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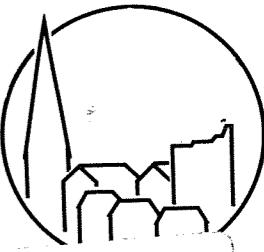
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Editorial

1992 and All That

Well, it's here at last, the long awaited 1992, which will see us further cementing our membership of the European Community. There has been remarkably little discussion of the impact which the historic decisions which are being made, will have on our lives, and particularly the lives of the ordinary citizen. Some of the newspapers have made attempts to explain the issues, but alas, there is an impression that the reader would need to approach these treatises fully prepared with doctorates, to help them understand the Eurospeak. While we in Maynooth hostilities talk of nothing else but principles of subsidiarity, democratic deficits, cohesion, harmonisation, EMUs and WEUs, and not to mention synergy, we felt it was time to call in our special correspondent to decipher for us what lies behind these terms, and what will they mean to us in our daily lives. This issue contains the idiot's guide to EuroSpeak, to assist us in our deliberations.

CAO Time

Meanwhile, the minds of many sixth year students are far from deciphering the problems of the EC, as they tussle with the intricacies of the Central Applications Office forms. We offer some help to these students in this issue. However, we would urge parents to take a positive interest at this most crucial time, and particularly to ensure that forms are filled in correctly. Wrong choices made at this stage can have serious consequences for students who may find that doors are closed to them next October.

Happy New Year

The **Newsletter** extends best wishes for 1992 to all its readers and advertisers.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 In last months' issue you stated that "the recent extension of the Dublin taximeter area to Maynooth may prove to be a life-saver for many people." We are under the illusion that we work in a 24 hour taxi service in Maynooth. We thought when we get out of bed at all hours of the day and night we are serving the needs of the local community. Obviously the bus services we run to schools, colleges, nightclubs and the cars we drive from one end of the country to the other are figments of the imagination. The fact that our clocks start at 0.00 p - we don't charge 40p per item of luggage and 40p per person (unlike Dublin taxis) - is an even bigger illusion. To imagine for one moment that we could be saving lives by running a service like this is quite blatantly preposterous. It must be Santy's helpers that give C.K.R. Radio their North Kildare area traffic reports in the mornings. Finally we would like to wish all the customers who travel in our fairytale land a very peaceful, prosperous and happy New Year.

Yours Hopefully (wish we were here)

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P.S. To the Editors: Is the advert on page 32 of December issue a mirage and if so can we have the cheque back please.

 Dear staff of MCL cabs

We never stated that you did not exist nor that you didn't operate a 24 hour service and we have no idea who employs Santy's helpers nor did we repute the fact that your cars run all over the country. We merely welcomed more taxis. Whose imagination is producing mirages we wonder? Having said that, we would like to officially endorse your existence and to agree with the majority of the community in stating that an excellent and efficient service is provided by MCL Cabs at all times. And no, you can't have your cheque back!

Happy New Year.

The Editors.

 Dear Editor,

The traders at Greenfield Shopping Centre would like to thank most sincerely, the residents of Laurence Avenue, Maynooth Park, Straffan Way, Greenfield Drive and The Crescent for the graciousness and courtesy shown them by all on the recent door to door survey which was carried out on behalf of the El Dorado Take-away.

Greenfield Shopping Centre.

 Dear Editor,

A short editorial note in your August edition began - "Since the demise of M.A.D.E. Maynooth has been sadly lacking in adult education provision . . ." This information is entirely false. Maynooth Adult Daytime Education remains very active. Our new term begins on Monday, February 3rd, 1992,

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B. Duffy (on behalf of the committee).

 A chara,

I refer to the proposals for traffic management presented by Maynooth Community Council in the December issue of the Maynooth Newsletter. Most of these are most desirable and urgently needed. However, I fail to understand the suggestion that a one-way system in the square would not improve matters.

It seems obvious to me that a one-way system is desperately needed in the Square. In fact, it is frequently next to impossible to drive up to the Bank of Ireland side of the Square towards the Canal when a bus is parked at the terminus outside the "Square" shop and a stream of traffic coming from the Canal direction has passed the bus out, thereby blocking the other lane. In addition, it is hard to imagine how traffic lights would work in this area without a one-way system.

One of the main causes of traffic hold-ups in the Main Street is traffic coming from the Galway direction turning right at the Bank of Ireland corner. Traffic proceeding to Dublin frequently cannot take the inside lane at this point because of cars parked at Barton's. The location of petrol pumps here would appear to rule out the use of double yellow lines to prohibit parking on the inside lane. However, with a one-way system in the Square, traffic would be required to turn right at Brady's corner, and yellow lines could be placed outside the old post office to allow through traffic to get by.

Three further observations: Firstly, while any move to get rid of the 'Thing' in the Square must be welcomed, I would not favour using the vacated space for more car parking. The centre of the Square should be turned into a pedestrian-friendly feature, not a car park. Secondly, given the nuisance - not to mention danger - caused by cars parking up on the footpaths in the Main Street, is it time to consider narrowing the footpaths between the trees to provide inset car parking spaces? This would, I think, be more beneficial to pedestrians while also allowing more freedom of movement in the Main Street itself.

Finally, is it not time also to define the various laneways leading onto the Main Street more clearly through the use of kerbing (with ramps to cater for prams, wheelchairs, etc.)?

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Re: El Dorado Take-Away

On behalf of the Committee of Greenfield Estate Residents Association, I wish to refer to the Editorial and letters in the December issue of the Newsletter on the above subject. In this Season of Goodwill we would not wish to reply in kind to some rather wild and emotive comments made by E. Donovan and Ms.Carey. However, for the benefit of your readers, I would like to put the record straight on a number of points that have been raised:-

1. The existing authorised closing time for the El Dorado as approved by An Bord Pleanala is 12 midnight.
2. This closing time has consistently been breached by the proprietor, Mr. Jennings. Indeed in an advertisement in the December issue of the Newsletter the closing time is given as 1 a.m.
3. Kildare County Council refused a recent application from Mr. Jennings to extend the authorised closing time to 1.30 a.m. and Mr. Jennings has lodged an appeal to An Bord Pleanala against that decision.
4. A Special Meeting of this Association held on 12th November 1991 was called in order to give members the opportunity of deciding whether or not the Association should support the decision of Kildare County Council, by lodging an objection with An Bord Pleanala to the granting of extended opening hours up to 1.30 a.m.
5. In accordance with normal practice, notification of the meeting was delivered by hand to each house in the Estate whether the occupants are members or not.
6. To suggest that non-members should have a vote on the policy of the Association on this or any other matter displays a fundamental lack of understanding of the primary role of an Association such as this, i.e. to promote the interests of its members. It was, of course, open to non-members at the meeting to pay the annual subscription (£10) and thereby qualify for full voting rights.
7. To say that Mr. Jennings' side of the argument was not heard is blatantly false. By prior arrangement with Mr. Jennings, a letter from him setting out his case for extended opening hours was read to the meeting. In addition quite a number of people attended the meeting to express their support for the application and were given every opportunity of doing so.
8. At the outset of the meeting it was made clear that insofar as this Committee is concerned the El Dorado is a facility which is availed of and appreciated by many of our members and that the only issue is the application for extended opening hours.
9. After a full discussion a secret ballot was held resulting in a substantial majority in favour of the motion that the Association should support the decision of Kildare County Council by lodging an objection with An Bord Pleanala against the application for extended opening hours.
10. The outcome of Mr. Jennings' application for extended opening hours is entirely a matter for An Bord Pleanala at this stage.

P. Hogan
Secretary

Dear Editor,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all the people of Greenfield Estates who received us with such courtesy in our recent door to door survey. Of 150 houses covered in that survey, the results were 128 in favour of 1.30 a.m. planning extension, 16 against, 2 in favour of 1.00 a.m. and 4 with no opinions. Our shop counter petition yielded results of 763 for 1.30 a.m. extension and 3 against. The 16 against in our door to door survey included most of the present and past Committee Members of Greenfield Estate Residents' Association. The criteria for membership of this committee would seem to be "total opposition to the El Dorado Take-away". The feelings of Greenfield Residents and the people of Maynooth in general are not in line with the actions of this Committee. The only honourable course now for this Committee to take is to withdraw their objection and resign.

Michael Jennings,
Prop. El Dorado Take-Away.

Dear Editor,

Having been one of the first families to come to Greenfield Estate I have seen many changes over the years. From a beginning of about 12 houses up to the current day 200. As a child I remember with great excitement the opening of the first shop. This situation cured the Sunday afternoon argument as to who would cycle to the town. Over the years, shops came and went and the centre eventually fell into a state of disrepair which would probably have looked at home in a suburb of Beirut.

Living next to the centre we had many reasons over the years to call on the Gardai due to the frequent disturbances that arose. However, every cloud has a silver lining.

Along came a new landlord and with him a whole new face for the centre. With new tenants and services it was turned into the very excellent little centre that it has become.

Of these new tenants probably the one who has contributed most is one, Mick Jennings of El Dorado Take-Away.

We all know the reputation that take-aways have in residential areas. However, Mick has proven to be the exception to this. He serves up an excellent product. He can be seen sitting in his car night after night warding off any trouble that might arise. After closing He walks the car park picking up any litter that may have accumulated during the day. All in all what amounts to a very public minded and public spirited gentleman. This has resulted in this commercial area becoming one of the quietest and cleanest in Maynooth, if not Ireland. One would wonder what valid reason if any, the local Residents Association would have for objecting to this man from carrying out his business. Surely he should be commended?.

