrue.

But unlike Fine Gael we are not in favour of development at any cost. For example, the Labour Party totally oppose the type of development that has taken place at Straffan House where the local community are totally excluded from the facility and the grounds are patrolled by guards.

Having examined the Gleneagles Group proposals carefully we are satisfied that the development, on balance, will benefit the local community. Extensive access to the public is guaranteed and the integrity of the estate will be largely maintained. In addition Carton House will be restored to its original splendour. In addition, John McGinley, was involved in the Community Council's successful attempt to get agreement that residents of Maynooth can avail of special rates for using the golfing and swimming facilities.

Residents can be assured that the Labour Party will monitor all developments carefully.

Local Problems

Following representations from John McGinley, Deputy Stagg has brought a number of matters to the attention of Kildare Co. Council:

- The Area Engineer and the Health Board have been asked to compile a report as a matter of urgency in relation to the parking of caravans and large scale dumping in an area of Greenfield Phase 3.

- the roads section has been asked to investigate the question of extending the speed limit on the Dunboyne Road beyond some of the houses recently built in the area.

- following representations from residents in the back lanes area of Maynooth through Deputy Stagg, the County Engineer has been asked to investigate the cleaning up of the entrance to the pound.

- John McGinley has been in contact with the Co. Council regarding the poor state of the footpaths in parts of Railpark estate.

- Deputy Stagg has asked the Co. Council to remove rubbish dumped in the ditch between Kingsbry and Greenfields and that the ditch be piped and filled in.

- following representations from Deputy Stagg regarding the provision of a bus stop at Greenfield Lane, the Divisional Manager of Dublin Bus is to examine a suitable location in consultation with the Garda Traffic Department.

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Local Elections

Local election candidate, Catherine Murphy, Town Commissioner for Leixlip launched her campaign at a reception in the Springfield Hotel in May. Catherine highlighted service charges as being one of the major issues facing the North Kildare area, citing the curious difference in the treatment accorded to those anti-charges protesters, who have been harassed and jailed for non-payment of a few hundred pounds, while those who have cheated the taxpayer of millions go unchecked. The anomalies between the different levels of charges is also a cause of some mystification. Dubliners a few miles away pay no charges; could this be because of the number of Workers' Party and left wing Councillors in that county? The Workers' Party looks forward to seeing Catherine Murphy in the County Council. She will give a stronger voice to North Kildare in the allocation of County Council expenditure; and she will lobby for substantial increases in the government's funding of the county. Only with increased representation from the Left will it be possible to force the winds of change through the dusty chambers of Naas.

Ard Fheis

The Ard Fheis held in the RDS provided a forum for stimulating debate about the future direction of the Party. The adoption of the new party programme and constitution was the culmination of a lengthy process of consultation among all members of the Party over the last year, and constituted an exemplary form of democracy. Proinnsias Breathnach, Chairperson of the Branch was a member of the group which drew up the programme.

Visit of Proinnsias de Rossa to Maynooth

At the time of writing, Proinnsias de Rossa, TD, is to visit Maynooth as part of his tour of North Kildare on Friday 24th May. He will be meeting residents at Quinnsworth Shopping Centre, and then joining supporters at a function in the Captain's Inn in Leixlip. All are welcome.

Equal to the Best

The Workers' Party has made a submission to the Second Commission on the Status of Women entitled 'Equal to the Best'

The party's commitment to women's equality is part of a broad commitment to social progress and the betterment of all citizens who are disadvantaged and discriminated against. We completely reject the idea of 'downward equalisation' - of reducing anyone's status to that of someone who is even more disadvantaged in the name of 'equality'. We want women to be equal to the best in Irish society, not the worst off, and, we also want women to be more equally and actively involved in defining what's best in the first place. In this context, we extend congratulations to Norah Mc Dermott on her achievement in removing one more discrimination against women.

Tomorrow's people

May 1st saw the launch of a new party paper, Tomorrow's People. This eight page paper will be published twice a month, and will cover social and economic issues which affect the lives of ordinary men and women, and which other media ignore. The price is 20p. Call Proinnsias Breathnach, 92 Railpark, Tel: 6285241 for further information.

Branch Annual General Meeting

The following were elected as officers at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch held in Caulfield's meeting room: Chair: Proinnsias Breathnach; Vice Chair: Patricia Condron; Secretary: Kay Mac Keogh; Treasurer: Eamonn Mac Keogh.

JOHNNY DOWLING IN ROMANIA

The fuss may have died down now as our consciences are being turned once again towards Africa, Iraq and Bangladesh but there is still long term work needed to be done in Romania. As we slowly come to accept that our charity will always be needed by someone we must also realise that charity cannot only be a response to emergencies.

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In Romania they carried out practical work such as painting and plumbing in a hospital for 30 orphans, electrical work in an orphanage for babies and roofing on a school for the blind in Arad. They also delivered a 40ft container of relief supplies to KARE who are in Romania on a long term basis.

John Dowling is hoping to return to Romania later this year for a further one or two months. He is especially concerned with the plight of the older children in Romania who are unlikely to be adopted. The age group 13 to 18 years have to some extent been ignored in the rush to aid the babies. John would like any girls in Maynooth between those ages who have old T shirts with motifs to donate them to the girls in Romania. Any such T shirts may be given in to the Community Councils' Offices for collection by John.

John had harsh words for those who thought adoption to be a solution to the problems of Romania. "Adoption is only a solution for people who want to adopt". He favours foreign adoptions becoming harder because he feels adoptions are draining Romania of its healthiest children. However even John had to admit he came across children he would have liked to adopt himself if he felt it would do any good in the long term. We must remember that the babies who are not adopted grow up and need long term care, care which the Romanians must be helped and trained to give.

John is also concerned with the youth of Maynooth. Though he is unemployed at the moment he does not like being idle. He has spent the last 7 or 8 years with the local youth club which he says has "slipped into quiet oblivion". John will also be helping with this year's Summer Project which will be in July, and with the Vincent De Paul Sunshine House in Balbriggan. John would like to thank all who sponsored him for this trip.

COUNTY KILDARE V.E.C./ OPEN UNIVERSITY COURSES

(1) B.A. Foundation Course

(2) Social Science Foundation Course

Open University Courses are now available to citizens of the Republic of Ireland. Co. Kildare V.E.C. hope to assist in establishing a local centre in 1991/1992. The two courses on offer would be the B.A. and Social Science Foundation Course. In order to determine the level of interest in this degree programme an Open Information Meeting is planned for Thursday 23rd May, at 8.00p.m. in the Vocational School, Newbridge. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. There will be an official from the Open University in attendance.

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6. **Tutorials:** During the Foundation Course students will have 20 x 2 hour tutorial sessions (approximately 1 hour per fortnight). A Tutor is available to assist students at these sessions.

7. **Summer School:** Students who enrol on a Foundation Course must also attend a week long Summer School. This costs approximately £143 sterling and can be paid at a later stage.

8. **Fee Structure:** The fee level for 1992 has yet to be confirmed, but the following is a good estimate:

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Assessment Procedures: Students must undertake a series of assignments during the course and complete a three hour exam.

Application Procedures: Since there are no entry requirements, places are allocated on a "First Come, First Served" basis. Therefore, the sooner you apply the greater your chance of success.

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Local Authority

WHAT CHANCE MAYNOOTH'S OWN LOCAL AUTHORITY?

The truth is: it's too early to say. Only time will tell. Minister Padraig Flynn's special advisory group which was set up to consider local government reforms has reported. It couldn't agree on the kind of local government the country's towns should have. They did recommend, however, that all towns with Town Commissioners (Leixlip) and all towns with Urban District Councils (Athy) and Borough Corporations (Drogheda) should no longer have those bodies. Instead, whole counties would be carved up into districts, each of which would have a council. In North Kildare, they recommended that the three towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth would form one district and have one council - with diminished powers and functions. Moreover, they couldn't agree whether the district councils would be elected or not: in one option, they would: in another they would simply be a committee of the county councillors for the area just as the Celbridge Electoral are do now. The Government haven't made up their mind yet on these sub-county bodies. So the elections to Town Commissioners, UDCs and Borough Corporations have been postponed indefinitely. On the whole, it looks as if local communities are going to get less rather than more local government. There has been much criticism of the make up of the Minister's advisory committee; it didn't have a single elected person on it.

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John Colgan

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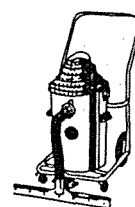
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Messages from Maynooth Spring Fair

Well, what an effusive bunch our readers are, when they are given their annual opportunity to get it all off their chest. Thanks to the 150 or so who sent their messages to their loved and not so loved ones through our Maynews post box at the Trade Fair. We have had to censor some messages to protect the sensitive and the guilty. So yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Perhaps you might have a chat with him sometime!

To: Susan Dempsey. From: Mam, Dad, Peter and Kate. Good luck in your exams

To: Snoochum's Maeve. From: Cuddly Virginia. I love you

To: Mum. From: Andrew. Yo Mum! Happy Birthday

To: Dawn Byrne. From: Claire Hogan. Have a great birthday on July 5th

To: Fiona and Annmarie. From: All who were picked. Thanks and good luck

To: Emma Cooney. From: All the gang. Happy Birthday

To: Mum. From: Shane. Happy birthday on the 15th

To: Jason Murtagh. From: Mammy, Daddy and Emma Louise. Happy Birthday and First Holy Communion on May 4th

To: Micky Murphy. From: Donncha Mc Carrick. Get a hair cut

To: Linda, Gemma and Michelle. From: Dervilia. Hello

To: Donncha, Stephen, Declan and Coc. From: Gerard. Good luck in the Semi Finals of the Hillery Cup

To: Room 10, G.N.S.. From: Santa Claus. Be good! Christmas is only 8 months away!

To: "Cuddly Hughes". From: "Bugsy Wugsy" Mary Leahy. I love you

To: Padraig. From: Claire and Barry. Have a special Birthday

To: Hazel Walshe. From: Toz. Bang that head that doesn't bang!!!

To: Mona, Frank, and Frankie. From: Sally Anne and Eddie. Congratulations on the new arrival Luke

To: Deirdre. From: Noeleen and Niamh. Happy Birthday

To: Patrick and all the family. From: Marie-Therese. I hope Patrick stays out of hospital, and that all the family keep well

To: Maynooth Soccer Club (U12). From: Breno. We'll win the Hillery Cup! No hassle.

