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HANDING OVER MAYNOOTH CASTLE TO THE STATE

The Hon. David Nall-Cain, (left) Owner of Carton Properties handing over the keys of Maynooth Castle, Co. Kildare to Mr. Vincent Brady, T.D. Minister of State of the Office of Public Works, watched by Mgr. Miceál Ledwith, (second from left) President of Maynooth College and Chairman of the Maynooth Castle Committee and Brigadier Denis FitzGerald, (cousin of the Duke of Leinster) at the ceremony held at Maynooth Castle on Sunday 20th October 1991.

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Editorial

KILDARE PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Newsletter congratulates Norah McDermott, Supervisor in the Community Council Offices on her nomination for the Kildare Person of the Year Award. Norah richly deserves this award for her unstinting dedication to the community, on the Royal Canal Amenity Group, the Community Council, Community Games, and the Newsletter. On a national scale Norah has also achieved substantial progress for women with the successful conclusion of her long drawn out battle for equal rights with regard to social welfare payments. This case had to go all the way to Europe before the Government would agree to pay up. Keep up the good fight Norah!

TIDY ESTATES

This issue carries the report of the Judges of the Tidy Estates Competition. Congratulations to Cluain Aoibhinn on their victory. Other estates could benefit from a visit to this example of what co-operative effort can achieve, sometimes against the odds. As in other estates, Cluain Aoibhinn, has a number of rented houses to cater for our transient population of students and workers. Unfortunately, rented houses can advertise their status only to loudly, with peeling paintwork, broken windows, and overgrown prairies in front. This does not have to be the case, and often an approach to landlords from residents associations can achieve miraculous transformations. Occupiers of rented houses also have their part to play in ensuring that their homes are not a blight on the landscape. Just because they are renting they are not absolved from being members of a community with the same obligations as any other member. They too, should take a pride in their surroundings, as much as any other owner occupier does.

NASTY WATERS!

The Newsletter extends its sympathies to Naas, half of whose population is now recovering from the effects of contaminated water. But, can we be sure that Maynooth is safe from similar contamination, particularly since we have the same officials looking after our interest? The events in Naas instil no confidence for residents of other areas. It took some days before it was officially admitted that there was contamination, and the official response appears to have been somewhat lethargic. Potentially, lives were at stake here, and who knows what the long term effects will be? Why is the response so muted, and why is there not a National Enquiry being established to enquire into how half of a town could be poisoned in this way?

GOODBYE

We say goodbye this month to our intrepid reporter, Gerry Scully, who has embarked on a course in Librarianship in UCD. The Newsletter would like to thank all those in the community who assisted Gerry in his work, and to Gerry himself for his assiduous seeking after the truth.

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that you have an elderly ruin in your town which, in my opinion, has some potential for a consideration of two million pounds. I am prepared to put at your disposal all the influence of my many friends in high places to create a dynamic thrusting Graduate Business School in the 'Thing' in the Square (References available on request).

I remain yours,

*Dermot Desmond (Age 64 1/2),
Not Charlie's Brokers',
Virgin Islands.*

Dear Editor,

It may seem obvious that a dog is an animal, but most of us at some time forget this fact. We all at times attribute to our pet canines human characteristics. We talk to them and like to believe that they understand. Indeed anybody who has ever kept a dog or dogs will tell you they are like children, but they are not.

An adult dog is exactly that, an adult with definite needs and equipped by nature to fulfil those needs. It has a need to procreate and will do so according to the savage laws of its breed. The bitch will choose the strongest and often the most savage dog.

Dogs also have a need to eat, a need we fulfill with sanitised tins of meat. Nature however cannot be switched off and the programme to hunt and kill in all dogs cannot be ignored either by the dog or by us its owner and master. A dog cannot ignore its nature and so we humans must train the dog's nature to our own ends. On the farm this means training to herd not to kill its prey; but dogs in towns and cities receive no such training and night after night dogs driven by the need to hunt, though not to eat, ruthlessly stalk and savage farm animals.

Dog owners must accept that their pet is not a member of their family, but a wild animal domesticated and trained to live peaceably with and for their family. But that training is only in the limited situation of their family home, and their dog is simply not trained or conditioned not to hunt domestic farm animals.

The cost of too much sentimentality about our pets can be staggering. One farmer in the Maynooth area has lost about £2,744 worth of sheep and lambs in the last year. And this hardly reflects the suffering of the sheep left mutilated and bleeding to death and it's not the dogs' fault. The responsibility rests with the dogs' owners who allow their dogs to wander and to form hunting packs. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to make sure that it is under control, especially at night.

*Yours sincerely,
Enda Ramsbottom.*

CASTLE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

At a ceremony at Maynooth Castle on Sunday 20th October 1991 at 2 pm Maynooth Castle was given as a gift by the Honourable David Nall-Cain to Commissioner John F. Mahony, Chairperson of the Commissioners of Public Works and will be dedicated as an amenity to benefit the people of Maynooth and Ireland.

Witnessing the gift and dedication were:

Mr. Vincent Brady T.D., Minister of State; Brigadier Denis Fitzgerald (on behalf of the Duke of Leinster); Rt. Rev. Monsignor Miceal Ledwith, Chairperson of The Maynooth Castle Committee.

Maynooth Castle was started by Maurice Fitzgerald in 1176 after he had aided Strongbow in the successful Siege of Dublin.

From 1176 to 1647 the Castle was the principal home and fortress of the Fitzgerald family, first four Barons of Offaly, then 16 Earls of Kildare.

From 1647 to today (345 years) the Castle has been in ruins. "It is a remarkable fact, as stated by a good authority on our Norman architecture, John Henry Parker of Oxford, that although this castle was enlarged at various times, yet, while such additions have almost entirely disappeared, the greater part of the original work still remains. This may be accounted for by the durable character of the massive early Norman masonry" quoted from Journal of County Kildare Archaeological Society, 1894.

Maynooth Castle Committee started in 1990, has to date:

- * arranged the survey of the Castle by the department of Surveying and Architecture in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin.

- * commissioned the definitive history of Maynooth Castle by the History Department of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

- * co-ordinated the works of floodlighting the Castle by the O.P.W. and Kildare County Council.

- * solicited the sponsorship of Landscape planting to the adjoining Mills by Edward Kavanagh & Co.

- * liaised at all stages with the Office of Public Works to promote the status of the project of Restoring Maynooth Castle, with emphasis on the appropriateness of funding by the European Cultural Heritage Fund.

- * and now has used the goodwill of the Nall-Cain family to see the most significant Norman Castle in Ireland placed in the hands of the people of Ireland.

The next phase for the Maynooth Castle Committee is to assist in the development of the project by the Office of Public Works.

The restoration work of the Castle will be a major project of the O.P.W. during the next decade.

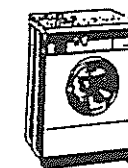
The use of the restored Castle is the subject of studies being carried out by a Social Employment Scheme, sponsored by the Maynooth Castle Committee. These researches cover such aspects as:

The Fitzgerald Clan and Clan meetings, Leaflets and Postcards, Guided Tours, Genealogy Centre, Medieval Banquets, Historical Pageant, Community Meeting Rooms, Summer School.

Maynooth Castle Committee represents all local organisations and committees with interests in the development of the area.

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The monthly Guild Meeting was held on Thursday 3rd October.

Mary O'Gorman presided and welcomed everyone, especially some of our past members. Mrs B. Cunningham gave a lovely demonstration of Swiss Darning. Next months Guild Competition is the oldest newspaper.

Winners of the monthly raffle were: 1st Mrs M. McMyler, 2nd Mrs Felicity Satchwell, 3rd Mrs C. Harper. We wish all the ladies travelling to Strasbourg a most enjoyable trip.

Crafts every Monday night 8pm - 10pm. Badminton continues every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10.30 - 12.00.

The next months Guild meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November at 8pm, and we will be holding our Ecumenical Service for deceased members that night. New members are always welcome.

Apology: Betty Farrell's name was omitted from the Annual Show notes in October issue. Betty is Chairperson of the Annual Show Committee.

GRANGEWILLIAM CEMETERY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The above committee held its first meeting on 11th September 1991 and its second meeting on 7th October 1991.

At these meetings the committee was elected and plans were discussed for the restoration of Grangewilliam Cemetery; also many suggestions were put forward all of which will be considered in the carrying out of this scheme.

Work has commenced and it would be greatly appreciated if anyone who has relatives buried in this Cemetery or who has an interest in preserving a very old historic place in our town, would kindly come to our next meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday, 11th November 1991 at 8.30 pm. For further information contact: Peter Nevin, Secretary - phone 6285179, or Kathleen Murphy - phone 6286399.



MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

The club has resumed its activities since July and looks forward to the following charitable ventures in the coming months. We envisage bringing 130 handicapped children from the locality to Fossetts Circus in Whitehall at the end of October. There is currently a Peace Poster Competition under way in the local schools for children of the ages 11 - 13 with a result appearing in the next Newsletter, plus possibly a reproduction of the winning entry.

The Over 55's Live At 3 Talent Competition is underway with the local heats in November and the winning contestants should appear on RTE later.

Our annual Food Appeal takes place in December and next

months Newsletter will carry further information. Lastly, I would like to inform the people of Maynooth of our aims and ambitions and here is a brief history of Lionism.

The International Association of Lions Clubs was established in 1917 in the United States by a young Insurance Agent, Melvin Jones and now has a current worldwide membership of 1.3 million in 39,500 clubs. Members from all walks of life are dedicated to their motto "We serve" and give freely of their time to make the community a better place to live in, by helping their fellow man irrespective of class or creed both on the local front, and in major international projects throughout the world.

There are 99 clubs in Ireland, the first being founded in Dublin in 1955 with a total membership of over 2,600 today. Current Irish and international fundraising projects being carried out by the Lions include famine relief for Africa, and a major worldwide project "Sight First" to raise funds to remove cataracts from partially sighted young people in the towns and villages of South America, Africa, India and Bangladesh.

The outline of the aims of the Lions Clubs is to create and foster a spirit of understanding and co-operation amongst peoples of the world, to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

An Outline of the Activities of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club.

The Lions Club of Maynooth/Kilcock covers the area as far as Enfield-Donadea, Timahoe, Prosperous, Clane, Straffan and Celbridge. Our main project is the Mosney Holiday for Senior Citizens, around 50 guests are brought each year. Lions are active in the Christmas Food Appeal and Over 55 Talent Competitions. The Maynooth/Kilcock Club was formed in 1981 and is one of the largest clubs in Ireland. With the continued very generous support from the public in our area, the Lions club has made many donations to assist the aged, lonely, the youth, mentally and visually handicapped and various organisations.


Meetings are held in the Moyglare Manor Hotel and there are 41 members.

The complete cost of administering our Association at all levels is covered by our members subscriptions. We are not allowed to deduct any percentage of the money raised from public functions for our administrative needs, all money goes to charity.

Lions Club members in every club are bound by the same constitution, by Laws and Code of Ethics. The Emblem consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple background, the word Lions appears at the top and international at the bottom. Symbolically the Lions face both past and future - proud of the past and confident of the future.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB.

Although Joan and Bridie didn't bring home the cup from Kilkenny we heartily congratulate them. They did the club proud with their lovely exhibit entitled "The Fields". Our A.G.M. was held on 15th October. A full list of the new committee will be available for next month's Newsletter.



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Everyone enjoyed the "Composed Class" which was very interesting and lots of fun for the audience and hopefully for those who did the hard work!

Special thanks to Catherine Mulready who was on hand to act as voting scrutineer. At our next meeting we have the pleasure of welcoming Joan Downey from Leixlip and we look forward very much to seeing her work. The meeting will be held in the Post Primary at 8 O'clock.