S. Donovan.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Re your editorial "Gun Fight" at the El-Dorado. I would like to make a few comments: 1. "Some compromise could be worked out." Not on! Reason: The Committee of Greenfield Residents Association have rejected all requests for a meeting to discuss this matter: one can only wonder why. 2. "Undesirable noisy crowds loitering". There are no such crowds. Reason - Mr. Jennings by his constant vigilance and presence has discouraged any aid on who would indulge in Anti-Social Behavior. As for dirt and litter - there is none. Reason: before going home, whether it be rain, hail or shine or snow even Mr. Jennings cleans up the area. One could say that he, single-handedly, contributed in no small way to the Greenfield Estate coming so high in the Tidy Estates Competition. Perhaps the P.R.O. of the Tidy Town Competition could take note of the sterling work carried out by Mr. Jennings. He is after all helping to keep Maynooth a tidy town.

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Community Council Notes

The following is a Submission by a Deputation from Maynooth Community Council to Celbridge area Committee, Kildare County Council.

Our submission concentrates on three specific areas:

1. Traffic Plan
2. Toilet Block Removal
3. Condition of the Roads

1. PROPOSED TRAFFIC PLAN FOR MAYNOOTH

Traffic congestion in Maynooth has now reached crisis proportions. Getting through Maynooth is a nightmare for both locals and through traffic. Long tailbacks on all roads is the order of the day. The by-pass should solve a lot of the problems, but its completion is too far off. It is the view of Maynooth Community Council that the following proposals should be implemented by Kildare County Council without delay:

- 1) Eliminate parking by putting double yellow lines in the following areas:

- (a) Ulster Bank to end of Kiernan's Shop - to allow buses to pull in without disrupting traffic flow.
- (b) Brady's/Caulfields - to allow buses to pull in without disrupting traffic flow.
- (c) Bank of Ireland - to allow traffic from Straffan Road to turn down Main Street more easily.
- (d) Hanah Floods - to allow traffic from Straffan Road to turn down Main Street more easily.
- (e) Gerry Bradys/Roost - to allow articulated trucks to take the turn at lower Main Street with ease.
- (f) Patricks/Barrys - to allow articulated trucks to take the turn at lower Main Street with ease.
- (g) Kevin Mc Namara's - to allow traffic from Newtown/College to turn left to Kilcock Newtown Road more easily.
- (h) O' Neills Butchers/Hula Bou - to avoid Dublin bound traffic being held up by traffic turning right up Straffan Road.
- (i) Maynooth Jewellers to corner on Dublin Road

2) Installation of Traffic Lights

- (a) Newtown Road/Main Street junction - Long overdue
- (b) Straffan Road/Main Street junction - with lights at Bank of Ireland, Main St. and Bradys, Main St.

The lights at (a) and (b) should be synchronised and include a pedestrian element. A roundabout may be an alternative at (a).

3) Straffan Road/Square: Remove the public toilet building to give increased road space and increased parking facilities.

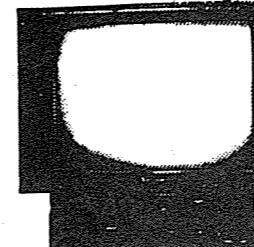
4) Dunboyne Traffic: The Convent Road is not suitable for the heavy North bound traffic that it is presently taking. As a priority the Dunboyne Road at Carton should be widened by over filling the drain and making it suitable for the heavy North bound traffic. The filling of this drain would also stop the indiscriminate dumping which has turned the area into an eyesore.

5) Kilcock Road: Proper signposting of the College Arts Block and Library is urgently required in order to avoid a serious accident.

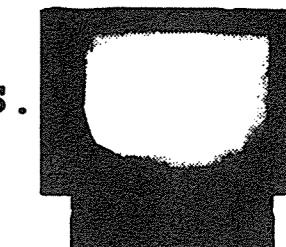
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6) Kavanagh's Mill: The owners should be asked to redesign their system of loading lorries in order to remove the major disruption to traffic that this now causes.

7) Pound Lane: Drivers are continuing to use this road as an escape route despite the 'no entry' sign. This could be overcome somewhat if a continuous white line was painted across the entrance with 'No Entry' written on the road. It is our view that if these proposals are adopted by Kildare County Council the traffic flow in Maynooth will be improved significantly and make life easier for all of us.

2. Toilet Block Removal:

As we have pointed out in our submission on the traffic plan, the demolition of the toilet would ease the traffic flow considerably. However, there are also other reasons for seeking its removal. The ugliness of the toilet block has been recognised countrywide.

Bord Failte referred to it in their report as one of the main reasons why Maynooth ranks consistently low in the Tidy Town marks.

In a recent survey of Irish Times readers Maynooth Public Toilet was rated among the ugliest buildings in Ireland. In addition 2,500 inhabitants of Maynooth signed a petition demanding its removal. Maynooth Community Council unanimously agreed that the building should be knocked and we also got the E.S.B. to agree to move their substation to another location. The substation is part of the building. We would sincerely hope that Kildare County Council would act on the democratic wishes of the people and demolish this building forthwith.

3. Condition of Roads in the Maynooth Area:

(i) Moyglare Road: £30,000 was allocated for work on this road in 1991. It stretches the imagination to see where it has gone. Drainage appears to have been carried out for 2/3 of the road. The remainder, at the top end, continues to pond surface water which causes a lot of hardship to the residents in the area. As this is the worst road in Maynooth we are asking the Council that work on it be finalised in 1992.

(ii) Bond Bridge/Newtown Road: £32,000 was allocated for this work in 1991. The bridge was carpeted but no work was carried out on Newtown Road. It is very difficult to see how £32,000 could have been spent on the bridge alone. The residents in this area have been waiting 19 years for a new bridge. Substantial contributions towards the cost has already been collected in special development levies from the area. Unless a new bridge is forthcoming in the immediate future steps will have to be taken to secure the safety of pedestrians. There are two options:

(a) Install traffic lights, (b) Build a pedestrian bridge. As an immediate safety measure a sign should be erected on the Maynooth side stating that 'Pedestrians should walk on the left hand side'.

(iii) Back Lane, Greenfields: £10,000 was allocated in 1991. The work has not been completed and it is obvious that all the money has not been spent.

(iv) Greenfields Lane: This road hasn't been resurfaced in many years. The road and the footpaths are now in a very bad state. Priority funding should be made available in 1992. In addition the roadway should be closed off at the last house at

Newtown end in order to stop the 'rat run' of traffic avoiding the Main Street.

(v) Leinster Park/ O Neill Park: £8,000 was allocated in 1991. There is no evidence of any work having been carried out. This should be rectified immediately.

(vi) The Boreen: The Maynooth Soccer Clubs football pitch is off this road. It is nearly impossible to drive on this road because of the enormous potholes. It is the first view of Maynooth that visiting Soccer Teams get and the Soccer Club have five teams representing Maynooth.

(vii) Straffan Road: This road is to become the link road to the new by-pass. There are some 800 houses off this road. We have not even seen a draft of the proposed design yet. Apart from interest in the interface with housing estates we are very anxious that the design has a cycle path included to cater for school children and the university students.

(viii) Carton Avenue: Considerable damage has been done by the contractor on the sewage works. As Kildare County Council are the owners of this Lime Walk we hope that the Council will ensure that all reinstatement will take place. The Avenue has been ignored by Kildare County Council since it was taken in charge. We ask Kildare County Council to make amends by maintaining the Avenue in future and to erect appropriate public lighting and to install seats at regular intervals so that it can become an amenity for the people.

John Mc Ginley,
Chairperson.

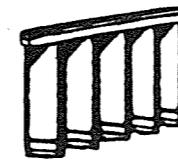
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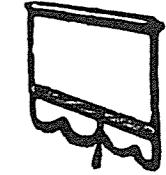
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Question: A friend of mine in her late 70's wants to sell her house and move to a nursing home as she is no longer able to look after herself. She doesn't want to lose her Non-Contributory Old Age Pension as she will be relying on the proceeds from the sale of her house to cover the nursing home fees, which will cost about £180 per week. Was there some change recently about pensioners selling their homes?

Answer: Yes! New regulations came into effect on the 18th October, 1991 which will allow certain pensioners, who have to sell homes to move into accommodation more suited to their needs, to retain their pension. They must be aged 66 or over, and in receipt of means-tested payments such as Non-Contributory Old Age or Widows' Pension.

This change means that income of up to £75,000 received from the sale of a principal residence will be exempted from the means-test in the following circumstances:

- * When a pensioner sells her/his own home and buys accommodation more suited to her/his needs.
- * Where the proceeds for the sale of the house are used to rent more suitable accommodation, such as special or sheltered housing in the voluntary, co-operative, statutory or private sector.

* Where income from the sale of a house is used to pay fees in a registered nursing home or retirement home.

This exemption only applies in the case of pensioners who sell their homes on, or after, 18th October 1991.

In the case of married pensioners they must both be aged 66 or over when the house is sold.

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GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The following people were elected at the A.G.M. in September for the Girls National School:
Committee members 1991 - 1992.