To: Aengus and Hugh. From: The Dude. Stay cool and cruise with some babes

To: Seamus Breen. From: Secret Admirer. Our eyes have met, our lips not yet, But believe you me I'll get you yet.

To: Rebecca Hughes and Mary Harty. From: Marie-Therese Pierse. I hope Rebecca is better

To: Creggy, Mary, Shirley, Charlotte. From: Gano. Hello

To: Munchin. From: Guess who. Love ya lots and lots

To: Patricia Noone. From: Everybody. Happy Birthday

To: Mark Kennedy. You're the one and only

To: Deirdre, Noeleen and everybody. From: A brilliant person. Have a good life

To: Sarah Commane. From: Aoibheann O' Sullivan. Happy Birthday

To: Dee. From: A person you know. Happy belated birthday

To: G.N.S. Maynooth, Room 10. From: Anna Martin and Miriam Owens. Hi everybody! Surprise!!!!

To: Claire Hogan. From: The Hogan Family. Have a lovely birthday on June 15th

To: James Mc Mullon and P.3 Celbridge. From: Mucker Twunor. Hope you've pass your Leaving and Inter Cert exams

To: Giny. From: Meadhbh. Good luck in the Basketball next week

To: Suzy Creggy. From: Mary. How are you?

To: Frances Daly. From: Community Council Stand. Thanks for the tea!

To: Kevin. From: Ann and William. Happy Birthday, age 7 on 2nd May

To: Niamh, Deirdre and Karen. From: Noeleen. Have a great day on your tour

To: Sharon Kinsella. From: Mammy, Daddy, Stephen, Gemma. Belated 18th birthday wishes, 29th of May

To: Mark Mc Carron. From: Aidan Mc Carron. Happy Birthday

To: Rita T.. From: Your favourite barperson in Maynooth. Hope you like my lemonade and blackcurrant

To: Siobhain and Karen Connolly. From: Sandra Connolly. Good Luck in your exams. I'll be thinking of you at the time

To: Lorraine T.. From: Davie (Ravie). I love your evil eye!

To: Elaine Bean. From: Joanne and Marie. You are the Best Band teacher in the world. Thank you

To: Rhona Mc Dermott. From: Mam, Dad and Family. Love and Happy 21st

To: Emily and Lucy O' Brien. From: Sarah O' Brien. Good luck in exams but enjoy yourselves at the weekends

To: Rory Mc Elligott. From: Aine. Happy Birthday and I hope you have a nice day

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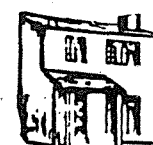
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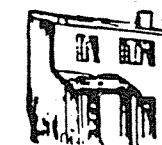
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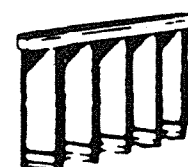
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Messages from Maynooth Spring Fair

To: Eithne C., Valerie N., Lorraine F.. From: Ginny. Can't wait 'till the 11th

To: John Martin and my Mammy. From: James (from Navan). I Love You

To: Mary Mc Ginley. From: John, Conor, Cian and Ronan. Happy Birthday on June 1st and good luck in the exams

To: Niamh, Noeleen and everybody. From: Deirdre. How do, see you soon

To: Karen Geoghegan. From: Denise (Dinny). I got you back for yesterday!

To: Aoibheann. From: Theresa Mc Hale

To: Brian Folan, Martin Byrne, Garret, Gano. From: Mary. Hello

To: Colin Hanley. From: Mam, Dad and the Bruds. Good luck in the Inter

To: Mam. From: Kathleen. I love you

To: Nuala. From: Mary and Suzy. Do you want your hair done when the baby comes?

To: Mam and Dad. From: Mary

To: Acid House . From: Rock. We live on while you die

To: Rock. From: Acid House. Call that living?

To: Michael Hanley. From: Mam, Dad and the Bruds. Good luck in the exams

To: Miriam Owens. From: Anna Martin. Stay cool!

To: Anna Martin. From: Miriam Owens. Hi!!! Sorry about the basketball

To: Emer, Donal, Ailish. From: Brenda. Hope you have a nice day

To: Denise Mc Carron. From: Karen Geoghegan. Got you back for last year

To: Daddy. From: Kathleen. I love you

To: Carol. From: Theresa

To: Patricia. From: Noeleen, Deirdre and Niamh. Happy birthday, 13 at last

To: Miss Leaghy. From: Eoin Giugha. I love you!

To: Deirdre Sheehan. From: Suzy Gregggy. Happy Birthday

To: Gano. From: Sharlet. Did you win the hurley game?

To: John Casey. From: Johnny (Connolly). "How's she cuttin'?" - Hope you get the message!

To: Tracy. From: Annette. I know you like O.A

To: Sue Creaggy. From: Gano, Moses and Mic. Hi good looking HA HA

To: Shirley Dowling. From: Mary and Suzy. How are you?

To: Michelle C. Thank you for lending me money at the Trade Fair

To: Catherine, Anita, Roisin. From: Miriam. Hi, have a good summer, don't get sunburnt

To: Suzanne. From: All the family. Happy 17th Birthday, 20th May. Belated birthday to Emma, 5th April

To: Suzanne Mara. From: Dinny Mc Loughlan. Wishing you all the best on your 5th birthday from your lover and hoper Denis?

To: Barry Cochlan. From: Ciaran Mc Cullagh. You are a good worker

To: All my family. From: Claire Mc Donough. I hope you are all well and I hope you liked your birthday presents

To: Mr. & Mrs Pat Lysaght. From: Carol Lysaght. Happy Anniversary Granny and Grandad

To: Sarah. From: Aoibheann, Carol, Theresa

To: Theresa Mac Hale. From: Carol Lysaght

To: Carol Lysaght. From: Theresa, Aoibheann and Sarah

To: Emma Fay. From: Mary Nolan and Suzy Cregg. How are you?

To: Miriam Owens. From: Anna Martin. Hi!!!

To: Anna and Miriam. From: The Harland Globetrotters. Keep up the training! We're reserving a place for you in the team!

To: All the students in Maynooth. From: The Hostels. Wishing you all the best in your examinations

To: Aine Mc Donough. From: David. Happy Wedding Anniversary

To: Fiona. From: Jennifer. Have a nice day and a good week in school

To: All the girls and boys in 1st class. From: ?. Hope you have a lovely Communion Day

To: Laura, Michelle, Nichola, Claire. From: Joanne and Marie B.. You were not at the Trade Fair so we will kill you!!!

To: Michelle Cunningham. From: Mammy, Daddy and Joanne. Happy 9th birthday on the 6th

To: Fred. From: Claire Mc Donough. I hope you recover soon

To: Delma and Micheal. From: Gerard your son. I Love you

To: St Mary's Brass and Reed Band. From: Your admirers!. You played brilliantly! Well done

To: Sharon Kinsella. From: Family and Friends. Good luck in the exams

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To: Emma and Brenda. From: Edel and Susan Fay. Hope you have a lovely day at school

To: Mrs Fitzgerald. From: Ammo. Yo, go easy with the home-work!

To: Carmel and Dan Commene. From: Sarah Commene

To: Anita. From: The Hanleys. Good luck in the exams

To: Mary 'n' Galligan. From: Gano. A perfect couple

To: Micheal Mc Carthy. From: David Mc Carthy. Happy Birthday

To: Gareth. From: Mark. Happy Birthday Gareth

To: Patricia Noone. From: Suzy Creggy. Happy 13th Birthday

To: Creggy. From: All the gang. How's it hanging!

To: Karen . From: Noeleen. Happy belated birthday

To: Siomone Gunne. From A secret admirer. I love you

To: Deirdre Stynes. From: Mammy, Daddy, Maeve and the lads. Happy 17th birthday in June

To: Mark Mc Larron. From: Denise, Stephen, Yvonne and Philip. Happy Birthday

To: Tracey. From: David. I was just wondering if you had Ann-Marie's phone number??

To: All of 5th Class, Room 13. From: Nicola Conlon. Can't wait for school tour to Wexford, it will be good crack

RESULTS OF NEWSLETTER SHORT STORY COMPETITION 1991

This year's competition elicited in excess of fifty entries, most of which came from the under twelve age group. The standard in the competition varied: some entries were short essays on chosen topics while at the other end of the scale was a feast of imaginative narratives inspired by everything from Celtic mythology to the habits of the Golden eagle.

It was the under twelve section which displayed the most uninhibited use of imagination and, by and large, reading these stories was a delightful task. Congratulations to all of the entrants from the Boys' National School who provided the bulk of the material in the section.

All of the judges (Richard Hayes, Peter Hussey, Kay Mc Keogh and Isabelle Cartwright) found it to be the most difficult section from which to select a winner as so many stories deserved awards. Eventually, Andrew Rowan's story, (5th Class, Boys' National School), "Trapped", took first prize due to his authoritative use of language. He managed to create believable characters (especially that of Daniel The American) and to instil a sure sense of breathlessness in the overall tone of the story. 'A Dangerous Stunt' by Shane Casey, 5th Class, Boys' National School, claimed 2nd prize due to the highly original narrative (told from the point of view of a Golden Eagle) and "The Moment of Truth" by Declan O'Rourke, 5th Class, Boys'

National School, came 3rd. This latter story was upbeat and funny while at the same time using an imaginative scenario around which to shape the story (The Pope reveals the Secret of Fatima to the world and causes chaos in doing so). There were fewer entries in the 12 - 18 section but the winning story here was perhaps the quirkiest and most unusual of all the entrants. It was written by Catherine Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, and called "Jungle Jinks". This story, by a 13 year old displays a remarkable talent which will undoubtedly attract wider acclaim in years to come. Her sentences are short and packed with wit and double entendres. She has managed to do that most difficult of tasks - use dialogue effectively. Second prize went to Belinda Byrne, Barrackstown Stud, Maynooth, for her unusual and thoughtful allegory call "Life". There was no 3rd prize awarded in this category.