On the 10th December, Marcella Campbell, whose garden has featured on the Gerry Daly TV show, will show us her ideas for Christmas arrangements and decorations. Following tradition, our Christmas meeting will be held in the SVD Hall at 8 O'clock.

Finally, Felicity Satchwell, secretary of our club has very kindly donated a turkey for the raffle. Tickets will cost 50p and will be available at the meetings.

R. Smyth,
P.R.O.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

As mentioned in last months *Newsletter* our Poster Competition is underway. Leaflets on rules and information are available at the Credit Union Office and also at the public library, Main Street, Maynooth. Closing date for entries for our competition is December 6th 1991.

Our A.G.M. is coming up next month, date and venue yet to be decided. As this is where the Board of Directors to control members money are elected, each member if possible should attend. This is the only time and place in which members can properly air their views and make changes in the Credit Union, if necessary. Each adult member has one vote at this meeting. Each member can and should make use of this opportunity. Members will get notification of date and venue of A.G.M. in due course.

I would like to remind our members to give adequate notice for loans for Christmas, so as to avoid disappointment.

New members are always very welcome.

Our hours of opening are as follows:

Thursday 7pm - 8.30 pm.

Friday 7 pm - 8.30 pm.

Saturday 10 am - 12.30 pm.

Mary Haren.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

A well attended annual General Meeting was held in the school on the evening of Tuesday, October 8th, at 8pm. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by Noel Lysaght (Secretary) and unanimously adopted. Patsy O'Rafferty (Treasurer) presented Balance Sheet for the previous year showing an income and expenditure of almost £5,000. This was again unanimously adopted by all present.

Pat Halley (Chairperson) then presented his annual report. He spoke of the Committee's varied activities including

fundraising, dealing with issues of local and national importance, meetings with a Kildare V.E.C., sub-committee and continuing links with their national parent body P.A.V.S.C.C. He said the association looks forward to the forthcoming Green Paper on education and will be making a submission on behalf of the school's parents. He concluded by thanking the committee for all their hard work on behalf of the school. Four parent information briefings followed. Seamus McManus spoke about the School Bond Scheme. This had previously raised enough funds to construct the tennis courts, officially opened at last year's A.G.M. The aim now was to fund the construction of a much needed general purpose room. Those interested in taking out a Bond can get further details from Mr. McManus at the school (6286060).

Tom O'Sullivan spoke about the Tennis Club formed since the A.G.M. Currently it has 31 families and 6 individual members. Membership costs £20 per family and £10 per individual for a year. Enquiries can be made to Tom at 6286084.

Michael O'Donnell spoke about the Debs dance to be held this year on Friday 22nd November in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge. He stressed that parents, past students and teachers as well as the Debs themselves, were very welcome to attend this very successful annual event.

Tom Ashe (Principal) spoke to those present about the new Junior Certificate courses to be first examined in 1992. He assured parents that, despite limited training provided by the Department of Education for the teachers concerned, the students in Maynooth will be well prepared for the exam.

Those attending then approved of the following proposals; to adopt the draft constitution; to empower the incoming committee to continue to explore a change of status and/or a Board of Management for the school and to increase the suggested amount for the voluntary subscriptions to the association from £5 to £10 per family.

Nominations were then taken for the incoming committee, which will meet and elect officers on 12th November at 8pm in the school. Those nominated were:

Mary Farrell, Marie O'Sullivan, Joe Kelly, Noel Lysaght, Jim Fleming, Irene Matthews, Mary O'Melia, Joan Carroll, Teresa Bennett, Lynn Whitaker, Mary Boland, Rita Flynn, Lisa O'Farrell, Ann Egan, Kathleen Dempsey, Joan Lennon, Mary Dunworth, Catherine Hodge, Jacqueline Smith, Joe Fahy, Sally Cotter, Dermott Nangle, Joe Buckley, Masie McMyler, Josephine Dempsey, Dick Sheehan, Pat Malley, Assumpta Duffy, Mona Byrne, Patsy O'Rafferty. All the above represent the different areas from which the school draws its pupils.

The meeting concluded with the board Scheme Draw for £1000 which was won by Mr. Seamus Nevin of Barrogstown. He was presented with the cheque by Seamus McManus and warmly congratulated by all present. Refreshments were then provided in the Art Room where there was also a display of some of the items of equipment bought by the association for the school and photographs of the presentation made to Fr. Thynne last July.

W. Coughlan,
P.R.O.

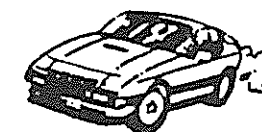
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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS' REPORT

Best Estate/Area and Shop Front Competition

Elsewhere in this issue you will read a detailed judges' report on our competition for the Area's Shop Fronts in Maynooth. We would ask each Residents' Association and business to read and take note. This item with the Bord Failte Report (see October issue of Maynooth *Newsletter*) should be used to improve the quality of our environment.

Once again on behalf of the Tidy Towns Committee may I thank our judges from St. Patrick's College Maynooth for their time and efforts in compiling this report and congratulations to the winners.

We hope to have a Table Quiz in the near future where plaques will be presented.

Richard Farrell,
Secretary.

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Tickets available at £4.00 each from the committee members or at the door. Sandwiches are kindly being provided by O'Keefe's. A raffle will be held during the night - prizes galore.

All those who attended last year's function will agree that they had a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Bridie Furlong P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal

Canal mania has hit Maynooth. With the advent of the "Miss Royal Canal" competition the business houses are preparing to do battle, since the majority of them will be represented in the competition. Just imagine Miss Centra, Miss West End Carpet, Miss Quinnsworth, Miss Nuzstop and many more. There is even talk of Miss Community Council; who could that be? The ever charming Christina Sauls or even the illustrious Norah McDermott. Time will tell!

The Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal will take place this year at the Springfield Hotel Leixlip and it promises to be a great night as usual. As well as the Fashion Show and Miss Royal Canal competition there will be a disco to conclude the evening. There will also be a free Cheese and Wine reception courtesy of Quinnsworth's Maynooth. In answer to a question which has been posed to me several times in the past few weeks I can now give a definite "YES". We will once again have the talented Chris Walsh of C.K.R. to present the show and he will be assisted with fashion commentary by Joan Howard Williams.

Those wishing to advertise in the show programmes may contact Mr. Gerry McGlinchy at 6289192. Tickets for the show, at a very reasonable £4.00 per head, can be obtained from any member of the committee.

Achievements

Many of you will be by now aware that the new "Miss Ireland" is Miss Amanda Brunker who will be going forward to represent this country in the "Miss World" competition. Amanda commenced her career by winning the "Miss Royal Canal Jamboree" competition. We are pleased to announce that Amanda will be with us to give tips to the contestants in the forthcoming Miss Royal Queen contest. We take this opportunity to wish her well in the "Miss World" contest. Many will have seen the new Irish hit movie "The Commitments", which tell the story of the difficult rise to stardom of an aspiring young pop group. One of the stars in the film is Andrew Strong from Naas. Andrew made his debut a few years ago when he fronted the winning band in the battle of the bands competition, then hosted by the Royal Canal, but

which is now the preserve of the Community Council. We extend congratulations to Andrew.

The Kildare personality of the year competition will shortly conclude with a gala function in the Hotel Keadeen and one of those to make the last 10 for the grand final is Maynooth's very own Norah McDermott. Norah was a founder member of, and for many years acted as secretary of this group. Suffice to say that having spent many years on this committee she learned at a good school? We wish her every success in the competition.

Work Update

Work is continuing at a rapid pace at Pike's Bridge. The wall at the southern end of the harbour which had been listing badly has been almost completely rebuilt and this serves to enhance the look of the harbour. A variety of shrubs have been planted in the vicinity of the bridge and this will serve to improve environmental aspects of the area, a matter which the committee regards as a priority.

Remember the date November the 28th at the Springfield Hotel - Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal. An evening to remember.

Gerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

Times of Services

1st Sunday of month	The Eucharist	9.30 am
2nd Sunday of month	The Eucharist	10.30 am
3rd Sunday of month	Morning Prayer	10.30 am
4th Sunday of month	The Eucharist	10.30 am

The Rector, Rev. G. Williamson may be contacted at the Rectory, Lismahon, Batterstown, Co. Meath, Phone 01-250020.

Harvest Service

This took place on Sunday 29th September at 11.30 am and we were joined by members of the Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin parishes. Thanks to the visiting preacher Rev. Paul Willoughby. Congratulations to Mrs. Sheila Jolley who was commissioned as a parish reader on the same day.

The Bards

This fundraising event was in aid of St. Mary's Restoration Fund and took place in the Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge on Thursday 17th October. We would like to thank the following people who sponsored the raffle: Top of the Crop, Cassidy's Roost, FMK Casuals, Sean Donovan, O'Neill's Butchers, Ciaran Diggins, Dial-a-Style, Home Ironing Services.

Thanks to everybody from the Maynooth and surrounding areas who supported us either by attending the event or buying tickets. A special thanks is due to the members of Rustic Blue (David Jolley, Gerry Fitzpatrick, Phil McDermott) who provided the music before Diarmuid O'Leary and the Bards came on stage. Thank you for all the support.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the above association took place on 25th September. Our guest speaker this year was Mr. T. Ashe, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School. Mr. Ashe gave a very informative talk on "The transition from Primary to Post Primary School" and also on the new Junior Certificate Examination. He also answered questions on both these topics. The committee would like to express their sincere thanks to him for taking time out of his busy schedule to be our guest speaker. Judging by the large attendance at this meeting it was a matter of great interest to most people and an opportunity for them to hear from an expert in the field. The Chairperson, Lila Flynn then outlined the committees activities for the year, followed by the secretary's and treasurer's reports. A new committee for 1991-2 was formed and we welcome all new members to the committee. The committee would also like to thank Sr. Aquinas for her talk at the end of the meeting. The evening ended with refreshments being served. A final word of thanks to you, the parents, for coming along and showing your continued support to this association.

Sheila Fleming - Outgoing P.R.O.

CLUB BRU BOSCO

We would like to thank all those who supported our Flag Days at the Bank Holiday Weekend. Once again we appeal for **public support**; in this instance for all interested in the **future of our youth**. A meeting to revitalise our Club will be held on **Monday 11th November** in the Geraldine Hall at 8pm. The aim will be to recruit leaders and form a committee to develop and promote our Club. Full training for leaders will be provided by the Catholic Youth Council and a representative of C.Y.C. will attend that night. If you are interested, even to a small degree, your attendance would be most welcome!

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COLLEGE NOTES

Bawroque Players, Drama and Variety Group, from Clondalkin, present on 15th and 16th November "The Call", a play in 3 acts by Thomas Coffey in the Aula Maxima, in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Tickets will be on sale at door for £3.00 for everyone. Doors close at 7.45.

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CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A.G.M. Time Again

Well, according to our constitution, November is the time for the annual review! The Annual General Meeting will be held in mid-November. Dates and venue are at present being negotiated by the officers. All residents will be informed well in advance, and a reminder given. It is important that there would be a good turn out on the night. It is the opportunity for all residents to voice their thoughts about our estate, and to participate together in making Carton Court a great place to live in. Let your voice be heard by being there!

Items on the agenda will include: up-date on neighbourhood watch, the new by-pass and its effects, and the boundary fence to finish the estate on the back road.

Clean-Up

Autumn is the time for leaves, leaves and more leaves! It is also the time to tidy up gardens and greens before winter sets in. We encourage all residents to make a general effort about clean-up before the mud and the mire take over.

Take Care.

All you motorists, pedestrians, cyclists take care of yourselves, and others, these dark nights and mornings. See you at the A.G.M.

Noelle Topley (Secretary)

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The committee are very pleased to see that following our recent meeting with the developer, work is now progressing towards the completion of the estate. Roads, footpaths etc. around the recently developed houses should be completed shortly and the remaining lights which had not been connected should also be in operation soon. Its also nice to see the remaining sites at the end of the estate being developed.