Lila Flynn (Chairperson), Mary Corbally, Margaret McLoughlin (P.R.O.), Mary McMahon, Noelle McTiernan, Rosemary Reynolds, Aisling Richardson, Isobel Walshe, Denise Riordan, Moira Baxter (secretary), Michael Barry (Treasurer), Judy Brady, Helen O'Brien, Peter Robinson, Geraldine Tobin.

Fundraising is ongoing and we would appreciate your continued support.

I would like to point out that the proceeds from the Christmas Raffle has been donated to the needy of the parish.

Thanking you.

Wish everyone a Happy New Year.

*Margaret McLoughlin,
P.R.O.*

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

As we enter into a new year of work, we would like to thank our small band of workers who helped the above committee in any way during the past year.

We have great plans for 1992 and hope that more people will join us in our quest to make Maynooth a better place to live in.

R. Farrell,
Secretary/P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

As we enter the New Year we would like to wish everyone, especially the elderly, health, happiness and peace for 1992. On behalf of our senior citizens we would also like to thank all those who have given of their time, money and love during the past year.

The grand total for our sale of work is £3729.79. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to making this event so enjoyable and successful. The results of the raffle are as follows:

1st Prize The Hamper - Pat Travers, Newtown, Maynooth.
2nd Prize £50 - Mrs R. McMahon, C/o 25, Laurence Ave.
3rd Prize £25 - T. Power, Rathmines.

The winners of the Doll and Truck raffle were: Nora Power, 838, Greenfield and K. O'Reilly, Leinster Cottages.

Cake and Whiskey raffle: Cake - Mr & Mrs T. Dean, Moyglare and Whiskey - J. Lennon, Maynooth.

The hospital visits take place on the weekend of December 14th and 15th. Our morning sessions conclude for Christmas on December 19th and resume again on Tuesday January 14th. New faces are always welcome.

Finally we would like to thank the staff and Editorial Board of the **Newsletter** for your service to us all and extend our best wishes for the coming year.

P.R.O.

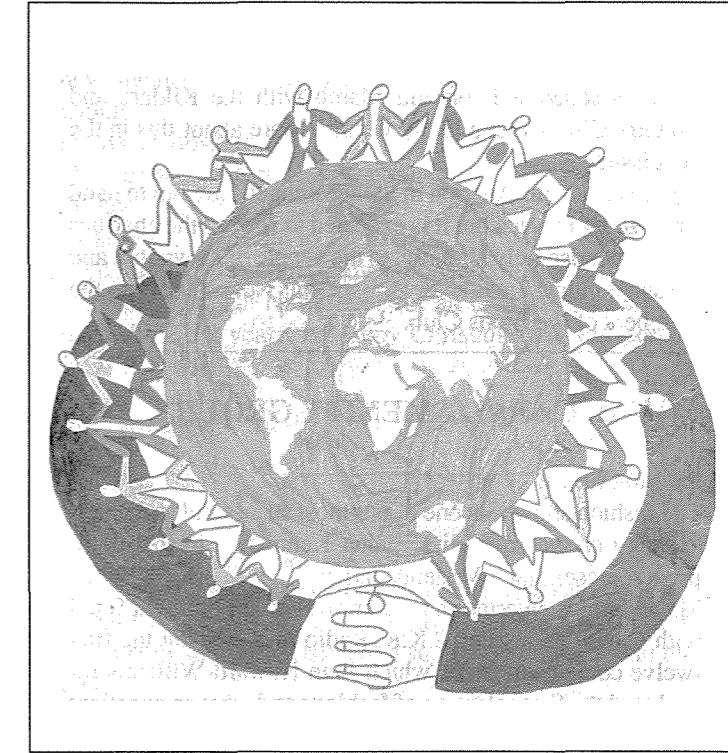
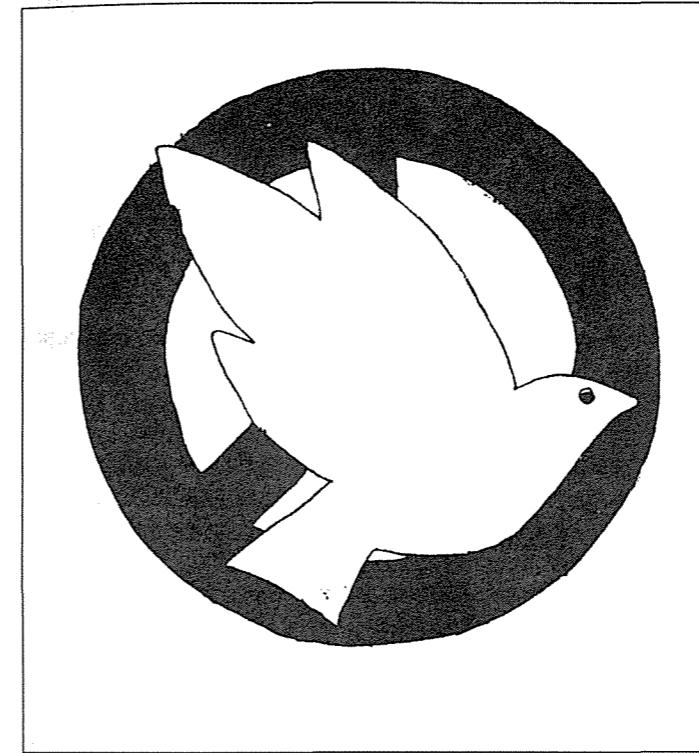
MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB NOTES

The Annual Christmas 2FM Food Appeal was a tremendous success with members throwing themselves into the occasion with great zest.

The week-end of Thursday 19th - Sunday the 22nd December was chosen and the club wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who contributed and supported this worthy charity.

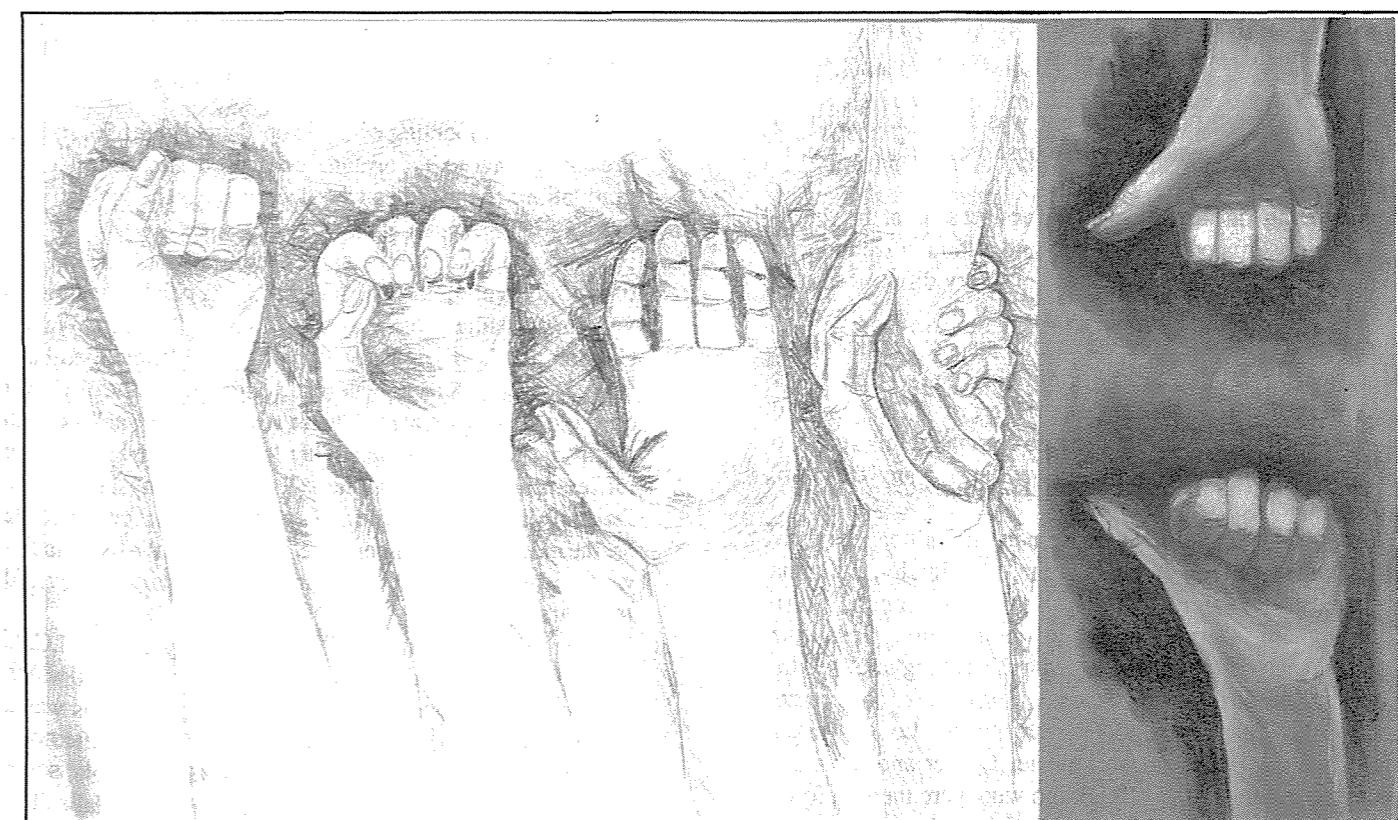
It helped most of the less - well - off in our immediate area to enjoy Christmas and the festivities. Food parcels were yet again distributed by our friends in the St. Vincent de Paul.

MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER WINNERS



Martina Dillane
Age 12
Old Rail Park, Maynooth.

Colin Phelan
St. Mary's Boy's National School,
Moyglare Rd., Maynooth, Co. Kildare.



Mark Curley, Age 13, Scoil Mhuire Community School, Clane, Co. Kildare.



Clubs, Organisations & Societies

The Peace Poster competition had an enormous entry and the selection of the various age categories proved most difficult, with schools from Clane, Celbridge, Straffan and Maynooth taking part.

Each school had an individual winner and some are depicted opposite. The high standard of entry was noted and praised by the adjudicators.

Good news for the local ladies. The annual Lions Fashion Show is scheduled for mid March with the Kildare and Country Club Hotel a likely venue. More about this in the next issue.

Returns from our Auction in Saint Raphael's are not to hand since going to issue but it is expected to reward the charities chosen handsomely. Finally, to the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas a very prosperous New Year from the members of the Lions Club.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Fashion Show

The fashion show was one of our most successful to date. A capacity crowd saw Miss Elaina Kennedy win the major prize representing "Westend Carpets".

The evenings entertainment commenced promptly at 9 pm with Christy Walsh of C.K.R. Radio interviewing the first twelve contestants, after which Joan Howard-Williams introduced the first selection of fashions and what an excellent job Joan made of the commentaries. After the interval Christy interviewed the second twelve contestants and then it was Joan's turn once more to complete the fashion line up. The results were then announced and I would, on behalf of the chairperson and committee, like to congratulate our new Miss Royal Canal, Elaina Kennedy. I should also like to thank all the other contestants who took part. The prize for the maximum sponsorship went to "Miss New Waves", Karen Boyd.

Best dressed gent on the evening was Mr Brian Gillen of College Green, Maynooth, while best dressed lady went to Mrs Catherine Boyd.

Apologies are due to those who did not get seats at the venue. We under estimated the response and although we reduced the number of "available tickets", it's very difficult to turn people from the door particularly when they had travelled distances to attend. May we extend sincere thanks to the Management and staff of the Springfield Hotel who bent over backwards to facilitate our every request. The personal attention afforded us prompts me to commend this venue to anyone contemplating a party, wedding or any function. You will not be disappointed.

I should also like to thank those non-committee members who helped on the night, Marian McGlinchy, Julianna Kennedy, Rosaleen Kelly, Kathleen Lynch, John Cunningham, Derry Cotter, Josephine Fay, Geraldine O'Sullivan, Norah McDermott, Mary O'Donoghue, Deirdre Treanor. Special thanks to all those who sponsored contestants and prizes. Thanks also to Theresa Murray, Louise Parker and Christine Walsh of the Leinster Leader and the management and staff of C.K.R. Radio who were there in force from the chief executive down. Special thanks to the staff of Airmotive Ireland for their help.

Competition

The R.C.A.G. are entering into the "spirit" of the New Year and we will give a book token to the person who can name the after described cocktail: Equal parts of Quantos, Baileys Cream and fresh cream. Answers in writing only to The Chairman of the Royal Canal Amenity Group, C/o Maynooth Post Office, Maynooth, co. Kildare.

*Gerry Fitzpatrick,
P.R.O.*

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

We wish all our members a very Happy New Year and hope 1992 proves to be a fruitful one.

As New Years are about new things we think it's appropriate to give you the names of the new committee members.

Chairperson: Betty Farrell, Vice Chairperson: Mary Doyle (Maynooth), Secretary: Felicity Satchwell, Treasurer: Noeleen O'Brien, Assistant Treasurer: Mary Doyle (Kilcloone), Assistant Secretary: Pat Craigie, Sales Table: Catherine Fields, Maureen Stevens, Contest Secretary: Joan Reynolds, PRO: Rosemary Smyth, Hostesses: Kitty Core, Nell Byrne, Tony Reid.

Our other news is that from February all our meetings will be held in the SVD Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. The February meeting is on 18th at 8 o'clock in the SVD Hall and our demonstration will be by Marie McKeown from Rathfarnham.

R. Smyth, PRO.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The December meeting was held on Thursday the 5th and our President, Mary O'Gorman, welcomed everyone. Congratulations to the ladies who decorated the hall which now has a Christmas atmosphere.

Federation President, our own Member Maisie McMyler, handed over a book 1910 - 1990 I.C.A. celebrating eighty years to two ladies from Maynooth Library, Margaret Walshe Gannon and Lorraine Daly. One of our talented members, Mary Doyle, gave a very interesting demonstration on flower arranging for Christmas. Thank you Mary for making it all seem so easy. Mary donated her lovely finished articles for raffle and auction. The winners: 1st Bernie King, 2nd Imelda Delaney, 3rd Mary McInerney. As usual the monthly raffle for the month of December were Turkeys and the lucky ladies were as follows: 1st Anna Dolan, 2nd Rosemary Hanley, 3rd Joan Grant.

Sunday 8th of December 1991 was a busy day for I.C.A. After all masses we had a cake sale and we raised £110 which will be forwarded to the Childrens' Hospital. This was a request from the Hospital to all I.C.A. guilds. In the afternoon we had a Monster Bingo in the Parish Hall to make some money to enable us to replace the roof on our Hall. The amount of money made will be published at a later date.

Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Thank you to everyone who supported us on the day. A special big thank you to Owen Byrne and helpers and Pat Travers and members of Hall Committee.

Our usual monthly meeting (first Thursday) will be during the Christmas Holidays and it was decided to hold the meeting on 9th January 1992 at 8 pm in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour. Hoping for a large attendance and maybe some new members. The competition for January is "A Slice of Christmas Cake" iced or uniced.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Some dates to enter into your diary this year are the 15th, 22nd and the 29th January. We are running a series of talks entitled "The Healthy Body", the emphasis being on the preventative aspect of health care.

The first lecture, on the 15th of January will be given by a speaker from the Irish Cancer Society and the title of the topic is "Good health for all: prevention and the early detections of cancer". The second topic, on the 22nd of January, is entitled "How to prevent Heart Disease in the Community", and will be given by a representative from the Irish Heart Foundation. On the 29th of January, a representative from the Arthritis Foundation of Ireland will give a lecture on Arthritis and the work of the Foundation.

The lectures will begin at 8.00pm, and are free. All are welcome to attend. In March we will have a lecture on gardening, and in April there will be a series on "The Body Beautiful". Further information about these will be available at a later stage.

Some recent acquisitions to stock in the adult library include: Anthony Bruce - *An Illustrated Companion to the First World War*.

Martin Dillon - *The Shankill Butchers*.

Mick Doyle - *Doyler*.

Elizabeth, Countess of Fingall - *Seventy Years Young*.

Desmond Morris - *Babywatching*.

And for all of you Catherine Cookson fans, her latest offering is entitled "The Rag Nymph". Don't forget you can request any of the above titles if they are not on the shelf when you call in. Just in case you didn't know already, Maynooth Library is now open to the public on Holy Days.

At the moment we're considering having an exhibition case exclusively for children, so any collectors of anything out there who'd like to put on an exhibition please contact the library.

Wishing all borrowers and browsers a very Happy New Year.

Margaret Walshe Gannon.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

We have reached the end of another year with our Credit Union, it has been a very successful year with a great increase of new members and completion of the extension to our building at the Harbour House, Maynooth. We would like to

take this opportunity to thank the building contractors and all others associated with its completion. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to our members while work was in progress. The closing date for the Poster Competition was

December 6th and a great number of entries have been handed in. Winners of the competition categories will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter. As stated before new members are always welcome at Maynooth Credit Union.

Hours of Business:

Thursday 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Friday 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

On behalf of Maynooth Credit Union I would like to thank the staff of Maynooth Newsletter for all their assistance to us throughout the year. A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all.

May Haren.

A.C.R.A.

Following many queries from Residents' Association in the North Kildare area, ACRA recently contacted Bord Gais to enquire about the provision of a supply of natural gas to the area.

Unfortunately, the company feel that at present there are insufficient industrial/commercial or residential developments in the area to justify the level of expenditure required to lay on a supply. To provide any parts of Kildare with gas, it would be necessary to construct major new feeder mains from the main Cork to Dublin pipeline. This is a very costly operation. However Bord Gais are constantly monitoring the situation to ensure that extension to the gas network will be planned when economically viable.

ACRA feel that it is vital that an efficient, economical and clear alternative to the coal still being widely used in Kildare be made available as soon as possible. We would hope to press public representatives to make this a priority concern in the coming months.

For the Leixlip area, there is a possibility that there may be good news "in the pipeline" sooner rather than later. Bord Gais are currently negotiating with the owner of the new INTEL project with regard to extending a gas main from Lucan to supply their new factory. If this project goes ahead, Bord Gais say they would then consider the extension of the gas supply to some of the existing residential estates in Leixlip. We await with interest the outcome of these negotiations.

Other news from the branch concerns contact we made recently with Iarnród Eireann re the restoration of a rail service to and from the Hazelhatch station in Celbridge to alleviate commuter problems in the area. Once again, the problem is one of finance. Iarnród Eireann informed ACRA that while they would be keeping their options open, at the moment they feel that the level of usage would not justify the costs involved in restoring the Hazelhatch service. The company are however, keeping all representations made to them on file for future reference.

Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Perhaps an increase in public pressure from the Celbridge area would help?
ACRA Kildare meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Kildrought Inn in Celbridge. We welcome any enquiries from Residents' Associations.