The over 18 section attracted a considerable number of entries and quite a few from outside Maynooth. The standard varied from essay style pieces to carefully crafted short stories. The winning entry, "The First Step" came from Valerie O'Neill, 70 Crodaun Forest Park, Celbridge, and was sensitive and insightful. Throughout the piece, Valerie maintained a mood of slight confusion and hinted at her character's great suffering. 2nd prize went to Phil Stokes, 5 The Willows, Castletown, Celbridge, for her well rounded short story based on memories of the Stardust fire and called "Love never Dies". 3rd prize went to Brigid Sauls of 9 Parson Street, Maynooth, for an enjoyable and traditional emigration story called "Stella's Return".

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The presentation of prizes will occur during Festival week: The under 12 and 12 - 18 prizes on Saturday the 22nd of June and the over 18's on Monday the 17th June.

Printed below are the three winning entries, one from each section. Congratulations to all our prizewinners and our thanks to all those who entered.

TRAPPED

"Oh Wow!" Kevin bent down and picked up a crinkled £100 note from the long grass behind his house. "Oh Wow!" he repeated. He held it, fingers trembling with excitement, up to the sunlight. Queen Maeve's face seemed to smile at him.

"The watermark's there. It's real," he gasped "£100!" Kevin's family weren't very well off. His father was unemployed and drawing the dole. His mother sometimes cleaned houses to get a bit of money, but they were still very short. This was the largest amount of money that he ever remembered holding.

Not once did he stop to consider who might have dropped it. Leather footballs and football jerseys swam about in his head. All the things he wanted. "What's that?", said a voice from behind. Kevin stuffed the money in his pocket and spun round. It was his friend, Daniel who lived up the road from him.

Everybody thought it amazing how two boys so different could be friends. Daniel was originally from some place called Medallion Beach in California, USA. He had come to Ireland about two years ago and Kevin made friends with him. The American boy was very energetic and sometimes did crazy things. He was also a snoop and Kevin knew he couldn't conceal for long from his inquisitive friend the fact he had the money so he produced it. Daniel gazed. "Where did you get it, dude?" Kevin pointed to the long grass.

- "A hundred bucks is quite a lot. You'd better hide it some place. Someone's gonna come looking for it. Oh yeah, and you had better give me some not to tell." said the Californian. Kevin was forced to agree. They decided they'd have to hide it. Daniel came up with an idea. "Hey what about that old derelict house in Sam's Lane?"

- "Yeah! That would be good. No one ever goes there." A thought hit Kevin. "Because it's dangerous! We could get hurt". Daniel brushed Kevin's words aside. "We could get hurt" he mimicked, his voice coming out high and girlish. "Are you chicken?"

Kevin hesitated. "No I'm not. I'll do it! I'll hide it there."

That evening, Kevin set out for the old building. As he reached it, he realised that it was in a worse state than he thought. Only a few remaining peelings of paint to the bare brick wall. 'C. R. was here' was written boldly in bright orange graffiti on one side. A rotten wooden door hung from rusty hinges. Kevin kicked at it. With a creak, the door toppled inwards hitting the floor with an echoing crash which reverberated around the house. Kevin coughed as the disturbed dust rose up. He peered inside. Bits of stone lay around and a few thin shafts of evening sunlight peeped through gaps in the boarded up windows.

The boy stepped in and walked silently to the other side of the dark room. He could feel the £100 pound note in his pocket as his eyes scanned the room for a big hiding place. Suddenly the floorboards on which he was standing broke with a loud crack. The doorway of the dilapidated building began to crumble and then fell inwards.

A high pile of rubble blocked his way out. A cold feeling crept up Kevin's spine. He pushed at the pile but it wouldn't move. He tried lifting some of the heavy stones, but they were too heavy. A wave of panic came over him. The vibrations of the broken floorboards caused the doorway to fall in, he thought. A single pebble fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head. Kevin decided not to move again just in case the roof came caving in or something.

He started to shout for help, but no one came.

Kevin felt cold. He shivered and waited as tedious hours passed. Daniel would probably come looking for him. At least he hoped so. Kevin felt weak with hunger and frozen with the frosty drafts that blew through gaps in a pile of rubble. Through a small hole in the ceiling he saw part of the moon, which seemed to mock him. His parents thought he was at home asleep. Daniel was the only one who knew that he had gone to the house. With much difficulty he managed to fall asleep.

The next morning early, Daniel set out for an old oak tree in a nearby wood. This was his own and Kevin's meeting place and they had arranged to meet and decide what they would buy with the money. He waited impatiently for half an hour and then marched off to find the money himself. As he approached the dilapidated old house he was astonished to see the collapsed doorway.

Inside, Kevin heard the American's footsteps. He yelled and shouted.

- "Like.....who's in there," asked Daniel.

Kevin sighed in relief to hear his voice. "It's me, Kevin!"

- "What are you doing in"

- "Never mind! Get me out!"

Daniel tugged at the pile. "It's like, too heavy dude. Wait a sec! I'll get some help!"

Half a minute later, Daniel returned with men that he dragged from a nearby street. He briefly explained what had happened. The tallest began removing rocks and the other two followed his example. Soon, Kevin was able to squeeze through a gap. The men called an ambulance, just to make sure he was okay, which he was.

The week after that Kevin met Daniel, singing 'California Forever' in the park. The American asked Kevin about the hundred pounds. Kevin took the money out of his pocket and marched across to the grocer's shop. He walked up to the counter, folded the note up and stuck it into a charity box. Daniel nearly had a seizure.

- "You're a crazy dude! Are you weird? Yes you are! You gotta be nuts! You're....."

- "That money brings you bad luck," said Kevin.

Then he walked out the door, leaving Daniel staring at the charity box.

By: Andrew Rowan (Age 10)

JUNGLE JINKS

John was a Dublin boy who insisted on being called Leo, after the King of the Jungle. He believed he was a descendant of Tarzan. Leo's father was a tall man, with bushy eyebrows and black hair. He was president of a large company and very rich.

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Leo could get whatever he wanted, except a trip to the jungle, and that was what he wanted most of all.

"Please Dad can I go to the jungle for my Christmas holidays?" he asked. "I told all my friends I would be going and I promised to bring back Jane a tiger's coat."

"Listen, son, you can have whatever you want for Christmas and go wherever you want but you're not going to any jungle while you're under my roof," his father roared. "Do you understand?" "Yes Dad, but-" cried Leo.

Before he could finish his father shouted, "But me no buts and go up to your room this instant."

Christmas came and went and Leo didn't go to the jungle. Eventually New Year's Day came. It was 3.15 pm, and Leo was watching television. "Now it's time for 'Greystoke - The Legend of Tarzan Lord of the Apes'," said the smiling, fair-haired continuity girl. Leo sat back to watch the film and really enjoyed it. At the first break the heat of the fire made him feel drowsy and he decided to rest till the commercials were over. Suddenly Leo was half naked and running through the jungle. He could hear monkeys chattering and lions roaring in the distance. Ahead of him he saw a strange light so he decided to explore. A twig cracked and he twirled around. Behind him there was a huge tiger with his mouth wide open and saliva dripping from his tongue. "Listen, tiger, get out of here fast, unless you want a trip to the doctor's" commanded Leo. The tiger turned around, tucked his tail between his hind legs and crept away.

Leo continued his journey towards the strange light. Out of nowhere swung a monkey who landed on Leo's shoulder and started to chatter.

"There's a big ape over there who has just captured my sister and is trying to kill her," the monkey said. "Can you save her?" - "You bet I can," Leo answered, "but just one question, where's there?"

- "Over there behind that huge boulder," replied the monkey. - "All right! Here I come to save the day," sang Leo.

He strode over to the tall ape with bushy eyebrows and black hair and boxed it twice in the face, then he grabbed the smiling, fair-haired female monkey and ran. The ape began cursing and then roared out, "You'll be sorry for this, son, I promise you!"

Leo returned the monkey to her brother and continued his journey. By now the light seemed to be getting nearer but he had to cross a wide river that contained crocodiles. "How on earth am I going to get across?" he said to himself. "I know. I'll use them as stepping stones." So he jumped from one crocodile to another but, unfortunately, he slipped on the last one and fell in the water. Immediately, the crocodiles started to close in on him. When they were just a few inches away, Leo dived under the water and all the crocodiles bashed noses and started to fight. While they were fighting Leo climbed out and lay down for a while near the edge of a forest. Eventually he fell asleep.

When he awoke, the female monkey was guarding him. He thanked her and continued his journey. On and on he went till the strange light was only a few yards away. He could now see clearly that it was a volcano. It had just erupted and the red hot lava was pouring down in his direction. He turned to run but he was suddenly grabbed by six, powerful, black, hairy arms. They were three apes and their leader was the tall ape with the bushy eyebrows that had promised revenge.

"Let me go, I'm too young to die," cried the boy. But they wouldn't listen. Instead they lifted him up into the air in order

to throw him into the lava. "Help! Help!" he shouted.

"Leo! Leo! Is something the matter?" questioned his mother. He looked around and saw that he was back on the couch. The fire was blazing in the grate.

"Come on into the kitchen. Dinner's ready and your Dad and I have a present for you," said his mother.

- "What is it?" asked Leo.

- "We are going to bring you to the jungle," said his father.

- "But I don't want to go anymore," said Leo.

- "But you were bugging us all yesterday about it," his father sounded surprised. "What changed your mind?"

- "But me no buts," said Leo cheekily. "I want to go to Egypt instead and my name is Tutankhamun or 'Tut' for short."

- "What are you going to bring back this time?" asked his father. "A mummy for Nefertiti!"

By: Catherine Devaney (Age 13)

THE FIRST STEP

Mary's mother had always trusted her. "Sure, if you can't trust your own flesh and blood, who can you?" was the family motto. It was almost 10.20 am, when Mary disembarked from the 39 bus in Prussia Street. She could have travelled all the way by bus to Stanhope Street, but she needed the fresh air. She walked briskly, almost excitedly at first. But after about a hundred yards she began to feel the panic come over her. Her hands felt warm and sticky. She leaned against a shop front, her breathing no longer flowing smoothly, but coming in sharp quick spasms. She gulped for air so loudly that she thought the whole street must have stopped to stare at her. Relieved to find nobody looking too obviously at her, she pressed her back against the window pane, and straightened herself up. She was now beginning to breathe more easily and her face softened and lost its taut and anxious appearance.