The committee are planning a quiz night for November and we are hoping to see a big crowd as usual. Plans are also being made for the annual visit of Santa from the North Pole. More details on both of these events at a later date.

We hope to plant some trees and shrubs this month and we understand that the developer will also be planting some more trees before the estate is completed.

Kevin Coyle,
P.R.O.

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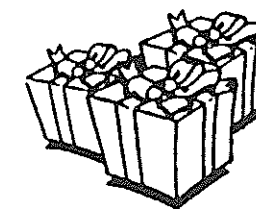
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Protection and security of the elderly.

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- (1) Front and rear doors should be fitted with good quality 5 lever mortice locks; safety catches should be fitted to all windows.
- (2) Never leave doors unlocked; rear doors and windows should always be closed when speaking to strangers at the front door.
- (3) Fit a strong door chain to both front and rear door. A chain will allow you to open the door a few inches before admitting a caller.
- (4) Door viewers are very useful for seeing callers before the door is opened.
- (5) Be careful with your door keys: never hide them outside the house in what might appear to be a safe place.
- (6) Keys should always be turned in locks even when in the house; if you lose a key the lock should be changed immediately.
- (7) Never give any personal information about yourself or your neighbour to any strangers who may call or telephone.
- (8) You should make special observations of strangers who call to your home and arouse your suspicion; note a full description of them; the registration number and make of their car. Pass this information to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator or the Gardai.
- (9) Persons claiming to be Inspectors/ or any kind of Officials should be asked to produce identification and be fully satisfied before you admit them to your home; if in any doubt refuse entry and contact the Gardai.
- (10) If a forced entry is in progress take immediate steps to summon help; use telephone if available and if necessary shout/ scream to alert passers by.
- (11) If you do not have a telephone you should make arrangements for a system of signals to a neighbour indicating when you need assistance.
- (12) Good lighting inside and outside your home greatly assists in stopping intrusion to your home; time switches can be used to provide cut-off with great effect.
- (13) Keep minimum amounts of money and valuables in your home; never leave such items exposed to public views; surplus cash/valuables can be deposited for safe keeping in Banks or other Financial Institutions.
- (14) It is advisable to keep a list of Serial No.'s/ Markings of all valuables in your home.
- (15) Keep important telephone numbers in a conspicuous

location near your telephone ie: Doctor, priest, good neighbour and the priority Garda phone numbers as follows: Maynooth Station - 6286234; Naas - This phone number gives direct contact to the Maynooth Garda Patrol Car - 045 (97333); and of course in emergency dial 999 and ask for the Gardai. A telephone extension to your bedroom will assist without fuss in raising an alarm. Keep the phone number of a reliable neighbour whom you can contact at short notice.

Halloween

This is a period of joy and fun; it is the first break for adults after the summer and prior to the Christmas festivities; let's all enjoy it without causing disruptions.

Play your part to make it a pleasant but safe time, trouble free. **Children and young people:** have your fun but avoid incidents of vandalism and rowdiness.

Parents: Exercise control over your children's activities during the Halloween period. Know where children and young people up to 18 years of age in your household are and supervise any bonfire occasions etc. in your locality; don't try and beat the young people but join them and let everyone enjoy themselves.

We appeal for your support and thank you.

Church Gate Collections:

Collectors must be at least 25 metres from the church gate. Despite our advice in last month's edition it's noted with regret that collectors continue to assemble at the actual Church Gate entrance. In future the Gardai will enforce this regulation so we again implore your co-operation and comply with the conditions of your permit, please.

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STREET TALKING

Elite Moves

The Elite Bakery will be shifting premises across the road in the near future in order to accommodate renovations and expansion in the current premises. Their temporary halting place will be in the premises vacated by Stephen Heros' which has been empty since early this year.

Kleaner Jeans

Klean Jeans, the Launderette in Greenfield Shopping Centre has opened a reception outlet where Kevy Mac's Castle Stores was recently situated. They don't wash or dry laundry here but send it up to the "mother of all launderettes" in Greenfield. Meanwhile, Kevy Mac has moved closer to the Castle, opening a bright new shop one door up from the old one.

Best Shop Fronts

Congratulations to Frank Regan and Kids and Co. who won first prize in this year's Best Shop Front competition. This column also extends its congratulations to Centra and to Coyne and Bergin's who came 2nd and 3rd respectively.



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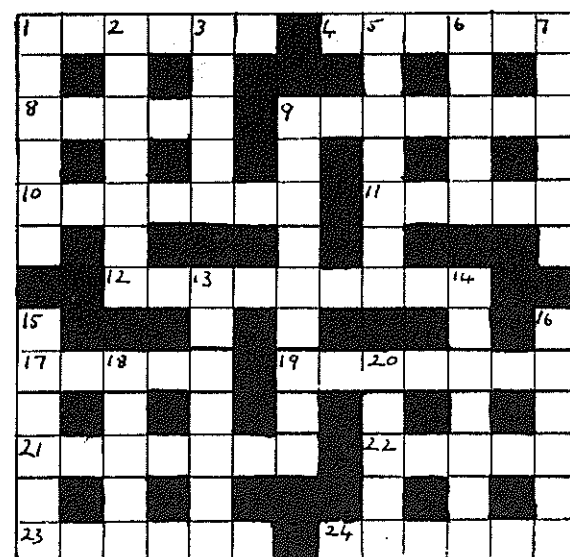
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Across

- 1 & 17 Are the houses here made of card board boxes (6, 5)
4. Yes, a company provides backing for this playwright (1,5)
8. Tornado without publicity is blown apart, believe it . . . (2,3)
9. See 6 Down
10. Reform calls around and doctor takes operations at home (5,2)
11. Leinster Arms was formerly a warm Spanish article (5)
12. Takeaway aids cur if well chewed (9)
17. Woo (5)
19. That Quinnsworth is still often called this is borne out by the name (1,5,1)
21. To accomplish, I've confused pain round-about (7)
22. The answer is not here - but it is! (5)
23. Placing metallic rocks in middle of throughfare could be very painful (6)
24. Is our patron saint stiff after taking herb? Not her! (6)

Down

1. Fourth line of seats in theatre enveloped in type of gas for dispersing these when rioting (6)
2. Escapes like water from a duck's back (4,3)
3. A host of swearwords? (5)
5. Spy and cow are types who might field at cricket - in the rye? (7)
6 & 9 Across. March means a day of parading for him (5,7)
7. Yes, O.K., learner can befuddle (local) bumpkins (6)
9. He is on Pat, hiding undergarments from Hidden Treasures! (5-4)
13. Is "Demon" one of those ruddy dogs? (7)
14. Is only the first letter of this lettuce visible above the water? (3-4)
15. Bits and pieces of rubbish in the steamship (6)
16. Rise up while a hundred die (6)
18. He will guide to Row whatever-it-is in theatre you, me, and that woman (5)
20. A blade that circles in either direction. (5)



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Solution to Crossword 47:

Across: (1,16,9) Kildare County Council; (5) Tonic; (8) Elite; (9) Council; (10) Dilates; (11) Piece; (12) Apples; (14) Statue; (17) Tudor; (19) O' Neills; (22) Captain; (23) Roche; (24) Elton; (25) Yashmak.
Down: (1) Knead; (2) Leixlip; (3) Alert; (4) Excuse; (5) Trumpet; (6) Niche; (7) College; (12) Article; (15 & 13) Telecom Eireann; (16) County; (18) Depot; (20) Earls; (21) Steak.

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THE WYRD SISTER REPORT

[Compiled by Minerva Big Dipper Murphy, Wickedly Unconventional Owl' One and Practitioner of Esoteric Arts, who formerly supplied this magazine with its horoscope column.]

Things that go bump in the night

Have I got news for you! During one of my recent lapses into friendliness I happened to be making a visit to an elderly citizen who doesn't get out and about much and I thought it right and proper that she should accompany me to one of my meetings with my colleagues in order that she might meet some new faces and what not (bodies attached to them would have been an advantage but we can't expect everything). My ex-friend (as she now is) adamantly refused my offer, pathetically excusing herself by manifesting a sudden fear of flying and an outbreak of headache. A more truthful excuse would have been to admit that she'd have to be surgically separated from her armchair before she could walk to the door, never mind hop on a broomstick. With a pointed reminder that I was at least 165 years her senior and had never been known to remain upright in a single spot for longer than six seconds I swept through her back door and kick-started my way to the meeting on my own.

It was shortly after midnight and dark so I didn't notice the dangerous obstruction posed by the canopies outside Patrick's restaurant until I had plunged through two of them and had been brought to earth by a third. Emerging from a flutter of tarpaulin and blasting the immediate environment with gravel I spotted a scatterin' of little figures racing for shelter into the mall. Now, at this point I have to tell you about me and Papa Smurf. Forget the blueberry little fat object that has been injected into your culture by American T.V. That is merely a clever ploy by the real Smurf to fool you into thinking he is a cuddly, harmless and simple creature who owns nothing more than a collection of hybrid mushrooms in which he and his poor pals actually live. Papa Smurf is actually a billionaire several times over, who made his money selling fungi to a gullible public and secretly took it back again by means of his friend Hee Haw who happened to be the owner of a large supply of manure etc etc - all a matter of politics which needn't concern us here. Me and Papa have had a long feuding relationship over a certain spot of wasteland which I have used for years in which to conduct gatherin's and which the bould Papa wished to acquire for the erection of a Graduate Toadstool School. Needless to say I thwarted his every move.

So imagine my delight to discover that I had crashlanded beside the self same Smurf who had been busily engaged in negotiations with the rats, stray cats and crows of Maynooth in an effort to persuade them to wreak havoc on Patrick's restaurant so that the selling price would be devalued overnight thereby enabling him to buy it at a pittance. He had intended, it seems, to turn it into a Fun-Gus Palace and to sell it to Rotten-Core, a company connected to Smell-a-Con Eircann and Good-Man-Yourself! International and, oh I could go on forever. The upshot of my intrusion upon this little consortium was the flattening of a head rat, the squashing of three Smurfeens and the scatterin' to the four winds of various documents and notes (called *Deeds Of Dire Deviousness* all of which heavily implicated Papa). Papa was so

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terrified at the outcome of my visit that he attempted to bribe me into silence with shares, spores and anything you care to mention. Naturally I accepted everything he offered and persuaded him (with a swift upstroke of my broom) to depart the locality for good and to leave all property in Maynooth alone.

I heard, only this morning, that his pal Hee Haw made him resign from Smell-a-Con and he is now in disgrace somewhere. Unfortunately it seems that, judging by the state of the corner of Mill Street, the crows and their cohorts (being particularly thick) have continued to make the building as shabby looking as possible in the belief that the deal is still on. As for myself, I have untroubled access to me patch of wasteland and I find, funnily enough, that it's ideal ground for the cultivation of a certain strain of fungus which I expect to be selling shortly. So youse can thank me for saving the entire town so youse can and I'll not say no to a nice new car.