*Michael Quinn, Secretary.
Bernard Lynch, P.R.O.*

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Residents' Associations' Notes

LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1. We held our last meeting before the Christmas recess and had a very full agenda to get through.
2. Our recent 300 raffle was a great success and we now have our finances in a healthy state for the New Year. Many thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.
3. On a more serious issue we have decided that it will be necessary for our committee to formalise and promote a campaign against the proposed plans of the Co. Council to allow the continued use of the Dunboyne Rd/Dillons Row/Convent Road to service access to the town for the high volume of heavy commercial and private vehicles currently using this route. On top of this existing congestion the Council would see fit to allow this route become a feeder route to the proposed By-Pass. We feel therefore that we shall make our feelings known through the circulation of a petition objecting to this situation present and future. We urge all residents to sign and support our efforts in this matter. We will expect active support from our local Council Representatives and we shall seek their commitment on this issue.
4. While on the subject of roads we are presently bemused since the commencement of the sewerage pipework on the Dunboyne Road. It is only lucky that the Tidy Towns Judges saw our efforts before these works began. We ask that the Contractors/Co. Council pay us the respect of sweeping the roads on a daily basis while this work continues.
5. A special word of thanks from the Committee to the person(s) who saw fit to rearrange the seats in the Green. By the time this is read we hope to have the seats repaired.
6. The unauthorised removal of the No Entry sign at Westend Carpets, Mill St. does not mean there is now "Entry Allowed". We hope to have this sign replaced as soon as possible.
7. Many thanks to all our helpers who tidied the neighbourhood over the past months. Our improvement was noted by the Tidy Towns Judges and this is very encouraging. We felt some of the criticism unfair but overall we are glad to be on the up.
8. A meeting will be held in January with the Gardai to revitalise the Neighbourhood Watch and we will notify all residents of the time and place. In the meantime keep alert for all strange goings on and don't hesitate to contact the Gardai of your suspicions.

*Tony Bean
Secretary*

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

You will have read in the letters to the Editor page, our Chairman Pat Hogan's response to the Editorial and letters concerning our Associations attitude to the El-Dorado appeal to An Bord Pleanna, see December Newsletter.
We would like to advise of the following:
Mr. Jennings (El-Dorado) Take-away applied to Kildare County Council for extended opening hours from 12 midnight, present closing time (which is what was granted,

Residents' Associations' Notes

following an oral hearing by An Bord Pleanna) to new closing hours of 1.30 a.m. This application was refused by Kildare County Council on the following grounds:
"It is considered that the operation of the Take Away after mid-night would, by reason of the noise, disturbance and general activity generated by or associated with such operation, be serious injurious to the amenities of properties in the vicinity and would be likely to depreciate the value of these properties. It is considered, therefore that the development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

This was read out and voted upon by the members of our association at a special convened General Meeting. By a substantial majority the committee were mandated by the members to prepare a submission to An Bord Pleanna outlining our support to Kildare County Council's decision to refuse permission to El-Dorado for extended opening hours. This has now been done.

Annual Supper Dance

The Association's Annual Supper Dance will be held on 8th February 1992, in Ned Slevin's, Dunboyne. Mini Bus will be available. Tickets and other details available from committee members.

Finally, as we enter into another year we would like to pay a special tribute to the residents of our estate for all the work done by them in the many associations throughout Maynooth.

We wish all our Newsletter readers, members and residents of our estate a very happy New Year.

*R. Farrell,
P.R.O.*

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

New Committee

Following the A.G.M. on 18th November 1991, the following is the Residents' Committee for 1991/92. We thank sincerely Mr. O'Rourke, manager of Cassidy's Roost, for allowing us to use the balcony for this important meeting.

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| Chairperson: | Dick McMahon | (No. 4) |
| Vice-Chairperson: | Phil Dix | (53) |
| Secretary: | None elected | |
| | Noelle Topley | (14) |
| | Agreed to act as secretary pending the acquiring of a new one! | |
| Treasurer: | Pádraig Kearney | (5) |

Road Representatives/Road Co-Ordinators of Neighbourhood Watch.

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|-------------|-----------------|------|
| Nos. 3 - 16 | Dick McMahon | (4) |
| 18 - 32 | Pádraig Kearney | (5) |
| | Noelle Topley | (14) |
| | Jeremy Farrell | (28) |
| 33 - 53 | Chris Hayes | (32) |
| | John Green | (48) |
| | Phil Dix | (53) |

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| 54 - 74 | Tom Clarke | (67) |
| 85 - 99 | Bob O'Reilly | (73) |
| | Breda Gormally | (91) |
| 100 - 114 | Ciarán Hassett | (99) |
| | Jim Ryan | (103) |
| | Feargal Cosgrave | (114) |

Important

We ask all residents to please note that your Road Representatives are also your local Road Co-Ordinators of Neighbourhood Watch. So get to know them!
Anyone who could not attend the A.G.M. and who would like a copy of the outgoing Committee's Report may obtain one from the acting Secretary, Noelle Topley.

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HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH SERIES

William Robert Fitzgerald, Second Duke of Leinster Part 2.

William becomes Earl of Offaly.

1765 was a year of both happiness and sadness for the Kildare family. On the 15th of January Lord Robert Stephen was born, but that same year five year old Louisa died and on the 26th of September, at Richmond House, George, Lord Offaly died. He was only seventeen years old and he was buried in the church of St Martin in the Fields. Lord William was now the heir to the title and, on his brother's death, he became Earl of Offaly. He was now sixteen years old, and for some time his mother and father were contemplating what profession he should undertake. In the end he followed the most obvious course and on the 18th of September he received his commission, as cornet in General Honeywood's troop of horses. He was a quiet and indolent young man and never really became attached to the army. As Lord Kildare said of him, 'William loves nothing with a degree of passion to excel at it.'

Military Education

Lord Kildare arranged for William to attend a military academy in France for several months and thereafter he could join the Holland's who were holidaying in the south of France and spend the winter with them in Italy. William seems to have fallen in with his father's schemes and in early July 1766 set sail for France.

The 'Grand Tour'

After his time was up in the academy near Paris, William accompanied as ever by Mr Bolle, left to join the Hollands in Lyons, Stephen and Charles Fox were also there. This was to be William's first stop on his 'Grand Tour' which included the cities of Naples, Rome, Florence, Turin and later Vienna, Dresden and Berlin among others. He remained in Lyons only a fortnight and then set sail from Marseilles for Naples: the journey was to take twelve days in all. Naples, the city and its life delighted William. He received a letter of introduction to the recently appointed British Envoy to the court of Naples, Mr Hamilton. It was through Hamilton and his wife that William was to be introduced to everyone of importance in Naples from the King downwards. William occupied his days by indulging in all the exercise he could as he was inclined to be fat. He rode and fenced daily. For three days in the week he studied 'fortifications' and drew plans with what today would be considered an army tutor. For the other three days he studied Italian with an Italian master. His nights were occupied with the endless round of balls and concerts and other social diversions. There was also the opera which proved magnificent. Naples was a city famed for gambling but William had a particular aversion to this pastime and rarely indulged in it.

In early December William learned through a letter from his mother that his father had been created a duke. 'You cannot conceive how happy I am!', he wrote to her in reply. He was now the marquis of Kildare. William was to remain in Naples a further three months, during which time he attended the celebrations of the king of Naples' coming-of-age. There was a court and a gala night at the opera. The carnival followed towards the end of January and continued throughout February, ending with a masquerade ball.

Rome, Florence, Leghorn and Turin

From Naples William and his travelling party set out for Rome. The Pope at this time was Clement XIII. William was in Rome for Holy Week ceremonies. He amused himself by visiting the churches and Palazze each morning. His stay in Rome lasted only two months and his next destination was Florence. He arrived there in the middle of June with letter of introduction to all the important people, including Sir Horace Mann and the German Compte Rosemberg, the Prime Minister. Rosemberg had known the duke and duchess of Leinster at the time of their marriage. William was in due course presented to the grand duke and duchess of Tuscany. William was in Florence throughout the summer: he had remained longer than intended in the hope of meeting the emperor Joseph II who was expected to visit his brother, Leopold, duke of Tuscany. The weather was to prove very intense yet William passed his time in Florence pleasantly. August brought cooler weather and Charles Fox arrived to accompany William, yet there was still no sign of the emperor.

In the end William left for Leghorn which was situated near the sea. Large numbers of people of all nationalities converged on this relatively small town each year to bathe in the sea. The Marquis of Kildare stayed only for a month and then returned to Florence.

The cost of William's tour of Europe was enormous. Bolle drew cheque after cheque for hundreds of pounds, and by this time the total had reached several thousand pounds. The Duke and duchess of Leinster were discontented with William's management of his finances and the Duke also complained that he was neglecting his military studies. He suggested that William should proceed immediately to Turin and Vienna to study the fortifications. William, in the hope of seeing the Emperor, delayed in Florence for a couple of weeks more. Disappointed, he made his way to Turin and arrived there at the beginning of November. He was presented to the king of Sardinia, Charles Emmanuel III, and even went stag hunting with him. But soon William was studying the fortifications at the Citadel as his father had suggested. Turin was ideal for William's military studies while in Vienna he found the authorities unwilling to allow people examine their military installations/fortifications.