She looked furtively into the faces of the passers-by and wondered what tragedies their facial expressions shielded from the world's inquisitive gaze. Suddenly, a tall fair-haired man, smiling and joking with a young dark-haired girl, caught Mary's attention.

.... "It's his deep blue eyes that I really love, Mam. Oh, and of course his blonde hair" Her mind was catapulted into the past and she found herself in the immaculately clean kitchen of her parents' home "But what about his drinking?" her mother was asking, for the umpteenth time.

"Hang on Mother, he's not an alcoholic!" Mary heard herself say.

"No, of course not. But you must admit that he does like the hard stuff", her mother would inevitably add.

"He can handle it," her reply echoed back to her. She was smiling now. She always had a way of handling her mother! A sharp tug at her elbow brought Mary back to reality.

"Would you tell me the time? I somehow forgot to put on my watch this morning," the old woman blurted out without pausing for breath.

Mary eyed the woman. Who did she think she was fooling; that one no more had a watch this morning, than either of them had won the Lotto. She steadied herself and studied the woman. The trembling fingers were still clinging to Mary's elbow. Her coat was shabby and red in colour, with enormous butterfly sleeves, clearly a remnant of better days gone by. Yet Mary thought she discerned a suggestion of pride in the barely washed, wrinkled

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face, right there in those piercing blue eyes.

"It's 10.35", Mary answered, after a short pause.

The old woman nodded her thanks and moved briskly on her way.

.... "Self deception and lies! Those blue eyes would food the devil himself." The words were pounding, echoing and re-echoing in Mary's mind. She was feeling weak again. She could see her mother clearly now. This time she was standing in Mary's disorganised kitchen. The venue may have changed, but the argument was the same.

"I don't care what you say, Mother. Brian has not got a drink problem. He is a social drinker!" The words had been uttered emphatically and with conviction. Her drama classes had not gone to waste, at any rate! But almost as soon as she reached the heights of dramatic disguise, her lower lip began to quiver and her hands to tremble.

"You see what it's doing to you Mary. You're going to pieces. The house is in a mess. Brian needs treatment!"

She recalled with some agitation, but also with relish how her mother had suggested that she take 'something' to calm her nerves. She had pointed to the kitchen press beside the fridge. "An odd place to keep your drinks," her mother remarked.

"Not really", she heard herself replying. "It's there since Christmas. You know how much of a favourite the brandy butter is."

Her mother had been perfectly satisfied with Mary's explanation, and gave her a small glass of brandy. Mary put up no resistance and gradually with each sip felt the pain within her ease and the familiar warm, comfortable feeling return once more

The memory of that deception caused tears to well up within her. A quick glance at her watch. "Brian will learn that a drinking problem can be cured," she heard herself repeat over and over again. The old Chinese proverb, 'A journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step' came into her mind, as her feet made their way steadily to the familiar door. She didn't need eyes to guide her. How often had she reached this point before? Go on. Shyly eye the nameplate and retreat. But slowly edging in through the unlocked door, bracing herself with a deep full breath she started to climb the stairs. Three steps and her knees were beginning to grow heavy. "Left, lift Right, lift." She urged herself on. Her leg and thigh muscles were beginning to loosen up working for and not against her.

Suddenly, a stream of sunlight brightened up the darkened stairway. Mary turned her head and looked down towards the opened doorway. The figure of a woman was outlined in the hall-way. The rays of sunlight gave her red coat a dazzling effect.

"Wait for me, Missus," gasped the voice from the hallway, as its owner began to climb the stairs. A short silence that seemed like a lifetime to Mary, and the woman continued

"I don't know how I would survive without these A.A. meetings I'm not late am I? I forgot to put on my watch this morning."

By: Valerie O' Neill

Street Talking

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Three miles outside Maynooth along the Straffan Road, Mrs Pat Ryan offers Bord Failte approved B & B accommodation. Windgate Lodge is situated in the heart of Kildare's arcadian splendour with its back garden adjacent to Derrinstown isolation stud. The staff of Derrinstown are very friendly and guests of Mrs Ryan are allowed to use the country walks around Derrinstown.

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Vandalism in Maynooth

The Bank of Ireland's efforts to relieve the problem of litter in the town received scant respect from some elements among us. Vandals destroyed the bin placed beside the Pass Machine as

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well as the intercom on the main door. This type of behaviour is an attack on us all and must not be tolerated. Again if anybody is interested in helping the Tidy Town committee they could contact the Community Councils' Office.

Miscellaneous

Regan's Independent Brokers have moved across the street to Mooneys old restaurant.

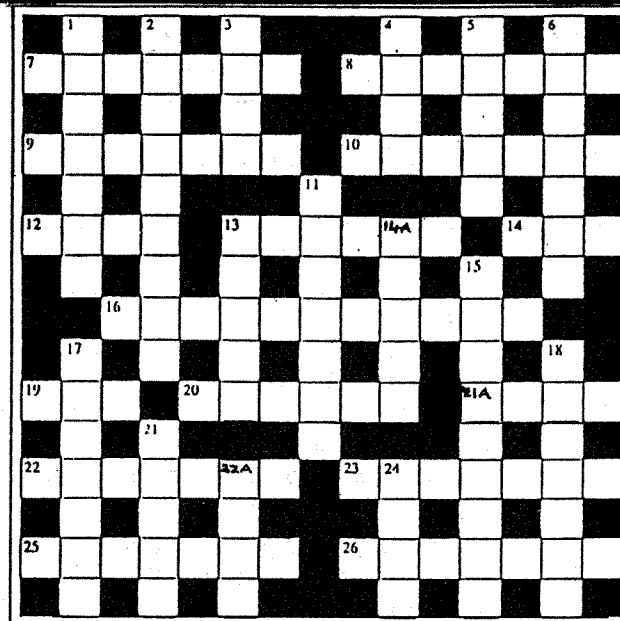
A tree was planted in the Green at the back of Pound Lane to commemorate the men of Maynooth who fought in 1916, full report elsewhere in the Newsletter. It is to be hoped that their memory is respected and the tree is left to grow.

Finally again on the issue of vandalism, the C.I.E. bus timetables were not left long before some moron ripped them off.

CROSSWORD NO. 43

By X.N. Trick

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Solution to Crossword No.42 (Elle Bias):

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10. Roundwood
11. Remit
12. Midwife
13. Physics
14. Ennui
15. Estrange
18. Adonis
20. Slain
23. Oranges
25. Trench
26. Bahai
27. Lissom
28. Dealers
29. Bypass

Down:
1. Strumpet
2. Cluedin
3. Rod
5. Old
6. Hardy
7. Limping
8. Detest
9. Popeye
13. (No clue for 13 Down)
16. Absurdity
17. Inch
19. Drachma
21. Amnesia
22. Robbed
24. Glide

Winner of No. 42:
Mary Callaghan, 145, Kingsbury, Maynooth.

Across

7. To be avoided while in flight at the risk of being punctured! [7]
8. A male Turk perhaps. [7]
9. Trifled about in love. [7]
10. Ig the Superior became dishonourable. [7]
12. There is plenty of this promoted during elections. [4]
13. Up or down - it's where you'll get the best buy. [6]
14. A place of general stagnation and entrapment where one species peeps in at the others staring out. [3]
16. The inmates of 14 across may be said to suffer this. [11]
19. A troublesome substance in which to be stuck. [3]
20. P.S. Hey! C. - mind your soul! [6]
- 21a. Rice around a viking. [4]
22. A moustache, eh? Very useful abroad. [7]
23. Unique without you but with two teas adds up to five. [7]
25. A shabby building begins Kim's creator. [7]
26. If this is planted will oil grow from it? [7]

Down

1. Between hills. [7]
2. Get 'er back! [9]
3. Not to be sat upon. [4]
4. The dear ould drink. [4]
5. O! Mobs can be close to the heart. [5]
6. This big lad showed us his pair of drawers. [7]
11. A hundred references to five before frozen water will crack. [7]
13. Visible impressions. [5]
- 14a. Between the French. [5]
15. She who rules the lake becomes a teacher. [9]
17. Shaped like a nipple or breast. [7]
18. Let the wizard begin and end with an e to look so dry. [7]
21. Far back in time, around the year 50. [5]
- 22a. Quarter, sight and legs - prefix. [4]
24. Will you knit one? [4]

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Local Election Special

On June 27th the people of Maynooth will have an opportunity to choose the county councillors who will represent them for the next five years. Overall, for the purpose of county council elections, Co. Kildare is divided into five electoral areas. Maynooth is located in the Celbridge electoral area which encompasses the north eastern corner of the county, including the towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.

There are five seats to be filled in this area on June 27th and all the main political parties are putting forward candidates for election.

As a service to the local community the *Newsletter* is publishing a personal profile of the candidates and outlining the policies of the different parties. This material has been submitted to the *Newsletter* by the PRO's of the respective parties.

The candidates were also asked to complete a brief questionnaire in which they would indicate which way they would vote on a number of issues of concern to Maynooth residents.

They were asked to list the five priority issues that they saw affecting Maynooth and which they intended to tackle if elected. Fianna Fail, the Labour Party and the Workers' Party submitted completed questionnaires. Fine Gael refused on the grounds outlined below. The Progressive Democrats failed to return any material.

It was not possible to contact independent candidates as no list of declared candidates was available at the time of going to press. We therefore concentrated on the political parties only and sent all material to party officials in order that they would distribute questionnaires to their own candidates.

The candidates who completed and sent in questionnaires were:

Catherine Murphy (Workers' Party)
Gerard Brady (Fianna Fail)
John Mc Ginley (Labour)
Colm Purcell (Labour)
Emmet Stagg (Labour)

We have charted the results under party headings (all of the Labour candidates gave identical responses).

F.F. Labour W.P.
 If elected, would you vote for

(1) Unconditional demolition of The 'Thing' in the Square in Maynooth?	F.F.	No
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(2) Imposition of any local charges?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	No
	W.P.	No.
(3) Increase in local charges?	F.F.	No Comment
	Lab.	No
	W.P.	No.
(4) Maintenance of the Green Belt between Leixlip and Maynooth?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(5) Imposition of toll charges on the Maynooth/Leixlip Bypass?	F.F.	No
	Lab.	No
	W.P.	No
(6) Town Commission status for Maynooth.	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(7) Allocation of increased funding to upgrade minor roads/footpaths in Maynooth?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(8) Provision of new local authority housing in Maynooth?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(9) Provision of playing facilities?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes

The five priority areas listed by the candidates are as follows:

Gerry Brady (F.F.)