Odd Goin's-On in the College

I had never been to the college before I enrolled last month for Winnie Wonderweb's evening class in *Trans Global Transportation and New Age Woodwork* (details of which are in last issue's report). I had expected to find ancient and ivy covered halls of learning reeking with the stench of a particularly masculine presence and lots of signs about the place telling us what not to do and where not to do it. Imagine my surprise therefore to discover that the place where we were to have our class (called the Arts Block - presumably because the entire structure of the building most effectively blocks the slightest possibility of an outbreak of art of any kind) was covered from top to bottom with dust and plastic and had everywhere in evidence a profusion of scaffolding. I can adapt to most situations, providing I'm not actually *told* to do so by some foolish individual, and so throughout our class I effectively ignored my surroundings and began to acquaint myself with me classmates. How and ever, we were continually interrupted by the sight of what can only be called pilgrims making excursions past the window to a distant building and returning with small cups and mugs, and my natural curiosity propelled me out to discover the origins of this obscure ritual. They were, it seems, a race of people called The Lecturing Staff, who were obliged to travel some distance before and after the practise of their religion (called *Lecturin'*) in order to get an ordinary cup of tea. There was no tea or coffee to be had anywhere in the immediate area it seems and neither, apparently, was there the prospect of any being installed once the plastic, dust and scaffolding had removed itself from the Arts Block. One of these hard pressed people told me that her *Lecturin'* could not take place because the Lecture Hall was not yet built and there were umpteen students waiting to be lectured to and, in general, chaos was rapidly taking over the place. It's a sorry sight, I have to tell you, when the powers that be so forcefully impose such restrictions upon the proper goin's-about and natural habits of individual races of people and won't facilitate them in the business of *Lecturin'*. None of this would've happened in my day I can tell you, and I don't intend to suffer any more of this lack of beverage for the remainder of me night class either.

Minerva.

TIDY ESTATE'S COMPETITION 1991

Introduction

Inspections were carried out on 12th September, later in the year than is usual and probably at a time when the commitment of people to maintaining a high standard is beginning to wear a little thin. Nevertheless, a general standard similar to previous years was apparent. Some estates had however shown alarming signs of deterioration over the year while in a few cases substantial improvement was apparent. As always it is difficult to generalise with the performance of a particular estate largely determined by the efforts of a few conscientious individuals, or indeed more often by the apparent lack of any effort on the part of any individuals. One of the most unpleasant features worth commenting on this year is the ugly profusion of overhead wires which disfigures many parts of the town. There is of course some excuse for temporary poles and wiring for estates under construction, but it appears to be the case that further proliferation of overhead wires is occurring even on mature estates. The wirescape seems to be getting out of control, and the associated street furniture of poles and support cables detracting badly from the appearance of many areas.

Individual Estates

Main Estates

1. Moyglare Village

The improvement noted last year has continued as this estate has become more established. The principal open space to the left of the entrance has been well maintained, and some recent planting of conifers along the side wall has taken place.

Broadleaved trees would have been better in the long term, but it is understandable that quick growth is required in this location. Front garden displays are fair for an estate so young, although verges and kerbs away from the front street are generally in poor condition. Verges on such new estates probably need rotivating and reseeding for a good impression to be created. Shrubbery and trees are generally good as is the appearance of the housing. Signage is however generally non-existent. Perhaps a feature flowerbed incorporating signage might be constructed at the entrance as is the case with several other estates. Generally an improved estate though the coming year will tell whether community efforts really get organised or not.

2. Beaufield

Beaufield has also continued to improve despite ongoing building work around and within it. The improvement has not come in maintenance of open space areas, which continue to be fairly basic, but in other aspects. These include an improved entrance feature and evidence of greater attention being given to trees throughout the estate. These have been recently restaked in some cases. It is a pity some of the more unsightly fences were not also repaired and that some of the front gardens were not more imaginative. But the potential certainly exists for this estate to be a winner in the future. It has perhaps a more tasteful layout than some others. The architecture does not seem to age significantly and all this can be capitalised on.

3. Cluain Aoibhinn

A consistent frontrunner in this competition, Cluain Aoibhinn did not disappoint. A well maintained entrance feature, good front gardens (for the most part) and a generally tidy set of verges and kerbs was apparent. As the estate has matured so has the shrubs and trees greatly enhanced the appearance of this estate. The comparison with the estate of ten years ago is amazing. This year a couple of seats made an appearance in the open space areas, a nice touch not seen elsewhere. A derelict vehicle near the end of the estate was unfortunate but did not spoil an otherwise excellent impression. Cluain Aoibhinn was clearly the best estate visited this year and congratulations are due to all involved.

4. College Green

A previous winner, College Green has gone sadly downhill. Communal open space is badly neglected, garden fences once so brightly varnished has started to decay. Even the trellises once such a feature of the open space walls have disintegrated or disappeared. Shrubbery and trees remain a redeeming feature, but for how long one wonders if the deterioration is allowed to continue. Litter is a problem. Abandoned cars are in evidence. Is this really the place that won in 1985?

5. Old Greenfield 2

The open space area at the front of this estate adjoins that of Greenfield 1. The boundary is marked by the obvious neglect apparent. Greenfield 2 has changed little in almost a decade and remains close to the bottom of the league table. Even basic grasscutting and a few trees would help dramatically.

6. Old Greenfield 3

Encouraging signs of a desire to improve this estate were seen. The area to the right of the entrance on the way in seems to be much tidier and cleaner than that to the left. The open space to the left is currently being dug up by children. One nicely painted fence was detected midway into the estate. Perhaps though something is stirring in Greenfield 3 at last. Certainly the level of maintenance is still very poor and some blame for this must attach to the County Council. Though Greenfield 3 has in the past been labelled worse than Greenfield 2, this year we think the ranking is the other way round. The improvement, however slight, is to be welcomed.

7. Railpark

Although overall quite well maintained estate, marked by a delightful variety of semi mature trees, Rail Park's biggest problem is the open space fronting on to the Celbridge Road. This is not well kept, particularly the edges where only a cursory once over with a lawn mower seems to have been the normal limit of maintenance. No change since last year overall.

8. Greenfield Estate.

It is extremely difficult to judge this large estate as one entity and considerable variety in standards exist within it. By far the best improvement was apparent in Laurence Avenue where the long area of open space fronting Celbridge Road was improved considerably over the past year. The best efforts has been made at either extremity of this open space with the central part less impressive. The perimeter fence has at last been repaired and trees were well maintained. No improvement to the entrance has occurred however.

Straffan Way also showed a moderate improvement though the unsightly gable ends on some houses still give a bad appearance to the estate when approaching from the Celbridge side. The large open space areas were well kept and some individual gardens were also impressive.

Maynooth Park was very variable. Some verges were well kept, others were weedy; some gardens were good, others were disasters. In particular though some of the housing stock here has been allowed to deteriorate and this undoes much of the improvement noted elsewhere.

Greenfield Drive has at last replaced its missing sign and has generally improved itself all round. Though the houses at the far end continue to show signs of deterioration the estate overall just needs that bit more effort to make the front runners. It is difficult for a large estate to be without problems somewhere and allowance has been made for this factor.

9. Carton Court.

The entrance to this estate is marked by what looks like a gravestone surrounded by sombre copper beech trees. On it might be written "Here Lies Carton Court, once the best estate in town, now a shadow of its former self". The problem appears to be the houses which seem to require constant maintenance to look good. In the absence of this they deteriorate very quickly, a fate that has befallen many, especially at the rear of the estate. Verges, kerbside walls and fences are not up to standard in many parts though there are a few noteworthy exceptions.

10. Kingsbry.

Last year's winner showed further improvement, though overall was just eclipsed by some other places this year. Particularly noteworthy in Kingsbry was the drastic improvement in the large open space area which had been filled with builders rubble on last years visit. This major area has been landscaped well and other areas have also been kept up to last years standard. Signposting is good also, essential in such a big rambling development. Front garden displays are probably the area where room for improvement most exists.

11. O'Neil Park.

Of all of the estates visited this one has the most obvious asset for improvement - the little round about which could be such a pleasant feature. The houses elsewhere in the estate are generally good though the pretty railings could be painted again. Open space improvements are the principal ways in which the estate could boost its position. The space fronting of the main road is especially poor. For a small, long established estate this should be the easiest of all the Maynooth estates in which to mobilise some community pride and it is disappointing that no one seems capable of providing the leadership necessary.

Smaller Developments/Neighbourhoods.

12. Moyglare Meadows.

It is rather early days to judge this development. Certainly the layout and quality of the houses look pleasant and trees appear better staked than some of the other areas, but the big problem is likely to be the strange 'corridor' fronting Moyglare Road. This is a poor piece of planning, left rather as an afterthought on a site too narrow to build on. Walled in on three sides, it is going to prove difficult to maintain this

feature and stop it becoming a litter trap with good community co-operation. It is however good to see the long neglected apartments beginning to be landscaped at last and hopefully the new apartments alongside will not be waiting several years for a few shrubs. The brickwork on the latter matches the detached houses further north and this should give some coherence to the estate. One hopes that the electricity and phone wires will go underground shortly and that the long promised pavements and road improvements will materialise.

13. Parson Lodge.

We expected better from this high amenity development, but were sadly disappointed. The open space areas are totally neglected, in one case with rubbish accumulating. Though the kerbs are quite good, the verges are growing a good crop of weeds in places. More seriously, almost each and every tree has had its tie broken off and not repaired. Some dead trees have also not been replaced. It should be better and there is clearly a need to galvanise residents into looking beyond their own garden wall on this estate.

14. Woodlands.

Again a new development which it is probably premature to make too many observations on. Arranged around a central green area, Woodlands, has considerable potential if this was landscaped and planted with suitable copses of broadleaved deciduous trees. The high side walls fronting on to the main circuit on the two side streets are however rather foreboding structures. One wonders why these are necessary - they give a bad impression to the whole development. However the chief comment at this stage of the development would relate to the landscaped feature at the entrance which has been allowed to become overgrown and unkempt. This does not interfere with the building currently going on and a start could be made here.

15. Greenfield Lane.

The fences are appalling and the features which create an initially adverse impression in this area. Whatever about the state of the road, the frontages could be greatly improved. This might shame the County Council into doing something with the road and pavements, but then again there might be a blue moon in the sky tomorrow! Some nicely presented individual houses are apparent along the lane and some residents clearly take a pride in the appearance of their house and gardens. The overhead wires and poles are very obtrusive here also. The "Public Notices" erected by private individuals do not help enhance the area. Little in the way of community effort's is in evidence here overall.

16. Greenfield 1.

The public space is well maintained up to the junction with Greenfield 2. Some very well kept gardens are in evidence and obviously some residents take a pride in their house and gardens. It is notable that the kerbs are relatively free of weeds, a good indicator of community effort's. Still the place is treeless and the back lanes are untidy. But overall Greenfield 1 has made a considerable improvement since last year and was clearly the winner of this category.

17. The Crescent.

It is difficult to know why the Crescent has deteriorated so much. Certainly the addition of some planters on the green has helped a little, but the whitewashed walls and kerbs so much a feature of past years has been allowed to simply wash

away. This is a pity since the whole appearance of the place has thus fallen dramatically. In previous years it had been so obviously almost a 100% community effort. This year something went wrong.

18. Doctor's Lane.

A very small area should be capable of better maintenance. The kerb has been painted, but the small open space opposite the houses is still a bit neglected. Houses and gardens are in reasonable order. The newly surfaced road should give some encouragement for improvement although it must be regretted that the new surface stops at the entrance to the estate itself.

19. Leinster Park.

Residents of Leinster Park would appear to have little concern for what happens beyond their garden wall. Understandably, with large gardens to call on there is not the same need for public open space as in some of the other estates. Nevertheless the little strip at the end of the estate continues to be only nominally maintained. The quality of this open space area is also beginning to show signs of long term neglect - the quality of the grass has deteriorated over the years. No improvement on last year was apparent though the gardens continue to become more elaborate and ornate.

20. Leinster Cottages

With through traffic now curtailed, the area of Leinster Cottages could have been expected to show an improvement. This was indeed the case over some parts. However, the park is still a disaster area with grass and weeds up to knee height. This is a pity since the riverside trees at the back of it are maturing and giving the area even more potential as time goes on. There were a couple of positive aspects also in Leinster Cottages, however. The edge of the park had in one part been neatly mown and maintained and in general throughout the area weeds seemed to have been cleared more conscientiously from kerbsides than in former years. Litter was still present, but less so than in former years. Perhaps here also there is the beginning of something which could be built on in the coming year. Certainly some encouragement is deserved.