Election to Parliament

William spent Christmas in Nice with the Hollands, Charles Fox and Lord Carisle. It was at Nice that William, only eighteen years old, learned of his election, on the 28th of November 1767, as member of parliament for the city of Dublin in place of the deceased recorder Grattan. The other candidate for the seat in Dublin was John La Touche Esq who was a banker. The polling lasted eighteen days but in the end the marquis of Kildare won with 1,707 votes, a majority of 139. Because of William's absence John St Leger Esq was chaired in his stead. Shortly after the election the duke of Leinster returned the following reply of thanks on behalf of William for his election, to an address presented to him by the corporation of Dublin. It illustrates that the Duke considers it a great honour to himself that the City elected his son to represent them in parliament.

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him one of the representatives in parliament for the great and opulent City of Dublin. You may be assured that nothing shall be wanting on my part to inculcate into my son the most lasting remembrance of the high obligation we lie under, for the singular and peculiar honour you have conferred on him. I flatter myself that my son will do everything in his power to preserve and deserve the good opinion, which you have conceived of him, by a steady and uniform conduct in support of the constitution, laws and liberties of this kingdom, the preservation of the rights and privileges of the citizens, and the advancement of the trade and prosperity of this great metropolis in particular. I do assure you that I never was wanting in inclination to do everything that could be, for the advantage and aggrandisement of this my native country and city, to which I am more than bound by the late distinguished mark of regard shown me by the citizens of Dublin."

William, not being of age, could not take his seat in parliament and so he continued his travels. He returned to Turin, paid a short visit to Genoa and then returned once more to Turin. Shortly before he left Turin, William had news of a General Election in Ireland, which was held as a result of the passing of the Octennial Bill earlier in the year. His seat was uncontested so he did not interrupt his travels abroad.

Susan Dempsey.

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The first part of her memoirs appears on page 28.

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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS: A VIEW FROM THE NEWSLETTER

January: January's Newsletter started off with 18 New Year wishes, including hopes that the statues in the Roost would stop moving and interfering with the clientele - like most of the other New Year wishes, this did not come to pass. The Chamber of Commerce was on about the state of the footpaths in Main Street. The Old People's Committee had its AGM on 15th January. Maynooth Castle Committee reported their pleasure in the switching on of the flood lighting. New Garda in town, Michael Clifford was welcomed. Work was starting on the St. Patrick's Day Parade arrangements. Attacks on students were reported.

February: A letter to the editor lamented the lack of a vegetarian restaurant in Maynooth. The AGM of the Community Council returned unanimously the same slate as the previous year. The 'No Entry' sign had at last been erected at both entrances to Pound Lane, and Lyreen Residents were looking forward to crossing the lane again, and getting to the other side. The Band was working hard to obtain their new uniforms. The Maynooth Miscarriage of Justice Group reminded us that the Birmingham six had spent their 17th Christmas in jail. The invasion of Kuwait, and subsequent war in the Gulf, merited a mention. Generally, however, the theme was love, and Valentines.

March: The Green Issue, complete with photograph of the ROAR protesters appeared. There was much coverage of the Repair Our Awful Roads protest. The political parties were gearing up for the local elections. Mr Michael Nolan was the subject of 'Muintir Maigh Nuadhat'. Reports of the first Maynooth Garda Dance indicated positive results had been apprehended. Once again, the Community Games Committee lamented the lack of interest among parents in helping out with organisations.

April: As usual, reports of the once again successful St. Patrick's Day Parade dominated. The Editorial considered 1916 and all that. In a shock report, our special correspondent revealed that Maynooth Castle would be demolished because of structural weaknesses. The ROAR Campaign was roaring still, but with little obvious success. Concern about plans for the development of Carton was rising. Ms Annie Daly of O'Neill Park was featured in Muintir Maigh Nuadhat. The Workers' Party reported on a survey of bad lighting in Maynooth, but the light was too bad to see where they were going. Fine Gael returned to the Newsletter raring to take on all comers. John Moran, Leinster Park, came second in the All-Ireland Gymnastics in Cork.

May: Plans for the development of Carton were unveiled, giving rise to controversy and divergent opinions. The parties struck back, taking issue with some comments made by Fine Gael in the previous issue. Our special correspondent was sacked, as his/her report on the demolition of the Castle proved to be without foundation (unlike the Castle). The swans in the Canal had temporarily moved residence to Bond Bridge during refurbishment of their island by the RCAG. The renovated Garda Station was opened. Gerard Coyne was our Muintir Maigh Nuadhat for May.

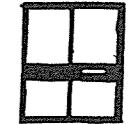
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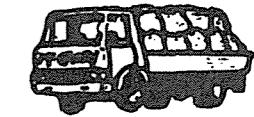
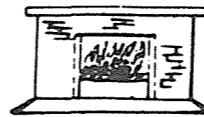
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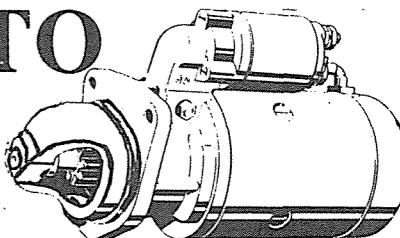
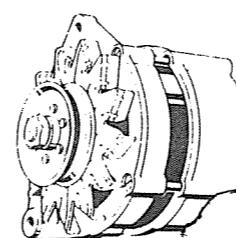
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June: First communicants, Ciara Monaghan, Rachel Cunningham, Elaine Farrell, and Gillian O'Hurley graced the front page. Local election fever was mounting. The Carton debate continued, with the Community Council welcoming the developments proposed by Gleneagles Ltd. The 'Thing in the Square' earned a reprieve, when County Councillors voted to demolish it only if a replacement was built. The programme for Community Week was launched. An obituary to the late Professor Barbara Hayley, from the College, paid tribute to her work for her students and for her subject. President de Klerk of South Africa's visit to Maynooth had miraculously coincided with Kildare County Council's decision to do some work on the Moyglare Road. Pages of messages were relayed from the Annual Spring Fair. The winners of the Short Story Competition were: Andrew Rowan (under 12s); Catherine Devaney (12 - 18 yrs); and Valerie O'Neill (over 18 yrs).

July: Maynooth's most popular barperson, James Connolly, the Roost pulled a pint for us all on the cover. Dominic Nyland visited Gleneagles in Scotland and lived to tell us the tale. Kingsbry 7-a-side had won the interestates soccer competition. Fred Leavy was profiled for Muintir Maigh Nuadhat (he gave the local parties a run for their money in the elections!). The Maynooth writing school which has produced so many writers in recent years - Mary O'Donnell, Clairr O'Connor, Peter Denman, Joe Buckley, Isabelle Cartwright and so on - was featured. College Green went to Amsterdam, and showed us the photographs. Bernard Durkan (FG) and Gerry Brady (FF), the two successful Maynooth County Councillors appeared on the back page.

August: The August cover provided hours of memories and speculation for many old Maynoothians, as it showed a photograph taken in the Square in 1970, in which over 200 of the then residents could be clearly identified. More dissenting voices taking issue with Carton plans were heard. A successful open day in Carton was recalled. A generally quite issue overall.

September: Carton day had raised 4000 pounds for the community. Congratulations were extended to leaving cert students on their results, although Mr Ashe, Principal remained tight lipped on the breakdown of results. Margaret Walshe (mother of the monumental sculptor, who is not Fran Walsh) was the subject of Muintir Maigh Nuadhat. More lengthy statement about Carton appeared. Peter Connell reported from Russia with love. His visit had far reaching consequences. Pub Spy reported in on the annual raid on Maynooth pubs.

October: Maynooth snooker hero, Joe Canny was cover boy for this issue, on his way to the world championship in Bangkok. The Tidy Town results were once more a slap in the face for the hard working committee, although there was a slight rise in marks. Ms Kay Burns won the monthly ICA competition, for brown bread. Nanny Kenny was profiled in Muintir Maigh Nuadhat. The passing of Greenfield Phase 3 Residents' Association was lamented. John Saults and Louise Boyce finally took the plunge.

November: The historic handing over of the keys of Maynooth Castle to the state was captured on the front page. The judges of the Tidy Estates competition delivered their verdict - congratulations to Cluain Aoibhinn. It was revealed that the star of the film 'The Commitments', Andrew Strong, had started his career by winning the Battle of the Bands competition in Maynooth. The Ulster Bank launched its new ATM. Peter Denman launched a collection of poetry. MOB launched a few broadsides, as gaeilge.

December: An exchange of letters highlighted the problems of reconciling the sometimes conflicting wishes of residents and business people, with letters about the El Dorado fast food takeaway. The Community Council proposed a plan for traffic management (or calming as it is now known) in Main Street. Local people of the year, Norah McDermott and Kathleen O'Leary received awards at a function in Newbridge and were pictured with the thinking woman's crumpet, Pat Kenny. Joe Canny came fourth in the world championship snooker in Bangkok and returned to a reception in the Roost organised by the Community Council. Local graduates, Susan Dempsey, John Nevin, Mary McGinley, and Dotty Knauer had their photographs displayed. The Leinster Arms qualified for the most mystifying advertisement.