1. Provide playing facilities for Maynooth Post Primary school
2. Upgrade roads in and around the town
3. Upgrade the footpaths on Main Street and adjoining streets



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4. Removal of "The Thing" after alternative toilet facilities are provided
5. Local Authority Housing

Catherine Murphy (Workers' Party)

1. Roads/Footpaths
2. Service Charges
3. Public Lighting
4. "The Thing" in the Square
5. Educational Funding

John McGinley (Labour), Colm Purcell (Labour) and Emmet Stagg (Labour) have each identified the same priority areas:

1. The unconditional demolition of "The Thing"
2. Vote against the imposition of Local Charges
3. To demand increased Central Funding to bring Maynooth's footpaths and roads to a state suitable for the 1990's
4. To seek the allocation of finance to provide playing facilities for the pupils of Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth primary schools and for the required extension to the Post Primary School
5. To oppose any attempts to introduce tolls on the Mynooth/Kilcock Bypass
6. To support the maintaining of the Green Belt between Leixlip and Maynooth and Celbridge and Maynooth
7. To press for Town Commission Status for Maynooth.
8. To continue to keep planning matters under review, and advise the people of Maynooth of any planning applications which would be contrary to their interests
9. To call for the provision of finance at council level, for the erection of public lights in Maynooth where none at present exist
10. To seek to use the Co. Council as a Local Development Corporation for the creation of jobs in Maynooth and Co. Kildare
11. To closely monitor the proposed development of Carton House to ensure that if planning permission is granted, that the developers honour their commitments to the people of Maynooth, as regards limits on further development and access to the public

Each party was asked to return a statement of policy (including a profile of candidates) along with their questionnaire. Labour, The Workers' Party, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael responded.

Fine Gael

As you are probably aware it is not the policy of Fine Gael to sign pledges or to complete questionnaires which might have the effect of restricting the extent to which they could represent the general public in the event of a multiplicity of commitments to organisations.

However you can rest assured that I and the other Fine Gael candidates if elected will continue to work on behalf of the public in Maynooth and in North Kildare as assiduously as we have done in the past.

During the past six years I and the other Fine Gael representatives of Kildare county Council have repeatedly called for, (a) a realistic roads improvement programme, (b) the provision of recreational facilities in keeping with the requirements of an expanding population, (c) proper and consistent planning which will have regard to the needs of the existing community and future requirements in the area, (d) the upgrading of local garda stations and the provision of the necessary staff and motorised transport to give adequate garda cover in the area, (e) we have

repeatedly requested adequate finance for the provision of local authority houses in line with present requirements which indicates a need of approximately 900 housing units in Kildare. The question of local charges is, I think, one on which Fine Gael has been more consistent than any other party having attempted to keep charges as low as possible while delivering maximum services. The demolition of the public toilets has been agreed by Kildare County Council provided that an alternative location can be found for a structure more in keeping with the requirements of the area.

Yours sincerely,
 Bernard Durkan, T.D., M.C.C., Catherine Mc Garry, Gerard Gallery.

Labour

Profile on Labour's Candidates

John Mc Ginley

Married with 3 children; lives at 50 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth. John works as a technologist for the E.S.B. in their head office. He is currently Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council and a committee member of Greenfield Estate Residents' Association and the Castle Restoration Committee. John served as Secretary of the Community Council from 1984 to 1987.

Cllr. Colm Purcell T.C.

Employed in the Hygiene Products Industry, Colm is married with two children. He lives in St. Mary's Park, Leixlip. First elected to the Council in 1985 he serves on the Library and Finance committees of Kildare County Council. In 1988 Colm was elected Chairperson of the T.C. Currently he is Festival Director of Leixlip Salmon Festival.

Cllr. Emmet Stagg T.D.

Married with two children, Emmet has now served 13 years on the Council. He was first elected to the Dail in 1987 and is currently Labour's spokesperson on Social Welfare. A former Chairperson of K.C.C. and member of the Eastern Health Board, he serves on Kildare V.E.C. He is Chairperson of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council. Member of S.I.P.T.U.

Labours Policy for Kildare

Labour opposes the imposition of water and refuse charges and all candidates elected will vote against their renewal in 1992, in line with Labour's consistent voting record on this matter. Labour has put forward alternative systems of financing Local Authorities.

Labour believes that the by passes currently in progress, namely the Naas/Kilcullen, Naas/Newbridge and Leixlip/Kilcock by passes, should remain free of tolls. Any attempt to introduce tolls will be vehemently opposed by Labour.

Labour's representatives on Kildare County Council will demand the provision of adequate finance to restore the standards of the roads in our county to a level appropriate to the 1990's. Labour Councillors will campaign for the provision of realistic finance for the building of council houses. The 1,200 families on the Housing List in Kildare can no longer be condemned to live in disgraceful and degrading conditions.

Labour Councillors will continue to provide a service to the public, and will closely work with residents' associations and community groups in bringing the council closer to the people. They will press for improvements in health care, library services and educational facilities and will urge the council to use its special powers as a development corporation to create jobs in locally developed enterprises.

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Workers' Party

Profile on Catherine Murphy

Catherine Murphy is a part-time clerical worker who lives in Leixlip Park, Leixlip with her husband Derek and their two children Alan (13) and Yvonne (11). Catherine was elected on the first count at the inaugural elections to Leixlip Town Commission in October 1988. This was in recognition of her contribution to local community affairs in the town over the years.

Catherine has been an active member of Leixlip Combined Residents Association and was particularly prominent as Convenor of the Transport Committee which worked successfully for major improvements in public transport in Leixlip. Catherine has also been to the forefront of the opposition to local service charges in County Kildare.

Catherine Murphy has never missed a meeting of Leixlip Town Commission. She chairs the sub-committee which allocates amenity grants for open spaces in housing estates in the town. She is a member of the Industry and Tourism Committee and represents Leixlip on Kildare County Council's Traffic Technical Committee, which monitors traffic management in the county in the interests of public safety.

The Workers' Party in Leixlip has addressed a number of major local issues over the last two years under Catherine Murphys leadership. An opinion poll established massive opposition to the proposal to rezone land for housing at Cooldrinagh. A petition was organised which led to the establishment of the 66A bus service serving the Confey area. A major survey found widespread dissatisfaction with Leixlip Post Office. A survey on public lighting identified major areas of need around the town. Over 1,500 people signed a petition seeking a pedestrian crossing for the Confey area. A further petition under the heading FLOP (Free Leixlip Of Potholes) is currently being completed.

Catherine Murphy has two broad objectives in seeking election to Kildare County Council: (1) to give a stronger voice to North Kildare in the allocation of County Council expenditure; and (2) to lobby for substantial increases in the government's funding of the county. Despite its massive population growth, Kildare receives the lowest funding per person in the country. Catherine believes that a cosy Fianna Fail/Fine Gael coalition has allowed Kildare fall disastrously behind in its funding allocation over the last fifteen years. A real and active opposition is needed to upset this coalition, which always votes together on such key issues as service charges, cutbacks, land rezoning, and gaming machines. Among the key specific issues which Catherine Murphy will highlight in her campaign are:

- opposition to service charges;
- adequate public safety (including public lighting);
- proper roads and footpaths;
- more council housing;
- more funding for poorly equipped and overcrowded schools;
- better health services;
- good public transport;
- provision of public playgrounds and parks;
- proper planning;
- job creation.

For further information, contact:
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Proinsias Breathnach at 6285222(work)
6285241 (home)

Fianna Fail

Profile on Gerard Brady

Active member of Kildare County Council, first elected in 1979 and re-elected in 1985. Former Chairperson of Kildare County Council and local Health Committee. A member of Fianna Fail since school days, and former T.D. for Kildare. Currently member of V.E.C. Family man, auctioneer based in Maynooth for 13 years.

During my term as a Fianna Fail Councillor, I have seen, and been party to, many improvements in Maynooth and North Kildare area, pedestrian footbridge on the Straffan Road, Commuter Rail Service, improved public transport service, improvements in a number of primary and post primary schools in the North Kildare Area and housing, to name but a few.

At the moment, with the help of my colleagues on the Council, I am involved in obtaining extra land to expand the playing facilities of the Post Primary School, also, in the acquisition of land, to enable the building of the Leixlip/Maynooth By-Pass, which will alleviate the very bad traffic congestion in both towns. New and improved housing is also a priority.

For the future, I would like to see better and continued maintenance of roads and footpaths.

Already you will have noticed that as a result of additional finance being made available by our Minister for the Environment, Padraig Flynn, Kildare County Council have re-surfaced and up graded Bond Bridge, Rathcoffey Road, Main Street, Leixlip and many other areas in North Kildare. It is hoped to bring all main roads up to and acceptable standard, something which I have fought hard for over many years.

I would also like to see 'The Thing' in the Square removed, provided Kildare County Council grant improved toilet facilities for a suitable alternative site and that seating and a garden area be incorporated on the original site together with improved parking facilities.

If re-elected to Kildare County Council, I will pursue these aims, together with any problems which arise in the North Kildare area.

On June 27th I would ask you to vote for myself and my Fianna Fail colleagues, Mairead Byrne and Tim Cotter.

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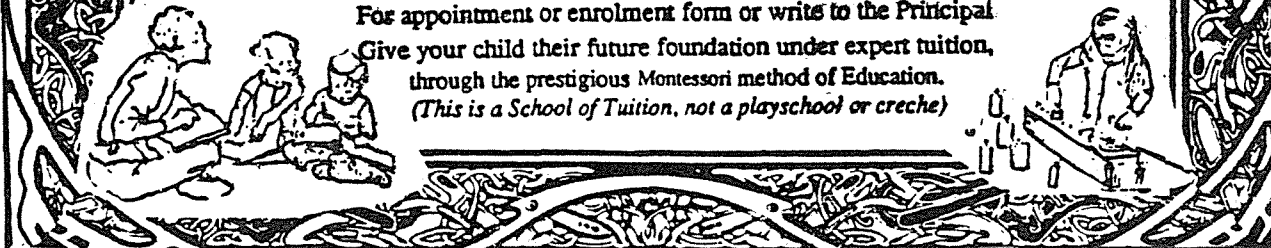
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MAYNOOTH HONOURS ITS PATRIOTS OF THE 1916 RISING

As part of the nationwide movement to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Rising, the Maynooth Branch of Reclaim the Spirit of Easter 1916, organised two events in the town.