Overall Result

1. Main Estates:

First - Cluain Aoibhinn

Second - Beaufield

Third - Greenfield

2 Smaller Developments/Neighbourhoods:

First - Old Greenfield 1

Second - Leinster Cottages

Third - No Award

3 Overall Winner 1991:

Cluain Aoibhinn

Shop Front Competition 1991

There has been some notable improvements in the appearance of Maynooth Main Street in the last year, particularly at the Dublin Road end. The south side of this part of the street has been considerably livened up by the addition of two new and well presented shop units, while the repainting of houses and planting of new trees on the opposite side are welcome

Features

developments. Fuscuardi's are to be complimented on their new shop front, while Centra have made an admirable new contribution to the streetscape. The tasteful refurbishing of the Garda Station is also noted with pleasure.

On the negative side, some continuing brickbats are in order for a number of unsympathetic or poorly presented frontages. These include "2 Guys", G. Brady/ Irish Permanent, the New World Chinese Takeaway and McCormack's Pharmacy. There is still no sign of the long-awaited redevelopment of the Allied Irish Bank to bring the roof into line with the rest of the street. The group of shops on the Dublin Road side of the Elite Confectionery have considerable room for improvement.

The continuing existence of the so-called 'Thing' in the Square remains a major blot on the town scape. The town map on display on this structure could be more helpful (especially regarding the location of outlying housing estates) and could do with a clean up. We also note the continued absence of one of the statues from the frontage of the Roost and the dead plants in the flower baskets hanging from Brady's. The public Library needs a new paint job.

In Mill Street, Noone's old garage now comprises an untidy jumble of sub-mediocre shop-fronts. We look forward to the brightening up of the Main Street corner, which has become quite shabby since the demise of Patrick's Restaurant. On the opposite side of the street, we note the redevelopment work going on at the corner site, and trust that the outcome will be a sympathetic treatment which will compliment the excellent frontage of the Country Shop. We draw attention once again to the jumble of direction signs on three sides of this corner: perhaps some rationalisation and system of control are in order.

Elsewhere, the new sign for "The Square" shop is a definite improvement, but the Cardinal Press could make a better contribution to the unity of presentation of the set of shop units in Convent Lane. In Quinnsworth Shopping Centre, the overall impact of the mall continues to be fundamentally constrained by the drab concrete slab flooring. However, the Coyne and Bergin butcher shop has made a significant breakthrough in the presentation of shop fronts in this development. As noted last year, the Greenfield Shopping Centre has been enormously improved by the protruding hand-painted name signs and the varied painting of the shop fronts. However, we note with regret the continuing failure of the supermarket in this development to come in line with the other units, thereby spoiling this otherwise splendid communal effort.

Awards for Best Shop Fronts:

- (1) Frank Regan and Kidds and Co, No. 6 Main Street. This strikingly tasteful restoration of what used to be Mooney's Restaurant is most admirable. In particular we welcome the retention of the old triple-pane window structures.
- (2) Centra Superstore, Main Street. Given the past record of small supermarkets in Irish towns, we particularly welcome this nicely presented traditional frontage.
- (3) Coyne and Bergin Butchers, Maynooth Shopping Centre. This has made an imaginative and striking contribution to a mall otherwise made up largely of very functional modern frontages.

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Mr Philip Burke

Philip Burke's family have lived in Parson Street, Maynooth for over one hundred years. It was in Parson St. that Philip was born and reared with his four brothers and two sisters. Though the family lived in Parson St. they had a small farm in old Newtown, which is where Beaufield Estate is now situated. The land originally belonged to the College but was taken from it and divided up among a number of local people by the Land Commission.

Philip, when he was not working on the farm, went to school in what is now the Band Hall and he enjoyed school. Because Philip's father had a farm he and his brothers and sisters did not have to collect firewood as did many of his contemporaries.

It was on his father's farm that Philip learned to plough and it was as a ploughman that he got his first job working at Carton. The development of Carton is a good thing, Philip thinks, because it will mean employment and Carton is being wasted without the development.

It was while working in Carton that Philip met his wife Sarah to whom he has been married for 30 happy years. Philip is also a life long pioneer. Three years after he married Philip went to work for Creedon Building Contractors as a scaffolder. Creedon's built churches all over Ireland but Philip always liked to come home each night if at all possible. It was because of his job and the travelling it involved that Philip bought a baby Ford which cost £125 new from Dawson's who were agents for Fords. The first baby Ford was owned by "Bully" Weafer according to Philip.

Over the years Philip has contributed a lot of time to Maynooth, and many people will remember the annual talent competition run by Philip during Lent in the Parochial Hall. The competition was in aid of the new parochial hall and it attracted many teams from all over Kildare and Meath. It was a knockout competition and the winners got the Fr. Michael Cleary Perpetual Cup for a year.

Philip and Sarah have lived in the Back Lane for 30 years and have raised five children, two boys and three girls. Philip's only regret is that the house has no proper garden but that has not stopped him putting on a magnificent display of potted plants around his front door. Maynooth has become quite big and Philip no longer recognises all the faces that pass him on the street. Still Maynooth is home and there are enough old friends, like Patsy Malone, left to remember with.



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in a niche between some rocks. Finding a sheltered spot under a rocky outcrop he set up his bivouac and had a meal. Checking his surroundings he reposed back into the bivouac and fell asleep.

Waking up cold and cramped the next morning at 09.00 hours he washed and shaved in a mountain stream and then had his breakfast. Packing his baggage Heinz brushed himself down, and trundled down the mountain until he came to a narrow country road. Checking his compass he headed West until a small hamlet signposted as Hollywood came into view. Climbing over a stone wall he radioed to Mick the Undertaker his location. Forty minutes later a black hearse pulled alongside and a little wiry man sixtish opened the door and shouted out "it must be cold on the mountains today", "especially up on the Zugspitzer", replied Heinz. Contact was confirmed. "Hop in dinner is just ready" shouted Mick.

Over the next week 'uncle Mick chauffeured Heinz around the plains of Kildare with all of the sombre dignity and propriety that befitted his trade.

On the evening of Heinz departure Mick loaded an empty coffin into the hearse adding that they had a last minute 'act of mercy' to perform on their way. A friend of his had some 'body' whom he wished whisked out of the country as soon as possible.

Driving up into the Glen of Imaal the hearse pulled into an isolated farmyard. An old man standing at the door of the thatched dwelling beckoned to come on inside.

When Heinz entered the kitchen and saw the burly young man sitting at the fire he was temporarily tongue tied. The man exclaimed Heinz! Heinz clapped him on the shoulders with glee. It was Franz the pilot of his Messerschmitt.

Franz explained how after Heinz's parachute jump one of the engines failed and he had made a crash landing on the slopes of a mountain. He had wandered up to the farm whereupon the old man had given him food and lodgings for the past week. The Authorities had only discovered the Messerschmitt yesterday and had set up roadblocks in the area to try and foil his escape.

Mick said "there is a ship awaiting, are you ready to go?" "This very moment", replied Franz.

Mick ushered Franz out to his hearse and persuaded him to lie into the coffin adding "you need not worry about road blocks or lack of oxygen" as he had bored holes in the lid. Four hours later as the mists swirled down over the lonely crags of Lugnaquilla two voices chanted "Auf Wiedersehen Island" as their ship rounded Wicklow Head.

Michael O' Reilly,
Grange, Dunboyne.

Review

The Poet's Manual by Peter Denman

The Poet's Manual by Peter Denman, Maynooth resident and lecturer in the College, is the first full-sized collection to emerge from Sotto Voce Press, founded in Maynooth by Bill Tinley and Kevin Honan. The Poet's Manual is an extraordinary book. It is also the most exciting new book to arrive

on this reviewer's desk for quite a while. Not only are we presented here with some quite memorable poems but also with a section of short versions of poems by Apollinaire which are stunningly illustrated by Kevin Honan.

This middle section of the book is the most immediately striking. Honan's illustrations are quite superb. The poems themselves, versions from Apollinaire's Le Bestiaire, are tightly constructed, witty, sometimes surprisingly poignant. 'Locust', for instance:

The locust is a dainty beast
And fed St. John in hungry times,
Would that my poems were a feast
To feed the best of men on rhymes.

Other favourites here are 'Crayfish' and 'Owl', with its innovative illustration.

The first part of the book is made up of the sequence 'The Poet's Manual'. The poet offers us here his instruction book, in many ways. Poems need to be controlled, as part (iii) can be seen as reminding us. Words, however, 'leap off the page' and the poet tends to loose control of them. "Il miglior fabbro", the shadowy editor, 'takes words out of your mouth', the result being that

It is not the poem
I would have written.

Why should poems need to be controlled? The revelation 'The Poet's Manual' faces us with is that the poem, once written down, slips easily through the poet's fingers. The poem becomes 'a grid/in a projection of loss'. What is lost is the poet's control of the poem he has produced. The poem enters the public arena - a 'sale of poetry' takes place, as we are told in part (x). A second question the sequence directs us towards is the question 'what is a poem?'. Here we are presented with a number of possible alternatives: the reversible poem, the 'Readers Digest condensed poem', the multi-functional text. We are presented also with the world of limited editions and fine bindings, the world where a take-over bid for 'Imagination Inc.' has been mounted. "The consortium," we are told, 'has a monopoly on reflection'. In the public interest, a 'Poetry Protection Act' is passed, to protect the innocent from the consortium's peeping-Tom tactics. The message? It seems that Imagination Inc. must cling on to all it has, to save poetry from the encroaching "business" world. Part (xviii) takes us to the end of the sequence but immediately directs us back to the beginning. This is the great strength of 'The Poet's Manual'. A reading of it is an 'unreproducible experiment' - poetically and intellectually it offers endless depths of insight into the complex poet/text relationship.

Part 3 of the book presents us with ten poems which blend the delicacy of 'The Poet's Manual' with the wit of the versions from Apollinaire. Thus we have a poem like 'The Garden Centre' which treats of the much neglected subject of the garden centre where

You can buy a hole in the ground
and take it away for a fish-pond.

On the other hand there is the beautiful 'Offertory', where the poet bids his love 'takes samples of his last breath'. 'Glide Angles' celebrates flight and the marvels of the 'cloud-streets', the description of which necessitates a 'lexicon of air'. The most memorable of the poems in section 3,

however, must surely be 'Pithies'. The almost dead art of the epigram is revived with skill and gusto:

You touch my ramrod member, love, and smile in
wild delight,
Anticipating pleasures that will come our way to
night;
But you and I are aged, love, and past our roaring
forties -

I fear this is not passion but the start of rigor mortis.

The Poet's Manual is an excellent collection of poetry, all the more commendable when one considers that it is but the first book from Sotto Voce Press.

The Poet's Manual is a fresh, invigorating and entirely welcome addition to poetry and publishing in Ireland.

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FINE GAEL NOTES

Church Gate Collection

We would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to our church gate collection making it the most successful for many years. Taken in conjunction with the party's improvement in the opinion polls and the influx of new members to the branch the increase in the collection indicates a resurgence of support for Fine Gael and its policies.

The P.E.S.P. and Budgetary Situation

Fine Gael criticism of the P.E.S.P. and the budget have clearly been vindicated by the recent events. The need to renegotiate the P.E.S.P. within months of its inception underlines the faulty reasoning on which it was based and justifies Fine Gael's stance in voting against its approval by the Dail while others stood mutely by.

Michael Noonan's graphic description of a Government tinkering with the economic engine of the state has unfortunately been proved all too true. Recent exchequer returns highlight the failure to achieve the optimistic target set in the 1991 budget and indicate a severe budget in 1992 which may even be harsher if the proposals for the removal of "allowances and concessions", included in the renegotiated terms for government between the P.D.'s and Finna Fail, are implemented.