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**John Kenny
Manager.**



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WISHES FOR 1992:

- * That the Maynooth by-pass be finished and we never see another traffic jam in Maynooth again.
- * That Quinnsworth sorts out the traffic parking chaos by installing a one way system, drawing permanent white lines, and putting down kerbing.
- * That the Thing in the Square is replaced by 'No Thing', and certainly not by more car-parking.
- * That more Presidents come to stay at Moyclare Manor so the road will be kept pot hole free.
- * That a rich, solvent tycoon will buy Carton and present it to the state for the use of all the people.
- * That the Harbour Field playground be restored to its proper function, and the travellers currently camped there (and who are at least making use of it) find more appropriate accommodation.
- * That none of the restaurants in Maynooth close down during the year as has happened in the past.
- * That exciting new shops open on Mill Street and not more clothes shops, grocers or newsagents.
- * That Kildare County Council immediately cleans up Carton Avenue after the mess it has created.
- * That more people buy the Newsletter.
- * That Maynooth's literary magazine, Cobweb, grows in strength and stature throughout 1992.

BOB'S KITCHEN

Vegetarian Days

Following the success of our vegetarian Christmas (no one has contacted us to say they were poisoned, but then, how could they?) we are going to provide some more recipes to tempt even the greatest carnivores in our midst to abandon their evil ways. Anyway, who knows how old that lump of meat on your plate is, and where it has been.

Lasagne with Leeks and Lentils.

Ingredients: 4oz of brown lentils, washed; 1tbsp olive oil; 1 lb leeks, finely diced; 1 medium carrot, diced; 8oz mushrooms, diced; 1 lb tomatoes, skinned and chopped; 1 clove of garlic, 1tsp dried oregano; 1tsp marjoram; 1 tbsp shoyu (this is a naturally fermented soya sauce which doesn't have the additives and sugar - try soya sauce if not available); salt and pepper; 8oz lasagne; half pint bechamel sauce; 2oz parmesan cheese, grated.

Method: Put lentils in a pan with plenty of water to cover. Bring to the boil and simmer, cover for 25 minutes. Drain, reserving the stock. Heat the oil, and gently fry the leeks, carrots, mushrooms, and garlic for 5 or 6 minutes, or until fairly soft. Add the cooked lentils, tomatoes, herbs and shoyu, cover and cook for 15 or 20 minutes, adding a little lentil stock if the mixture is too dry. Preheat the oven to 180 centigrade, gas mark 4. Meanwhile, cook the lasagne in boiling salted water for 10 minutes, or until just tender. Put a layer of lasagne in a lightly greased baking dish. Cover with a layer of the lentil mixture and one of bechamel sauce. Continue in this order until you have used all your ingredients, ending with a layer of sauce. Sprinkle over the grated cheese and bake for 30 minutes.

Spinach and Almond Cannelloni

Ingredients: 12oz spinach; 1 large onion, diced; 1tbsp oil; 1 green pepper, deseeded and diced; 4oz ground almonds; half pint water; 1tsp dried thyme; grated nutmeg; salt and pepper; 1 lb of cannelloni; Tomato sauce (1 tin of tomatoes; 2 sticks celery, finely chopped; 2 cloves garlic, crushed; 1tsp marjoram; 1tbsp tomato puree); 2oz parmesan cheese grated.

Method: Make tomato sauce first. (Put tomato sauce ingredients in a pan and simmer over a gentle heat for a least 15 minutes, until you have a thick sauce. Stir occasionally. This can be cooking while you are making the rest of the dish). Preheat the oven to 200 centigrade, or gas mark 6. Blanch the spinach in boiling water for 1 minute. Drain thoroughly, and chop finely. Gently fry the onion and garlic in the oil for 4 minutes until soft. Add the green pepper and cook for 4 minutes more. Stir in the chopped spinach, and cook over a moderated heat for another 2 minutes. Add the almonds, water and thyme and bring to the boil, stirring. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper. Fill the cannelloni with this stuffing. Arrange them in a lightly greased dish and cover with tomato sauce. Sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese and bake for 25 minutes.

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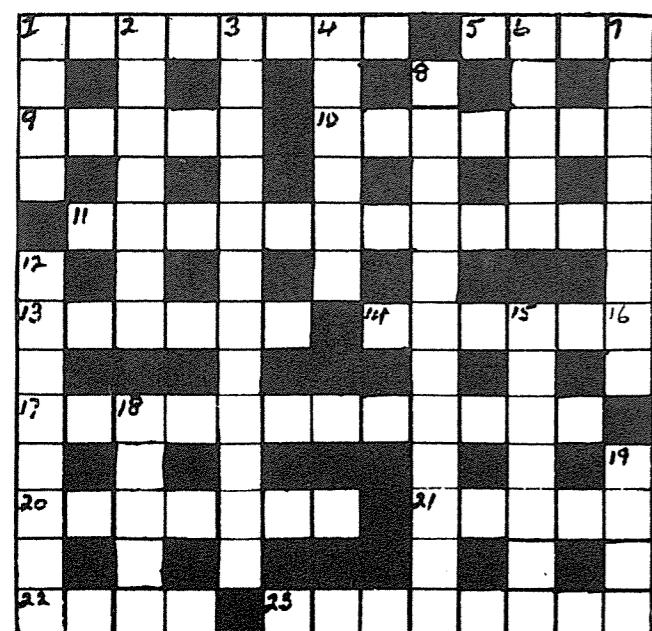
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Across

1. Interfering person makes an active corpse (8)
5. Of ten this is five, following after Harold (4)
9. Travel about eight miles for clean out! (5)
10. Unjust description of brunette (3,4)
11. Material doubter lost his head and the castle (6,6)
13. Ten of these in one (6)
14. Deb at a dance eased off (6)
17. Serve up as selected in Kehoe's (12)
20. Twelve O'Clock, twenty-four hours after a number on (7)
21. I get embraced by backward tart - that's characteristic (5)
22. Pee's in the wrong direction? It may well ooze through like this (4)
23. Pale poxy outrage may result an attack of this (8)

Down

1. Put money on rear (4)
2. Provides a platform for training in Maynooth (7)
3. Choke debater to decipher message (5,3,4)
4. Noise and spilt gin makes for eating (6)
6. Fright may ring incessantly on wall of house (5)
7. Shoot team to get warm here (8)
8. Here Eugene puts the boats out (2,3,3,4)
12. Ten taken in by studs swell Maynooth population (8)
15. Maynooth Castle marked edge of this bucket, by the sound of it (3,4)
18. Don't get uptight - there's a toilet to the south-east (5)
19. Why is Kildare like the leg of a man's trousers. Because it has this place in it (4)



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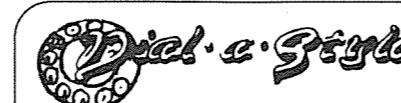
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Solution to Crossword 49:

Across: 1. Community; 8. Kilo; 9. Lime trees 10. Iced; 13. Boxer; 15. Lie low; 16. Devout; 17. Not out; 19. Minnow; 20. Sedan; 21. Used; 24. The Avenue; 25. Eats; 26. Geraldine.

Down: 2. Omit; 3. Meet; 4. Narrow; 5. Teemed; 6. Kilcloone; 7. Dowdstown; 11. Alan Dukes; 12. West Meath; 13. Bonus; 14. Resin; 18. Tee Hée; 19. Manana; 22. Herd; 23. Ruin.



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Check tyre pressure (including the spare), clean windows, mirrors and lights. On your journey if you encounter any of the following elements follow this advice:

Fog:

1. Slow down - fog is very deceptive.
2. Use dipped headlights.
3. If you have fog lights, use them.
4. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front.

Snow:

1. Remove all snow from windows and mirrors.
2. Accelerate gently - brake gently.
3. Use main roads where possible.
4. Most important avoid speed, but if travelling fast slow down gradually.

Ice:

1. In the comforts and heat of your vehicle you may be unaware of the drop in temperatures outside - Be aware and always alert.
2. Black Ice - You cannot see it, but reduced road noise tells you that it's there.
3. Above all - slow down and take your time - it's better to be late than DEAD on time. Carry de-icers, jump leads and in very severe weather carry a shovel, a heavy warm coat and an effective sizable car lamp. **FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED.**

A thank you to the public and best wishes for the New Year.

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Your local Gardai.

MEMORIES OF MAYNOOTH

by Mrs B. Saults

Maynooth is very special to me. I was not born here, but having lost both my parents when very young it became home when I was fifteen years old. Memory takes me back a long way to times so dear and different. My brother and I lived with my aunt and uncle-in-law in Upper Parson Street, more commonly known as "The Pux". My uncle loathed the name! The house was large, with a yard, haggard and garden to the back. There were hen houses, horse stables and a barn. There were hens, chickens, ducks and turkeys in abundance. The chant was - D'arcy's ducks went up the "Pux".