The first was a Photographic Exhibition and Cultural Afternoon in the Parish Hall on Sunday 21st of April which was attended by approximately 300 people. On view was a wealth of photos of street scenes, the leaders, action scenes, etc, of Dublin during and after the Rising, and on special display was local memorabilia, medals, old photos, etc, of the Maynooth men which was supplied by relatives. The relatives present were Barbara Nolan, granddaughter of Patrick Kirwan and Ena Dooley, niece of John and Ned Kenny, three of the Maynooth 1916 men.

Music for the afternoon was supplied by Danny McCarthy of Fiddlers Green and Maynooth Accordion Band with Maher School of Dancing presenting Irish Traditional Dance. A raffle was held with first prize going to Bridie Crehan, Dunboyne (A copy of "Rebels" donated by Connolly Books), 2nd prize to Mick Gill (Box of chocolates from Bridie O'Brien) and 3rd prize by unclaimed ticket no 54 (A gift token from New Waves). The holder of this ticket can secure the prize by contacting the undersigned.

The 2nd event was a commemorative tree planting and plaque unveiling ceremony to honour all the Maynooth men who participated in the Rising. This was held on Sunday 12th May and took place on the Green in Pound Street, beside the band Hall. A good crowd turned out, including relatives and old neighbours notably Mrs Daly and Mrs Waldron of O'Neill Park and Phil Brady.

St Mary's Brass and Reed Band played a selection of tunes prior to the planting of the tree and unveiling of the plaque by Garoid Mac Teighmain, Parson Street. The tree was donated by Kildare County Council and the plaque was supplied by Walshe Monumental Works. The names and professions of the men were recalled and also the contributions that they continued to make to our New Republic, from Dail Eireann to community level. Many were members of the band and the G.A.A. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

We believe that our two events will have helped to create an awareness and appreciation of the men and women of 1916, especially of the Maynooth connection, and that their ideals still have a relevance in today's Ireland. We wish to thank and congratulate Fr. Supple P.P, for his support and contributions to both of our events and members of the business community who donated so generously to our funds.

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Sports News

COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

April and May certainly produced some of the high points of our short history. In the Challenge Cup we went out in the semi-final and in the league we face an imminent play-off against Kells Celtic for promotion to Div. 1A. We also face a quarter-final of the Divisional Cup.

But the enduring memory for many will be the Dutch tour, which certainly lived up to it's "Tulips to Amsterdam - the Mother of all Tours" billing. Although, a certain dark-haired Ulsterman was inclined to dismiss the whole escapade as "just one quiet drink". He was consoled however, by the capture of the "Estec F.C. Challenge Cup". The one blackspot was Brendan Cantwell's failure to mark his own colleague, Paul Broughan. So abject was Cantwell's failure that he allowed him to score four goals and win the "man of the match" award. Guess who's going on the transfer list!

League Div. 2

College Green (0) 2 Dunboyne (0) 0
Goals from Jim Rattigan and Brian O'Brien gave us both points against bottom of the table Dunboyne.

Challenge Cup Semi-Final

College Green (0) 0 Kentstown Rovers (1) 1
If the result was disappointing, then as a spectacle so was the game itself. The cup-holders from Div. 1 concentrated on the long ball game. For our part we strove to knock the ball about, but rarely created many clear cut opportunities. Admittedly we went behind after 34 minutes thanks to what could either be described as a lucky, or well taken goal, depending on your perspective. While Kentstown were the best side in the first-half, we undoubtedly dominated the second half in pursuit of an elusive equaliser. Ciaran Mc Groarty went closest with two good efforts. Malachy Mc Cann performed heroics in denying a couple of dangerous Kentstown breakaways. Some of the officials decisions were utterly woeful, particularly those of one of the linesmen. The bumpy conditions underfoot were a further disincentive. All things considered we should have pushed the game into extra time, but it was't to be. Still, two semi-finals and one quarter-final in five years in the blue riband competition isn't half bad.

League Div. 2

Navan Celtic (1) 1 College Green (3) 3
After the disappointment of the previous Sunday, it was always going to be difficult to lift ourselves for this away mid-week fixture. But thanks to goals from Mc Groarty, Hughes and O'Connor we were three up after forty minutes and playing with some style. All in all a satisfying performance.

College Green (O) O Kells Celtic (O) 1

Although injuries deprived us of a number of players, we still enjoyed the lion's share of possession. In fairness our promotion rivals created more opportunities. Although it was hard to lose both points, we never seemed likely to score and thus conceded all four points to Kells this season.

Clonee Utd. (O) O College Green (C) O

The promotion race at this stage lay between Clonee, Kells and ourselves. Clonee needed only two points to win the title at this juncture. A hard fought game on a tight pitch failed to produce a single goal, but the big crowd saw an exciting match. It has to be said that an excellent performance from the match officials

from the Louth Branch played a major part in the evening's proceedings. Our understrength side deserved the draw which gives us three points from Clonee this year, who went on to win the title by drawing with Kells the following week.

Divisional Cup 1st round

Killua Wanderers (O) O College Green (4) 4
An almost reserve formation only found out at full time that the Clonmellon side were a man short. Our star outside-left Malachy McCann supplied the first goal - Johnny Haynes lives! Buckley, Siggins and Cantwell made it 4 - 0 after twenty minutes. All but one spectator, if you don't include our loose man Aidan Siggins, left at that stage - why we wondered!

League Division 2

Stackallen Rovers (O) O College Green (1) 1
The newly crowned winners of the Reserve Cup needed a point from their three remaining fixtures to avoid relegation. For our part we needed a win to force a play-off with Kells for the Div. 2 runners-up promotion spot. Mc Groarty's goal after 35 minutes was all that separated the sides at the end, but we rarely looked to be in real danger. The game also marked the return, after a long lay-off, of Paul Broughan - our answer to Trevor Francis. Broughan's ten minute appearance, complete with oxygen tanks, was a great boost to the lads.

Dutch Tour

S.J.C. Noordwijk (1) 1 College Green (2) 3
Estec F.C., Noordwijk (1) 2 College Green (3) 6
Our Dutch and multi-national hosts were somewhat taken aback by our approach to these two games. The arduous training methods which we followed were unknown to them. They were no doubt surprised to find that we decried the aerial bombardment tactic expected of Irish teams. Fierce debate rages as to whether this phenomenon was due to a genuine desire to play "ground football", or the more plausible reason of multiple hangovers ruling out the option of anybody in our side attempting to head the ball. Other customs mystified the locals. The pre-match renderings of the "Galway Shawl" animated with suitable actions and ending with a "haika" style leap raised a few eyebrows. The consumption of trays of lager at the half-time interval evoked further amazement. Nowt more will be revealed until Joe Buckley writes his memoirs. Suffice to say that we shall be eternally grateful to Michael and Pauline Martin for all their work before, during and after they made the tour a huge success at no small sacrifice to themselves. We are also very grateful to Paddy McGovern who put the whole trip together.

Division Cup 2nd round

College Green (1) 1 Dunboyne (1) 1
(6 - 5 on penalties)
Ciaran Mc Groarty's first half goal pushed the game to penalties. The visitors missed their chance to advance by virtue of a missed second half penalty; and we progressed to the next round after the penalty shoot-out.

On a very sad note we would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Tony and Clare O'Connor on their tragic bereavement. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this most difficult time.

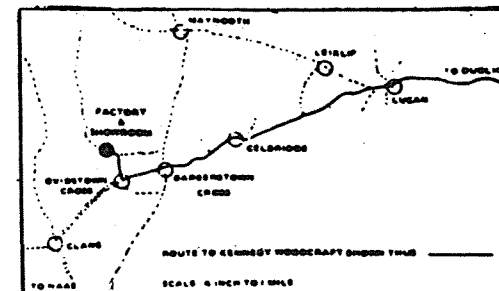
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COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS

Maynooth Community Games would like to thank everyone who took part and helped in the running of our local events. Our Gymnastics was a great success due to the hard work of Josephine Fay. Richard Farrell National Co-Ordinator of I.A.G.A., presented Jennifer Caulfield with her Coaching Certificate. Jennifer a past winner of Gymnastics was great with all her help and advice to the children. Brendan Cantwell our Judge, is a National Judge and gave all the children pointers on routines for County level.

Our draughts team won their game against Newbridge and will be playing their semi-final match later this week. We wish them the best of luck and our thanks to Breda Gormley for all her hard work.

Our Girls basketball team won a Silver medals in the B Section on the 25th April when they played Rathangan in the Finals. Very well done girls and thanks to Jim Fleming for his help. Sadly our tennis team were beaten in the Quarter Finals against Naas. Well done and better luck next year. Thanks to Tom Sullivan for training our tennis team.

Our art was a great success. Many thanks to Mr. Tom Ashe for the use of the Post Primary School and to the committee members who supervised. Thanks also to the Judges who were previous winners on many occasions of Art in the Community Games and special thanks to all the children for their beautiful pictures.

Our swimming was a great success. Thanks to all the parents for bringing their children and all the people who rallied around and helped in the smooth running of all the events. Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who are through to the semi-finals and our thanks to Francis Kearney who has put a lot of time and effort into the team.

Hard luck to our girls volleyball team who were beaten by Naas in the County final in Caragh. Many thanks to their Manager, Bernie O' Shea and their trainer Matthew Doran.

Great credit is due to Mick and Marie Gleeson and the Athletic Club for their successful running of our local athletic events. Our G.A.A. hurling and boys' soccer have yet to be played and best of luck to all participants. Detailed lists of winners of local and county events will be in next month's issue.

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MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

We meet in the Parish Hall - Mon. 8.00pm. Thur. 7.30pm.