Road Improvements

Bernard Durkan has submitted a motion to Kildare Co. Council calling on it to complete all road improvements, for which allocations were approved, immediately. Among the areas affected are the Moyglare Road, Convent Lane, Leinster Park and the Pikes Bridge/Ballygoran Road.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

No Confidence Debate

On October 18th Deputy Emmet Stagg spoke in Dail Eireann on the no confidence motion in the FF/PD Coalition government:

"I have no confidence in the Government. I didn't need Greencore, Bord Telecom, Celtic Helicopters or Dermot Desmond to convince me. I never had confidence in Fianna Fail or the Progressive Democrats to resolve the economic and social issues confronting Irish society....We are faced with counter motions of confidence and no-confidence from parties with few policy differences. Fine Gael's only claim to becoming the alternative government is that they would regulate crooks, conmen and frauds in the business sector better than the present government. This is highly debatable. Arguably a Fine Gael-led government would give rise to even more scandals. Their policy of privatising almost all public sector companies would surely lead to more conflicts of interest and attempts to secure private gains at the expense of the public interest. It will be Greencore all over again in Aer Lingus, Bord Telecom, the ESB and RTE. By their own admission these would all face privatisation in the event of Fine Gael coming to office...."

The difference between a Fianna Fail and Fine Gael led government is one of degrees..... I want to send a clear

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message to Fine Gael and indeed to Fianna Fail. The civil war which spawned your parties is over. The reason for your separate existence has long ceased. You are both conservative parties with near identical policies. If between you, you command a majority, you from the same political stable have a responsibility to form a government. Don't shift the responsibility to others.....

I do not accept that the Left must go into a permanent opposition until it can form its own government. I believe that the Left (Labour, the Workers' Party, Greens and left wing independents) must campaign to win critical concessions for our constituency. We should be willing to negotiate the best deal possible based on a set of minimum demands. These demands could include things like:

- an industrial and credit strategy based on investing in large, domestic public and private sector companies in key export areas as the basis for ending unemployment.
- a national minimum wage and the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on the Social Welfare Report.
- increased wealth and capital taxation, including a punitive tax on speculation and windfall profits
- the introduction of divorce and comprehensive family planning legislation
- substantial increase in Child Benefit
- comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation

These are just some of the issues that could form the basis of an alternative Left politics. With this kind of platform we can confidently go to the country and argue for an alternative way of doing things. We may not be able to form the next government. But we can make a difference. And that can be the first step on the way to a Left majority coalition. And that time may be nearer than many people think."

The Thing

The local elections may be over but the Labour Party continues its campaign to have 'the Thing' removed. Following further submissions from Deputy Stagg, the County Manager has indicated that the future of 'the Thing' will be considered in the context of the review of the Development Plan for Maynooth.

Public Lighting in Maynooth

Deputy Stagg has been in contact with both the Co. Council and the ESB regarding public lighting in several different areas of Maynooth. In Railpark a number of lights have been out of commission for a period of time and the ESB have been asked by Deputy Stagg to rectify this situation. All the lights in Old Greenfield Lane are out of order and, again, Deputy Stagg has been in contact with the ESB demanding immediate action. Five lights remain unconnected in Kingsbry estate and Deputy Stagg has written to the Co. Council requesting it to approach the ESB regarding immediate connection.

Damage to the Avenue

Co. Council work in the vicinity of the entrance to the Avenue has resulted in serious damage to the pillars and, in addition, the surface of the Avenue has been dug up by heavy machinery. Deputy Stagg has brought the matter to the attention of the Celbridge Area Committee and has insisted that the pillars be recapped and the surface restored to its former condition.

Road Works in Maynooth

The Branch welcome the fact that essential work on Convent Road has, at last, commenced and we sincerely hope that the resurfacing will have been completed by the time you read these notes. We also note that following numerous representations by both Deputy Stagg and branch chairperson John McGinley work has also commenced on Moyglare Road. On a less positive note, however, the back lane to phases 2 and 3 of Greenfields remains in a disgraceful state. Deputy Stagg has been in contact with the local Engineer demanding that resurfacing be carried out before the onset of winter.

Despite the fact that £4,000 was allocated by the Co. Council for road surfacing in Leinstre Park, this work has still not been carried out. Deputy Stagg will continue to press the local Engineer to have this work done before the bad weather.

Repair of Barriers at Boreen

Locks have been removed from the barrier at the town end of the Boreen and at the Blacklion end the barrier has been twisted and broken. Deputy Stagg has asked the Co. Council to install new locks and replace the broken barrier as required.

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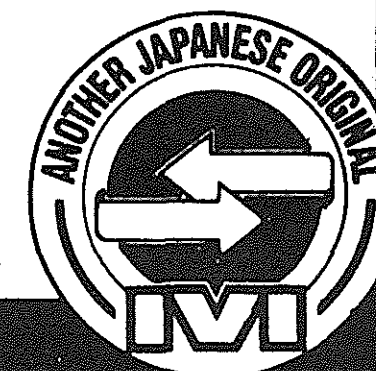
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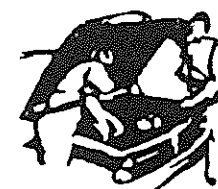
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WORKERS PARTY NOTES

Ballymagash Revisited

Since Councillor Catherine Murphy took a seat on Kildare County Council in June, she has experienced a lot of hints of Ballymagash at Council meetings. Ballymagash, you will recall, was the fictitious town whose council meetings were sketched in Frank Hall's satirical TV programme, "Hall's Pictorial Weekly", in the 1970's.

One recent incident highlights this situation. As a meeting of the County Council was drawing to a close, the question of attendance at conferences was brought up, and this led to a scramble, as delegations to various conferences were doled out. Catherine Murphy queried this, saying that, while she thought that some conferences might be of considerable value to councillors, this certainly was not always the case. She gave a sheep-dipping conference in Sligo, to which two delegates were nominated, as an example.

Catherine Murphy suggested that the Council should be more selective about conferences to be attended, with a view to saving much needed finance. She cited the case, discussed earlier in the meeting, of a group of school children in a rural part of the county who could not be picked up by the school bus because of the state of the road in the area. The money needed to repair the road could be made available if some of the conferences were to be passed over. She also noted that there seemed to be no takers for conferences which did not require an overnight stay away from home. She then suggested that all councillors attending conferences should be required to produce a written report, so that other councillors could benefit from the knowledge gained.

These very reasonable suggestions were greeted with consternation in certain quarters. Among the more friendly remarks made was that this was typical stuff from new councillors, and that Catherine would soon learn. Is it any wonder that local authorities in this country are held in such low esteem?

National Lottery Allocations

It is a well-established fact that allocations to local authorities from the National Lottery are very unevenly distributed, and that some areas - particularly the constituencies of powerful government ministers - seem to get favourable treatment. Kildare, of course, has no minister at all, so it is perhaps not surprising that it came at the bottom of the list in the most recent round of payouts.

However, even the way the small amount of money which did find its way to Kildare is distributed, raises some questions. Although the funds are supposed to be earmarked for amenity and cultural projects as well as sports projects, almost all the money has gone to the latter. As a result, that section of the population which has no interest in sport gets excluded.

Looking at the sports allocations themselves, one notes the predominant position of the GAA among the favoured projects. While the GAA is probably the most popular sport in the county, one still wonders whether the money is being used in the best possible way. As the GAA is an exclusively male organisation in terms of active participants, this immediately excludes half of the population. In addition, the paltry sums given out to each project probably only makes a small difference to well-organised GAA clubs, but could

make a huge impact on a small minority sport looking for basic facilities or equipment.

So maybe we need to look again at how these allocations are made. But, as Catherine Murphy has observed not only are nearly all the members of Kildare County Council men, but all they ever seem to talk about during the tea-break at council meetings is Gaelic football matches!

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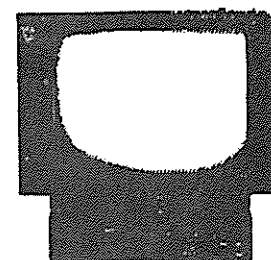
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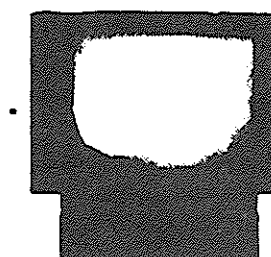
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Sports News

Best for Maynooth: Alan Geoghegan, Conor Diggins, Stephen Redmond, David Campbell.

(2) Under 10 V Celbridge
Maynooth 1.7 Celbridge 1.7

Scorers: Pierre Ennis 1-0; Sean Lennon, Martin Mc Loughlin and Stephen Redmond 2 pts each; Karl Ennis 1 pt.

(3) Under 10 Final (Summer League) V Leixlip
Maynooth 1.1 Leixlip 3.5

Scorers: K. Ennis 1.0, Alan Baxter 1 pt.

Best Players: Alan Geoghegan, Aidan Mc Carron, Colm Cahill, Karl Ennis.

Maynooth's chance of winning this title was effectively lost when the game was not played as originally scheduled i.e. before the school holidays. At that stage Maynooth were playing great football having defeated all comers in the Leixlip Salmon Leap Festival. William Farrelly was also available at that time, his loss for this game was incalculable (get well soon "Chilly" you are sorely missed). Notwithstanding the final result the team were far from disgrace and held a much bigger side well in check for much of the game.

(4) Under 12 V Leixlip
Leixlip 2.8 Maynooth 1.4

Scorers: Darren Naughton 1.1; Eamon Gallagher 2 pts; Marty Byrne 1 pt.

Best for Maynooth: Eamon Gallagher, David Coughlan, Marty Byrne, James Gallagher, John O' Shea and Alan Nugent.

(5) Under 12 V Celbridge
Maynooth 10 pts Celbridge 4.6

Scorers: Adrian Boylan 4pts; Barry Connolly 4 pts; Eoin Nevin and Andy Madden 1 pt each.

Best for Maynooth: John O' Shea, Eoin Nevin, Barry Connolly, Adrian Boylan and Andy Madden.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The Golf Society had its final outing of the year to the Ladyhill Course in Bodinstown Golf Club on Saturday October 12th 1991. We had another large attendance with 50 people playing. The weather conditions were ideal for golf and everyone who played thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank Jim Downey and his catering staff for a really fabulous steak dinner. The following are the results of the competitions:

		Pts
1st Overall	B. Carty (28)	41
2nd Overall	T. Moore (17)	40
Class 1 1st	D. Roberts (11)	39 on back nine
2nd	N. O'Halloran (11)	39
3rd	M. Dempsey (14)	38
4th	L. Farrelly (13)	35
Class 2 1st	J. Duffin (15)	39
2nd	J. Murray (17)	36 on back six
3rd	J. Kelly (16)	36
4th	T. Murphy (18)	36
Class 3 1st	S. Tyrell (19)	37 on back nine
2nd	S. Tracey (21)	37
3rd	W. Moore (18)	31
4th	T. Flatley (22)	29 Front 9
	T. Mc Manamon	22 pts Back 9
	H. Kane	22 pts

Visitors:

1st	B. Nolan (19)	34
2nd	D. Dooley (18)	32

The final of the matchplay was also played on Saturday and it turned out to be a really good and enjoyable final which had to be decided on the 19th hole when John Duffin and John Byrne beat Jim Ryan and Terry Moore. So congratulations to the winners and runners-up.

The Golfer of the Year award was also decided on the same day when Noel Herterick scored 34 pts. to secure the title, so congratulations to Noel who played so consistently throughout the year. On behalf of the soccity I would like to thank our Captain Paddy Foy for a most enjoyable year, and to wish next years Captain Sean Tracey every success. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors who supported us so well again throughout the year. Finally, on behalf of everyone in the Golf Society I would like to take this opportunity to wish a very good friend of ours Tom Nolan a very speedy recovery from his recent illness. Tom is very much missed from the outings by all of us, and heres hoping to see you with us again very soon.