The badminton season is drawing to a close, although due to participation in the Tallaght League there are still plenty of matches to play, especially with Maynooth teams guaranteed at least one play-off spot.

The Annual Club Tournament has commenced and despite a slightly overcrowded fixture list, is progressing smoothly, with some great games already played, and certainly plenty more to come. Finals night is one of the highlights of the club year as players battle it out to claim the sought after trophies.

Those same trophies will be presented at the Annual Club Dance, once again being held in Slevin's of Dunboyne with "Misty Blue" providing the entertainment. This is a great night out and all members, ex-members, and friends are welcome.

As part of Maynooth Community Council's Festival Week, Maynooth will organise a Mixed-Doubles tournament. While nothing definite has been arranged, it has been suggested that the players pair off into their respective estates and areas, and play an inter-estate type competition. With many of the estates well represented in the Club Membership, this would certainly add a bit of spice to the proceedings. Perhaps these are badminton players living in the various estates who are not members of Maynooth Club but who would team up with some of our members to represent the various streets and estates. Certainly there are plenty of ex Maynooth players scattered around the town. Now is the time to dust off your rackets and go out and defend the honour of your estate.

To make it more successful, perhaps some business would like to sponsor a perpetual trophy and who knows, we might have an event to rival the popularity of even the inter estate soccer cups. For further details, or to make any suggestions, don't hesitate and contact any of the Committee in the hall on Mondays or Thursdays from 8.00pm onwards or phone 6285947 anytime.

Yours in sport,
Bernie Farrell
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MAYNOOTH GAA

Under 13 North Kildare League 1990/1991

Maynooth played their first game in this League on 29-9-90 against Ballyna with Ballyna winning by two points.

After that Maynooth went on to record the following wins to reach the quarter finals:

Maynooth 5.14 Celbridge 2.4

Maynooth 4.11 Kilcock 5.2

Maynooth 3.4 Leixlip 2.2

Maynooth had to wait until 22-4-91 to play the Quarter Final against Kill. This game played at Maynooth was very close with a very high standard of football but in the end Maynooth won the day

Maynooth 2.6 Kill 0.6

The following evening Maynooth had to play the semi-final against Confey and Maynooth were easy winners to reach the final against Kilcock.

The final was played in Celbridge on 24-4-91 and one felt that three matches in the one week might have an effect on the players. This was a very close contest with only a couple of points separating the teams at any stage. The Maynooth team, to a man, stuck to their task and with outstanding performances from C. Ashe, M. Nugent, T. Byrne, J. Lawlor, J. Greene, S. Griffin and Captain C. Ryan, held out to win by the narrowest of margins:

Maynooth 1.5 Kilcock 0.7

Maynooth Team: I. Hayes, C. Ashe, R. Casey, E. Kerr, M. Nugent, T. Byrne, D. Murtagh, J. Lawlor, C. Ryan (Captain), J. Greene, S. Griffin, B. Glennan, A. Gaffney, I. Conlon, J. Rossiter. Subs:- D. Buckley, S. Brennan, D. Coughlin, G. Meally, M. Bennett, A. Fay.

I would like to give a special word of thanks to the men who looked after this team during the League, K. Connolly, M. Ryan, M. Gillick, P. Ennis.

U. 14 Feile na N'Og 1991

Maynooth got off to a great start in this year's Feile Na n'Og competition with a convincing win over Carbury on Sunday 12-5-91:

Maynooth 4.15 Carbury 3.0.

Maynooth play Round Towers in the next round on Sunday 19-5-91 and we wish them luck.

SPECIAL APRIL DRAW

£300, Noel Kennedy. £200, Pat Bermingham. £100, G. Gleeson. £50, Sean Henry. £30, G. Murray. £20, Alan Gunning and Dave Turner. £10 Jane Fitzgerald. £10, B. Gibbons and F. Ryan.

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 1.10 V Kilcullen 1.7

Maynooth got off to a bad start in this match, they fell behind by 1.4 to No Score after 20 mins. In the 21st minute Maynooth got their first score, a point from J. Nevin. Then in the 22nd minute a long ball from midfield by P. Ennis found M. Madden and he fisted it into the net. Maynooth kept pressing and by half time they were level 1.5 to 1.5. On the start of the second half Kilcullen went in front again but Maynooth came back again and point's from M. Kelly and J. Edward's went into the lead and

held on 'till the end of game. Best for Maynooth, P. Ennis 3pts, J. Nevin 3pts, M. Madden 1 goal, P. Stynes 1pt, M. Kelly 1pt, J. Edwards 1pt and F. Devereux, M. Nevin and K. Dunne. Man of the Match - P. Ennis

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 11pts V Cappagh 7pts

This was a game of two halves. Maynooth dominated the first half and Cappagh the second half, but Maynooth came out winners in the end. At half time Maynooth led by 9pts to 3pts. The second half seen J. Gilligan in scoring form helping Maynooth to a 4pt win. Best for Maynooth: J. Gilligan 4pts, M. Madden 2pts, S. Molloy 3pts, J. Nevin 1pt, M. Kelly 1pt, P. Kearney, M. Nevin and P. Ennis.

Man of the Match: J. Gilligan

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 10pts V Two-Mile-House 2.8pts

Maynooth suffered their first defeat in the League at the hands of a very determined Two-Mile-House. Maynooth playing well in the first half but scores hard to come by. By half time Maynooth led by 6pts to 1.2pts. Two-Mile-House uped their game in the second half and completely dominated it to run out easy winners. Best for Maynooth: S. Molloy 5pts, J. Edwards 2pts, M. Madden 1pt, F. Devereux 1 pt, P. Ennis 1pt.

Man of the Match: J. Conway.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE - RESULTS

Maynooth 2.5 V Monasterevin 2.11

Maynooth were on top with 10 mins to go and then fitness told and Monasterevin ran out winners.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 1.5 V Leixlip 3.5

This was a good game played by two well matched teams. Leixlip got the goals that counted. Maynooth missed a penalty which was put over the bar by C. O'Grady. Some bad misses by Maynooth forwards led to defeat.

Best for Maynooth: C. O'Grady 1.2, K. Fagan 3pts, M. Flaherty, C. Gallagher, K. Mc Namara, K. Fagan and M. Foy.

JUNIOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Maynooth 0.6 V Kilcullen 0.13

Maynooth lost their 1st round championship match to Kilcullen in Clane on Sunday 12th May. Maynooth playing against the breeze in the first half could not hold Kilcullen and by half-time were behind by 9pts to 2pts. The second was much the same and Kilcullen ran out easy winners. Best for Maynooth on a bad day were: K. Dunne and M. O' Farrell.

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 9 pts V Athgarvan 1.4

Maynooth got back on a winning note in Athgarvan. In this league Maynooth have only been beaten once.

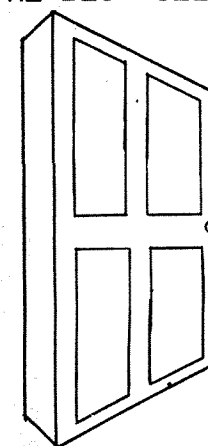
JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 1.7 V Celbridge 3.10.

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Maynooth G.A.A. Under 13 Team 1990/91

Back Row: L to R. M. Gillick (Manager), S. Griffin, D. Coughlin, J. Lawlor, I. Hayes, R. Casey, C. Ashe, A. Gaffney, I. Conlon, T. Byrne, P. Ennis (Selector).

Front Row: L to R. D. Buckley, J. Greene, D. Murtagh, M. Bennett, A. Fay, M. Nugent, B. Glennan, C. Ryan (Capt.), E. Kerr, J. Rossiter, G. Meally, S. Brennan

North Kildares U 12's Rugby Club

Hard work and perseverance has paid off well for the boys of the U. 12 team from North Kildare Rugby Club.

At the Leinster finals hosted by Barnhall Rugby Club on Sunday week and attended by a huge crowd despite the attraction of Kildare's NFL final in Croke Park on the same afternoon, they took away the O'Daly Cup against very strong competition. There were 64 teams in the U 10 and U 12 finals, cut down during the afternoon to provide North Kildare and Clontarf as winners. Having already won an All-Ireland title, North Kildare were fancied and justified this when they beat Greystones 2-0 (Robbie Dolan and Peter Meyler) and Navan 4-0 (Conor Lyons 2, Robbie Dolan 2). They then met Edenderry who, for their part, had tries from Brian Carter and Brian Spain to beat Navan. Robbie Dolan again got the two tries to beat Edenderry and give North Kildare a semi-final outing against Skerries.

They beat the Wicklow club thanks to a fine second half try by Peter Myler and, in a close final tries from Myler and Richard Cosgrove secured the title.

There was little doubt but that North Kildare were the team of the competition and during the tournament they didn't concede a single score while getting 11 tries themselves.

From September, the team trains every Monday night and from April, every Monday and Wednesday.

Most of the team members are from Maynooth and at least some of the credit for their success must go to their dedicated managers, Seamus Kennedy, Paddy Travers and Pat Cahill.

The team was: Robbie Dolan, Des Houlihan, Richard Cosgrove, Peter Meyler, Roger Geraghty, Conor Lyons, Brian Gannon (capt), Mark Kennedy, John Bagnall, Seamus Mc Cluskey, John Veale, Adam Cahill and Ricky Geraghty.



North Kildare U/12 Rugby Team who won the Leinster Championship, with their trainers Pat Cahill, Barry Lyons, Seamus Kennedy and Pat Travers.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Project time is here again and registration date is Tuesday 2nd July at the Geraldine Hall 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. The Project commences on Wednesday 3rd July. We will have all our usual outings like swimming, rounders, Bar-B-Que, bowling, overnight hike and trip to Rainbow Rapids. At home we have our usual crafts, fishing, picnics, crazy games, disco dancing, table quiz and soccer tournament. In addition we also have some after tea activities for the 13 years and elder age groups. Final arrangements are also being made for our Annual Camp. The committee has been working hard since January making sure all the necessary arrangements and bookings have been carried out in order that we will have a very enjoyable and successful Project. A full programme of events will be in the July Newsletter and programmes will also be distributed through the schools. So watch out for next months Newsletter with all the Project News.