Dominic Nyland,
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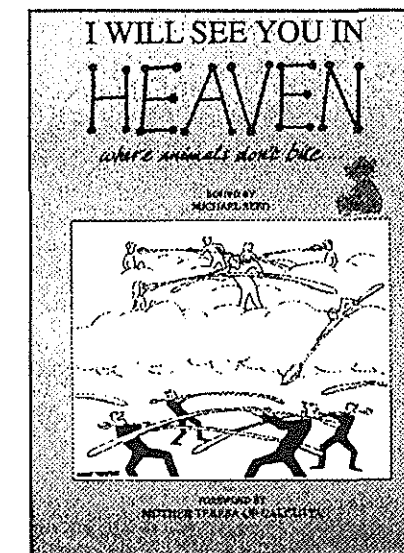
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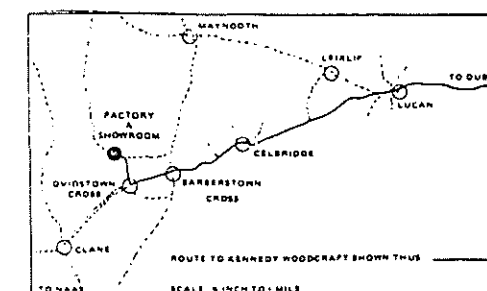
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Premier Division.

Maynooth Town 1 Newbridge Town 2.
Maynooth conceded a one goal lead in this game which could have been won if chances had all been taken. Mark Shaw had his usual good game and received good support from Noel Byrne.

Leinster Junior Cup

Maynooth Town 2 Willow Pk. Rgs. 0.
Maynooth avenged last years defeat by convincingly beating their conquerors of last season. Fergal Barton scored a classic goal to open Maynooths account and Noel Byrne ensured our passage into the next round with our second goal. Noel Kearns and Fergal Barton were our heroes in this game.

F.A.I. Junior Cup

Maynooth Town 0 Carbury Utd. 6.
The absence of key players was a telling factor in this cup tie when we were easily beaten by a very fit and eager Carbury side. Few players raised their game above the average and subsequently paid the penalty.

Division 3 Private Grounds

Maynooth Town 1 Ballymun Boys 0.
A tough hard game was finally decided by a Noel Dempsey penalty. The previous good form of the Ballymun side made it difficult for them to accept defeat but at the end of the ninety minutes, honours rested where they were due. Barry Desmond was outstanding in goal for Maynooth and saved the best that Ballymun could offer.

Leinster Junior Shield.

Whitehall Celtic 5 Maynooth Town 3.
A below par performance by Maynooth in this first round shield game. Having conceded some early scores and trailing by 4 goals at half time Maynooth came more into the game in the second half, and three goals added a touch of respectability to the scoreline. Anthony Smith and Philip Doyle were Maynooths' best players.

Schoolboys U/11

Mount Merrion 1 Maynooth 0.
An early goal by the home side did not deter Maynooth who showed commendable spirit in overcoming continuous Mount Merrion pressure early in the game. But for an unfortunate own goal the Maynooth defence seemed capable of coping with anything Mount Merrion would produce. Excellent goalkeeping by Davitt O'Neill and sterling play by Colm Cahill were features of a heartening Maynooth performance.

U/13 League

Sandyford 0 Maynooth 4.
It took Maynooth some time to adapt to the blustery conditions where our defence took some time to settle. We eventually settled into our stride and goals by Eamon Gallagher (2), Eoin Guha (1) and Pearse Ryan sealed a victory which was hard earned despite the scoreline.

U/13 Schoolboys Liam Brady Cup

Marks Celtic 0 Maynooth Town 1.
Maynooth were made to fight hard for this close win in the Liam Brady Cup. Eoin Guha gave a mid-field performance which would have been a credit to the great player and present manager of Glasgow Celtic who is the donor of this cup.

Ten minutes before half-time, Eamon Gallagher connected with a cross into the Mark's Celtic penalty area and scored a great goal, which proved to be the decisive score.


Niall Naughton gave a five star performance in Maynooth's goal withstanding constant pressure from Marks Celtic, and thoroughly earned his Man of the Match accolade.

U/13 Schoolboys League.

Gallenstown Boys 0 Maynooth Town 3.
Maynooth gave another good performance and ran out deserving winners. Aidan O'Brien (1) and Eamon Gallagher (2) were Maynooths marksmen and were always capable of adding to their personal tallies. Darren Naughton and David Coughlan gave sound performances for Maynooth and were instrumental in achieving an easy win.

The club extends best wishes for the future to: Mark Shaw and his bride Ann, John Saults and his bride Louise, Ger Thompson and his bride Tina, on their recent weddings.

The club would also like to express their gratitude to Phil Brady, Clock House for the presentation of a complete new set of playing gear for the club.



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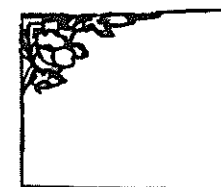


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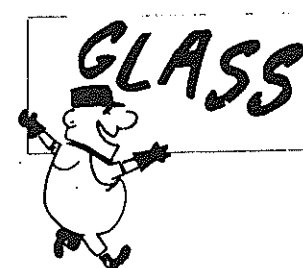


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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The cross-country season began this year with the first race meeting held on Sunday 29th September, in Leixlip. It was unfortunate that this meeting coincided with the Regional Mass for the Scouts, which left the Maynooth A.C. short of competitors. But this did not deter those who did take part and as usual they ran very convincing races, against tough opposition, bringing home an individual Gold Medal, individual Bronze Medals and a team Gold Medal. The results are as follows:-

Girls U/14 - Michelle Gillick (5th), Dervla McDermott (15th) and Laura Kearney (17th).

Boys U/12 - Declan O'Rourke (3rd, bronze medal), Connor Diggins (10th), and Karl Ennis (15th).

Girls U/12 - Irene Kearney (20th), Joy O'Neill (23rd), Brid Ann O'Shea (27th).

Boys U/10 - Patrick King (1st, Gold), Morgan Sweeney (3rd, Bronze), Patrick O'Rourke (5th), David Campbell (6th), Michael Costello (10th), Noel Healy (13th) and Pierre Ennis (14th).

Team Gold Medal was won by the first four above. (P. King, M. Sweeney, P. O'Rourke and D. Campbell).

Girls U/10 - Gillian O'Hurley (11th).

The Novice Ladies were not to be outdone and took the Team 2nd (silver medal). Their results are as follows:-

Frances Kearney (3rd), Margaret Gillick (4th), Noelle McTernan (6th) and Marie Gleeson (7th). Team medal going to the first three above.

Novice Men - David Jolley (4th).

Kilcock Race Meeting 6/10/91.

There was a good turnout from Maynooth A.C. for this second cross-country meeting of the season.

Once again the runners did their club very proud by bringing home individual Gold, Silver and Bronze medals as well as two Team Gold and Team Silver (Ladies).

The results are as follows:-

Girls U/9 - Gillian O'Hurley (10th).

Boys U/9 - Morgan Sweeney (2nd, Silver medal), Pierre Ennis (3rd, Bronze medal), Patrick King (4th), Daniel Adderley (7th), Jamie O'Neill (9th), Cillian Carr (11th), and Stephen Healy (12th).

1st Team (Gold Medal) to first four boys above.

Girls U/11 - Irene Kearney (21st) and Joy O'Neill (22nd).

Boys U/11 - Connor Diggins (1st, Gold Medal), Karl Ennis (5th), David Campbell (6th), Patrick King (8th), Michael Costello (16th), Padraig O'Sullivan (18th) and Noel Healy (24th).

1st Team (Gold Medal) to first four boys above.

Girls U/13 - Sarah Commane (7th), Michelle Gillick (13th), Susan Adderley (20th) and Laura Kearney (25th).

Girls U/15 - Patricia Purcell (1st, gold Medal), Emer O'Sullivan (8th) and Dervla McDermott (11th).

Ladies O/35 - Frances Kearney (2nd, Silver Medal).

Ladies O/45 - Margaret Gillick, (1st, Gold), Marie Gleeson (2nd, Silver). 2nd Team.

Men O/45 - David Jolley (5th).

Well done to all the children who took part and special praise to the Novice Ladies and Men, who not only have to train themselves, but also devote two nights per week to train the

children while continuing their committee work/fundraising to keep the club in existence.

Maynooth Athletic Club A.G.M.

The AGM of the above association took place on Thursday September 26th 1991. The meeting was chaired by Mick Gleeson who was very pleased with the attendance this year. After the reading and approving of the Chairman's report, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports elections for the new committee took place. The committee for the coming year.

1991/1992 is as follows:-

President - Paddy Lynch

Chairman - Mick Gleeson

Vice-Chairman - Derry O'Hurley

Secretary - David Jolley

Competition Secretary - Marie Gleeson

Treasurer - Frances Kearney

PRO - Marie Adderley

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Committee members:- Maree Carr, Kieran Diggins, Pat King, John Dolan, Bernie O'Shea, John O'Rourke, Bernie Sweeney and Noelle McTernan.

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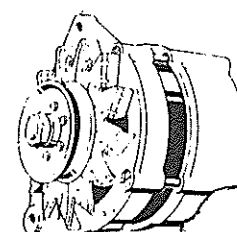
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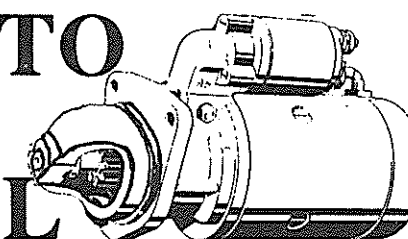
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Ar cheannach na bpáipéar dom, tháinig aibhreas orm an in Éirinn a thuirling mé. Pé brocamas a bhí le fáil ar na sráideanna, ba mheasa an cac a chlóg le gach leathnach díobh seo. Chailleamar an scannal uile! Leis an mearbhall i mo cheann ní fhéadfáinn bun ná barr a dhéanamh de. Trí seachtainí ina dhiaidh seo, tá meascán mearaí fós orm agus ar gach éinne eile ar m'aithne.

Ach cuireann se seo uilig faitíos, anba agus alltacht orm. Má's fíor a leath dá bhfuil á gcur ina leith, ba chóir go mbeadh reabhlóid sa tír seo. Leis an aigne chóilíneach feictear dúinn go fóill gur eachtrannaí nó de chine eile iad sin atá i gceannas. Nach ritheann sé linn gurbh iad ár gcomhsaoránaigh atá freagrach as an bhfeall?

Is linne an t-airgead atá á chur amú agus atá dá easpórtáil acu. Céad agus caoga bliain easpórtáilteadh bia agus bhásaigh na daoine den ghorta. Inniu, daoine óga, bláth na hintleachta agus airgead atá á sheoladh ón oileáin bheag seo. An bhfuil todhchaí ar bith in ann dúinn seachas díon a chur ar an oileán agus é a dhíol leis an bPoncánach nó leis an Arabach is saibhre? D'fheadfaí *Machaire Gailf* a dhéanamh den tír agus é a dhíol leis na Seapáinigh. Tá deifir mí-nádúrtha orainn fáil réidh lenar n-oidhreacht dhúchasach. Déanamís in aonghníomh é. Díolaimís an t-ionlán. An bhfuil duine nó daoine a spreagfadh muinín, dóchas, ionracas agus meanma ionainn? Teimid ó lá go lá ag cur an dalla mullóg orainn féin go bhreabhsóidh sé. "Sure, tá sé ceart go leor nach bhfuil? Deanfaidh se cúis." Ach ní dhéanfaidh.