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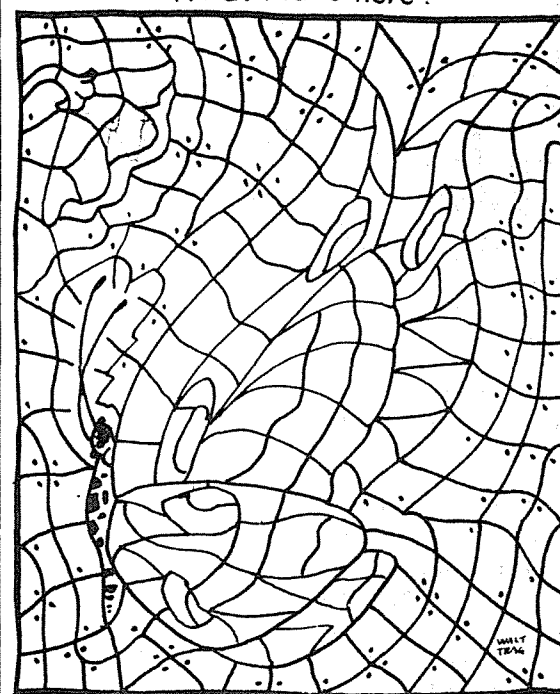
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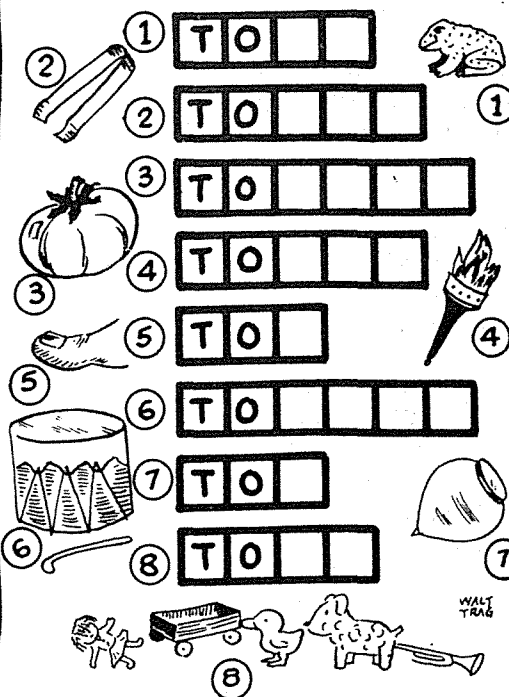


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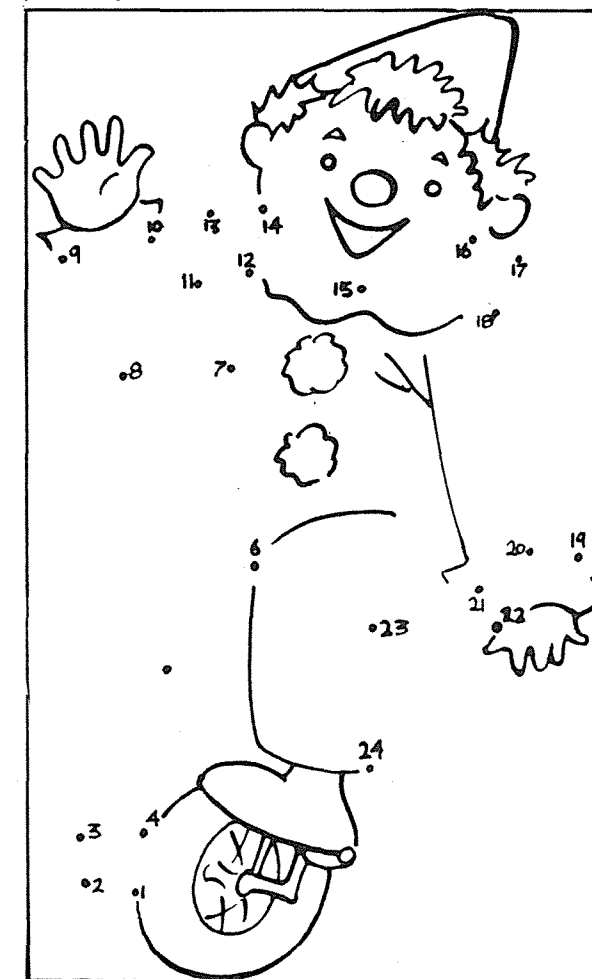


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3rd Thomas Flatley, 9 Maynooth Park

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well done to our members who took part in the Community Games Swimming on 11th May and good luck to those who are now through to the County Finals.

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Swimming Club will be held on Monday 10th June 1991 at 8.30 pm in the Boys' National School. We invite all parents of our members to please attend. Members please note that there will be no swimming on 1st June 1991 due to the Bank holiday weekend. There will be a family swim on 8th June, an opportunity for parents to see the progress being made by their children and a chance for all the family to enjoy a swim. Buses will not be operating that day. The 10th swim of this, the final term will be on 15th June. Our final swim of the year before the summer holidays on 22nd June will be a free swim and also our annual Gala swim.

Please remember to return your registration form for next September on or before 15th June 1991. Return of this form guarantees your child/children's place in the swimming club for September 1991.

In conjunction with Maynooth Summer Festival week we are holding our annual Gala swim on 22nd June in Stewarts' Sports Centre. This Gala is confined to our own club members and transport will be provided only for club members. However anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to do so.

The club is always looking for new members and if you would like further details please contact the secretary Mary Healy, Phone 6286942.

Finally, please remember the A.G.M. on 10th June 1991. We look forward to a large attendance.

Shiela Fleming - P.R.O.

TAE KWON-DO NEWS

Members of Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School graded recently under the 6th Degree Black Belt, Mr. Robert Howard. The students were put through quite a tough examination, but this is very necessary in order to maintain high standards. Doing quite well on the day was thirteen year old Ciara Power who was actually awarded a prize for the best performance at the grading. The examiner, Mr. Howard, is one of the founding members of Tae Kwon-Do in Ireland and is president of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association.

Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do is open for beginner students each Tuesday in the Parish Hall at 8.30 pm (from 12 years up). Visitors are always welcome.

Picture shows the students accompanied by their instructors: Gerard Mc Clelland, 3rd Degree, Robert Howard, 6th Degree (examiner), Michael Devereux, 2nd Degree.



Tae Kwon-Do students accompanied by their instructors: Gerard McClelland, 3rd Degree, Robert Howard, 6th Degree (Examiner), Michael Devereux, 2nd Degree.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Stanworth (8 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth)

Barbara and Dave Begley, daughter and son-in-law of the late Marie Stanworth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Gratitude is extended to all those who attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral; to those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes; to our very kind neighbours especially Tom and Mary Sheehan and Jim and Marie Ryan whose kindness we will always remember; to all the Public Health nurses who looked after her so well during her illness especially Nurse Campbell, never forgetting the doctors, nurses and staff of Drogheda Memorial Hospital, the Curragh in whose loving care she died; to Mr Conroy and staff of Conroy's Chemist, Maynooth S.C., and finally our special thanks to Rochfort & Sons Funeral Undertakers, Kilcock who went out of their way to help us and arranged everything so beautifully. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

O' Reilly

The son, daughters and family of the late Anne O'Reilly of Newtown, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely our kind neighbours and friends for their sympathy and support in their recent sad loss. A special word of thanks to those who personally called, sent floral tributes, sent mass cards and messages of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral. To Fr. Supple, Fr. Coogan, Dr. M. Cowhey, Dr. Pidgeon, nurses and staff of the Mobile Day Hospital, Carbury, An Post and Customs Management and Staff, C.S.O. Sheriff St. and S.D.S., Naas Road Dublin.

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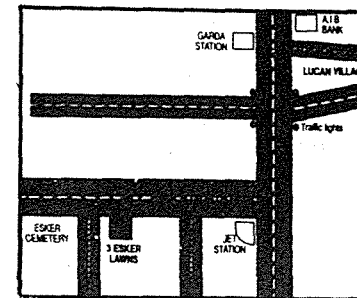
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Brother, sister, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Frank Horan, Greenfield, Maynooth.

Daughter, son-in-law, brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Teresa (Tess) Fay (nee Nolan), Pound Street, Maynooth.

Sister, relatives and friends, of the late Charles Dunne, Crinstown, Maynooth.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Dr Barbara Hayley, Londonbridge Road, Dublin. Dr Hayley, Professor of English in St Patrick's College, was fatally injured in a car accident on 15th May.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Ann Kehoe. Happy 21st Birthday on 13th June from the Dempseys.

To Dad. Happy belated birthday - you don't look a day over 21 (honest!) from all the family, Mum, Karen, Dave, Annah, Claire, Eimear and Ailish (and the missing two). (Great Party!!!)

Happy Birthday on June 7th to dearest Ruth with much love - From Mammy, Daddy, Stephen and Mark.

Happy Birthday to Paddy Walshe, Mulhussey - Love Maura.

Happy Birthday, Fran, 4th June from Kay, Rusty, Primrose, and Fluff.

Best wishes in the exam, and Happy Birthday, to Mary Mc Ginley.

Belated best wishes for the two score years, to Patricia Condron, Railpark, 12th May, and Martin Nugent, Newtownmaccabe.

Congratulations to Bridget Halton, Greenfield Drive, on her recent wedding.

Belated greetings to M. Nevin, Barrogstown who celebrated his 21st birthday on April 13.

Happy birthday to Joe O' Neill, Greenfield, on May 6th.

Happy Birthday to Mrs Annie Burke, Newtown, on the 14th.

Happy Birthday to Martin Mc Ternan, Lawrence Avenue, on the 26th.

Happy Birthday to Peter Mc Ternan, Dunboyne, on the 11th.

Classified Ads

Happy Birthday to Annalisa Mooney, Age 6 on June 4th. Love from Mum, Dad and Michele.

Happy 21st Birthday on June 10th to Michele Mooney - Love and Best wishes from Mum, Dad and Annalisa.

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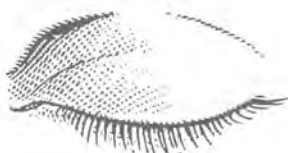
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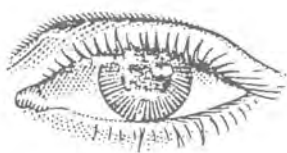
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