An toradh ba mheasa ar an truíllú forleathan seo ná go gcothaíonn sé an chinnteacht i measc an phobail nach féidir teacht i dtír gan chamailéireacht agus b'féidir gur fíor é. Cruthaítear don phobal gurbh fhíor a dtuairim siniciúil go bhfuil lucht gnó agus poilitoírí uile na tíre lofa go feic. An peaca is mó ná go mbearfar ort. Is fíor mí-shláintiúil an staid intinne ar a mairimid.

Mar bharr ar an donas bhí orm trí seachtainí a chaitheamh ag obair sa smúit tógála nach cóir do mhac léinn ná tuismitheoir ná oibrí ar bith a ghlacadh leis. Síleáil strach, urlár réabtha, seomraí gan críochnú. Táimid ag feidhmiú faoi bhrat deannaigh, gan leithreas, gan fáil ar chaifé ná tae agus fuaimeanna toirmiúla na n-uirlisí tógála. Ní fiú gearán. Níl an meanma ionamsa ach oiread.

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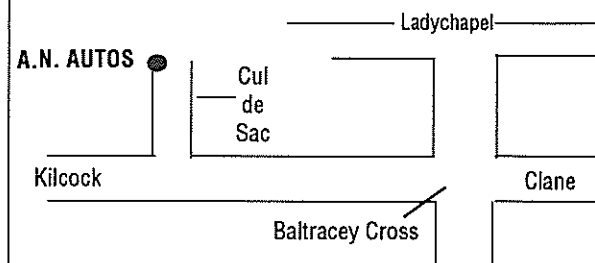
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The brothers and sisters of the late Christopher Nolan, Scotland, (formerly Maynooth) wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent mass cards and messages of sympathy and especially thanks to Fr Peter Dowling who celebrated the funeral mass in Scotland. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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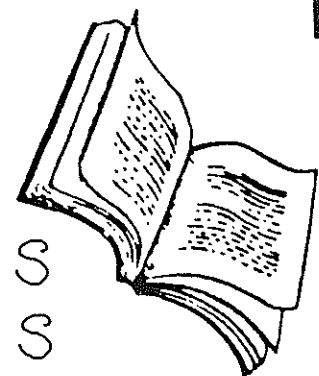
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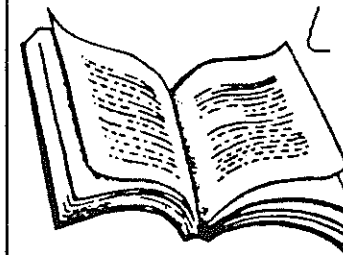
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Best wishes to Mrs Saults on her birthday on the 1st of November from her family and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday greetings to Paddy; love Helena, James, Michael Thomas and Nicola.

Happy Birthday to Helena and James, Michael, Thomas. Love from Mam and Dad.

Happy Birthday to Orla who celebrates her birthday on 2nd November. From Helena Muldoon.

Birthday Greetings to Richard McGovern, 833 Greenfield, 10 years old on November 14th. Love and Kisses from Mammy, Daddy, brother Thomas, Nannie Donovan and all at 739 XXX.

Happy 6th Birthday to Debbie McGovern 820, Greenfield, November 27th. Love and kisses from Mammy, Daddy, sisters Karina, Stacey, Michelle and Regina; also from Nannie Flynn in Kilcloone XXX.

Belated birthday greetings to Ann Gartland from the C.I.C.

Happy birthday to Kay Mc Keogh on November 3rd from Rusty, Primrose and Fluff.

Happy Birthday to Catherine Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, who celebrates her birthday on November 1st. From her husband Sean, family, Edel and Susan.

Birthday greetings to Mrs Brigid O' Neill, Greenfield who celebrated her 86th birthday on October 14th. Best wishes from sons Tom, Sean and Ger. Also from Una and Kitty Dunne and your neighbours and many friends.

Happy birthday to David Mc Ternan, Highfield, Kilcock, who is 13 on October 19th.

Happy birthday to Tom Nolan who celebrates his birthday on October 4th.

Best wishes to Josie Murphy, Leinster Cottages, who celebrated his 81st birthday on October 10th, from your many friends in Maynooth.

Birthday greetings to Aishling on her 11th birthday. From your sister Regina and brother Alexander.

Happy birthday to Eimear Crehan who celebrates her birthday on the 14th of November. Hope you have a great day; from all your sisters, brothers, mum, dad and friends.

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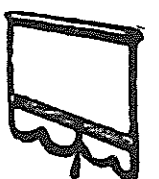
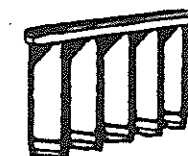
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Also to Catherine who passed her 1st Year Exams. Congratulations to Ann Keogh, Deirdre Dalton and Sinead Callanan who received their B.A. (Hons) Degrees. From Mick and Marie Dempsey.

Congratulations and many best wishes to Martina Fitzpatrick, Maynooth Park and Gerard Thompson, Greenfield, on their Wedding on October 4th. It was a very enjoyable day. Best of luck from all their friends in Maynooth.

Congratulations to Sean Nyland, Greenfield, Maynooth, and Ann Gannon, Celbridge, who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge, on Thursday 26th September. Celebrant Very Rev. Fr. Paul Ward. Bridesmaids Mary Gannon and Patricia Nyland. Bestman Dominic Nyland, Groomsman Donal Gallagher. Reception held in Setanta Hotel. Honeymoon spent in Galway.

Congratulations to Fr. Richard Flanagan S.V.D. Maynooth, who was ordained to the priesthood on September 9th in Danamon Castle, Co. Roscommon. Richard is a native of Birr, Co. Offaly. Best wishes to Fr. Richard from Liam and Margaret Bean and family, also all his many friends. Fr. Richard will be leaving for the Foreign Missions after Christmas. Wishing him health and happiness in his new appointment.

Congratulations and all our best wishes for the future to Ann Kearney, Walkinstown and Tom Travers, Maynooth on their recent marriage on the 26th October in Greenhills, Dublin. Reception in Setanta House, Celbridge. Thank you for a lovely day and evening. Love from family and friends.

Congratulations to Martina Fitzpatrick, Maynooth Park, and Gerard Thompson, Greenfield, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on Friday October 4th. Celebrant, Fr. Cogan C.C.; Bridesmaids, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Bernadette Fitzpatrick and Catherine Fitzpatrick; Flowergirl, Cathriona Reilly; Bestman, David Thompson; Groomsman, Johnny Thompson and Noel Dempsey; Vocalist, Colette Dunning. Reception Setanta Hotel, Celbridge.

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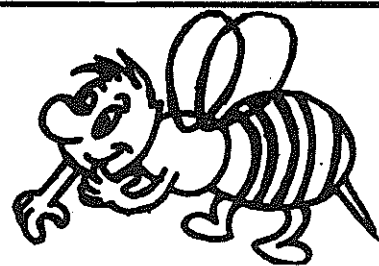
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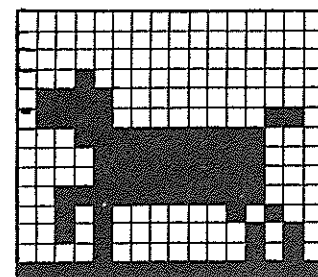
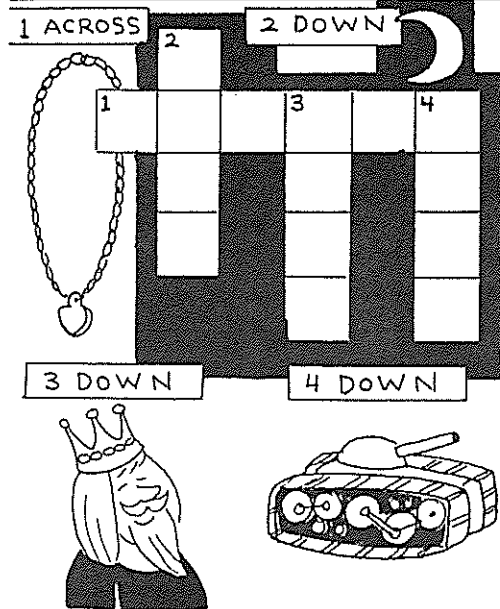
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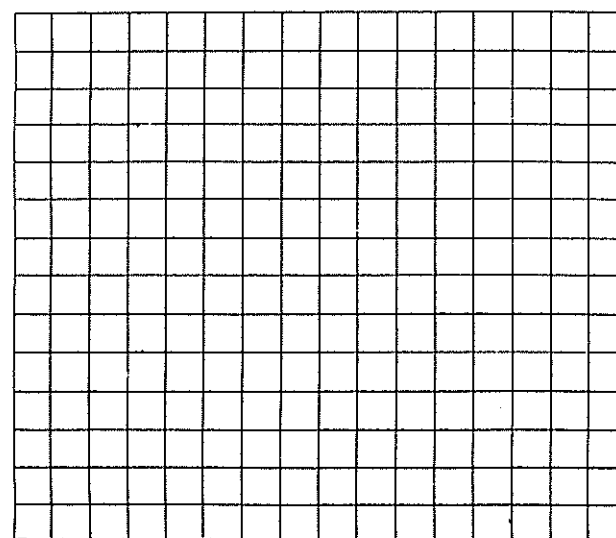
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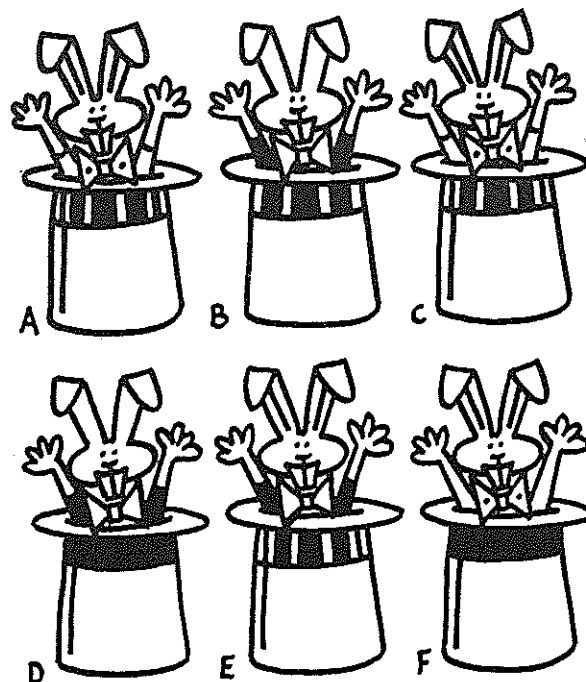


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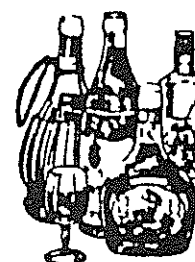
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Sympathy to Mrs Kathleen Landy, nee Keely, Listowel, formerly Main St., Maynooth on the death of her husband Benny. Also to her daughter, son, sister, relatives and friends.

Sympathy to the Nolan family, Jim, Tom, Michael, Billie, Jack, Mrs Prendergast, Mrs Conroy on the death of their brother Christopher (Kit) in Scotland.

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In an article in last months *Newsletter* 'Jimmy's heart is in the right place' it was pointed out that we failed to include the fact that Jimmy is the son of Jimmy and Bridie Mee, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

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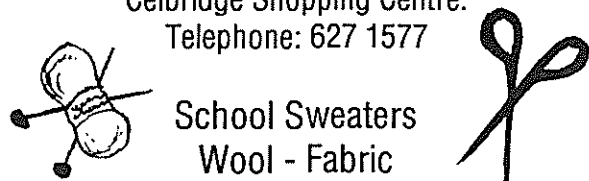
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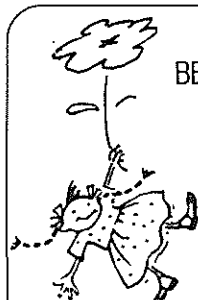
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