My aunt also kept a small shop. In addition she kept a lodging house for men, mostly self-caterers. Some worked locally. Then there were the tradesmen - blacksmiths, carpenters, harness-makers and tailors. Those latter came occasionally to seek employment around and invariably succeeded in so doing. There was a master tailor living in the Main Street who catered for the college clerical clothes requirements. In September when the college re-opened after the summer vacation, the tailors returned. They were always sure of employment with the late Pat Carthy and, of course, accommodation in D'arcys. I used to love this time. The men came up in the evening, cooked and ate their meal in the kitchen, then went down to the local and came back in good voice and entertained us with such lovely songs as "The Moon Behind the Hill", "The Rose of Tralee" and many more. They were supplied with their own cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery. There was a turf fire on the hearth. My uncle had his own farm and bog in Ballinagh about eight miles off. He cut and brought home his own turf and set the land for grazing purposes. We had our own separate cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery, but all the cooking was done in the kitchen. We lived in the parlour. What lovely pot-oven and griddle bread and potato-cakes were baked beside that fire on the hearth. We had a coal fire in the grate in the parlour. I remember one morning a tailor was frying a herring for his breakfast. He took the pan down off the fire to cool it and turned round to the table for some purpose. When he turned back to the pan the herring had disappeared! The cat had been watching and when the opportunity arose, seized on it and had the herring under one of the tables. The tailor turned round in consternation to find his breakfast with the cat. He had a knife in his hand. He bent down and said "I'll cut her b****y throat, I will". I was howling laughing. He joined in the laughter, retrieved the herring from the cat, returned it to the pan and ate it! He was a good humoured, educated man. Another morning a man was frying a piece of steak. He had a slight accident while turning it and it landed in the ash pit beside the hearth. He returned it to the pan - it has lost nothing only what it gained (ashes). There were many funny and pleasant scenes enacted in the kitchen. My uncle, when he was at leisure, kept to the parlour, my aunt moved around, but they never denied my brother and I the pleasure of spending time amongst the men.

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One great annual event when the house would be packed to capacity was Windgates races. All the old regulars would arrive. Accommodation had to be provided for them. We had a busy time. There was no water or electricity in the houses then. The water had to be carried from the pump on the square, or from the well up over the bridge. Barrels of rain-water for domestic use were a great help. It was lovely water to wash in - so soft! Paraffin oil lamps and candles supplied light. There was plenty of washing-up to be done, rooms to be cleaned, beds to be made and big washings to be tackled. One night there was a knock on the door around bed-time. It was a college student who had had permission to go to Dublin that day on business. He had been unavoidably delayed and could not gain entry to the college. He explained his presence, and asked if he might stay the night. My aunt was in a right quandry. The college rules were strict and she always had a good relationship with the management thereof. They used to buy poultry from her. This would be taking a great risk of incurring the displeasure of the President. On the other hand the thought of turning him out into the night was appalling. Anyway, he partook of a cup of cocoa which was being had at the time. He enjoyed the chat at the fire. A relation of ours who was there at the time came up with a solution. To the left of the house there was a tunnel (it's still there) which led down to the river, in which there were stepping stones leading across to the opposite bank beside the college wall. This relation took a ladder across the river and placed it up against the wall. By this means the student was able to climb across the wall. He knew the night watch-man and all was well. The students were very restricted in those days. The only outing they had was a walk on Wednesday afternoons, accompanied by a dean. Those silent black-clad figures passed along. Looking back now it seems so sad. However they made fine priests, some of whom went beyond our shores bringing Christ to the nations and putting Maynooth on the map as the largest Catholic seminary in Europe.

An amusing tale was told about a student and boy servant ("saucepans"). Around 11 am there used to be porridge served to the students. One morning a student was absent when it was being served. After a while the boy took the porridge away. When the student came in he called the boy and asked for his porridge. The boy explained that as he was out he thought he did not want it. Whereupon the student said:- "Within or without it was my stirabout
And upon me I'll compel you to wait,
If not I'll complain to the bursar and dean
And have you put outside the gate".
The boy replied:-
"To have me put out might put you about,
Likewise give you something to do,
And before that I go I'll have you to know,
I'm as strong in the college as you".
On the other end of the town Carton was occupied by some of the last remaining Fitzgeralds. Lord Frederick insisted that on Sunday mornings as he was being driven to service in the Church of Ireland his male employees would assemble along

the main street, bow down and say "My Lord". Anyone who failed to do so would run the risk of being dismissed unless he had a very good reason for his absence. As the time of the service coincided with the time of 11.30 mass, it left the men pushed for time for mass. The then parish priest, knowing of this arrangement spoke out on the subject one Sunday. In conclusion he turned towards the tabernacle and said "The Lord is here and will be here when there won't be a Lord in Carton". How right he was!

Carton has now passed into other hands.

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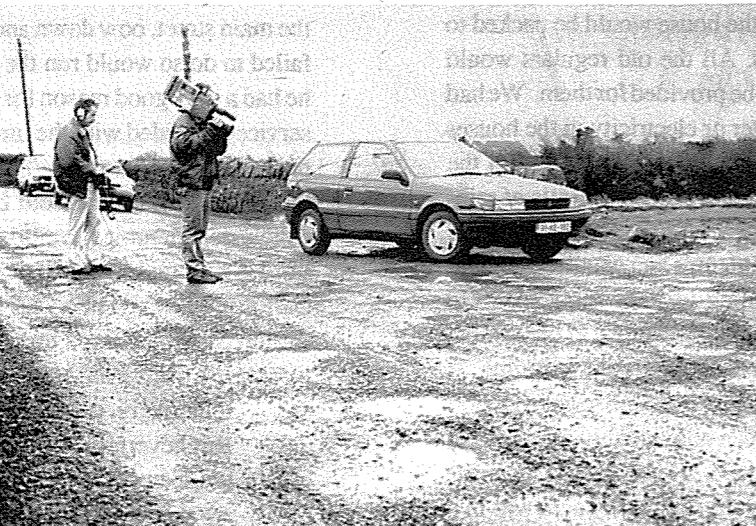
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THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



R.T.E. take time to record the Community Council's R.O.A.R. protest march and to film the pot-holes on the Newtown Road. March



Staffing the Newsletter /Community Council stand at the Trade Fair in April were Gerry Scully (Then roving reporter with The Newsletter) and John McGinley (Chairperson, Community Council).



A section of the participants in one of the year's table quizzes held in Caulfield's lounge.

THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



Launching The Guinness sponsored Community Festival in the Roost Lounge in June were Peter Hussey (Secretary, Community Council), Marie Gleeson (Chairperson, Festival Committee), Anne Cotter (Secretary, Planning & Development Committee) and Muireann Ni Bhrolchain (Vice-chairperson, Community Council).
[Handwritten signature of John McGinley is visible below the caption]



The winning team in the Festival Treasure Hunt in June being presented with their cheque in Caulfield's (L - R): Carolann Reaper, John McGinley, Kay McKeogh (Organiser), Lenny Murphy and Peter Hussey.

THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



Noel Dempsey (Captain of The Simpsons, winning team) accepting the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy from Mrs. Annie Murphy during the Soccer club's tournament in August.



Enda Breslin, astride The Harley Davidson he won in July.



Boats pulling in along the Royal Canal for Maynooth's first Harbour Day and a visit by the Steam Train in Maynooth.

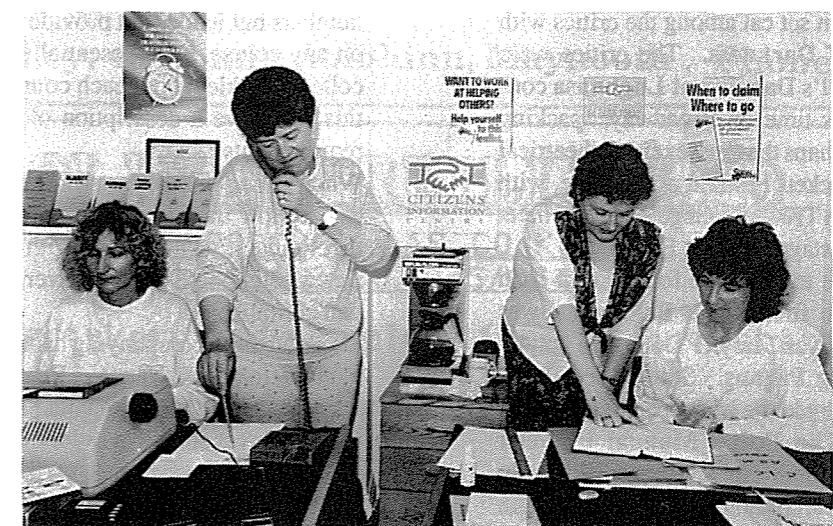
THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



New Arrivals to the Boys' National School in September.



Enjoying the sunshine, the jokes and the end of a busy open day at Carton House on 28th July were Anne Cotter, Norah McDermott, John McGinley and Christina Saults.



New Office and New Staff for The Citizen's Information Centre in June. Freda Kelleher, Delma Walsh, Frances Daly (Organiser) and Breda Gormally in their new office beside The Community Council offices on Main Street. (Photo: Louise Parkes).

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LITERARY REVIEW 1991.

When one begins to write a literary review of a year one tends to slip comfortably into phrases like, 'it was a good year for books', or 'bookworms were spoiled for choice this year' etc. etc. Well, in my opinion, 1991 was not particularly a fantastic year that sent me running to the bookshop with every spare tanner. Or rather twenty-pound note (strange how books seem perpetually to increase in price). Anyway despite the generally insipid offering the literary world has given us this last year, there were some - albeit few - highlights.

1991 saw new collections of poetry by three of our leading poets. Michael Longley ended a ten year silence with *Gorse Fires*. Superb stuff, and well deserving of the Whitbread nomination recently announced. Pipped at the post for this nomination was Seamus Heaney's most inspired collection since *Field Work*, the excellent *Seeing Things*. The poetry of Heaney seems to have lost a bit of power of late. He gets back to his best form though in this latest volume. Paul Durcan allows up on the success of *Daddy, Daddy* with the innovative *Crazy About Women*, a beautifully produced volume of poems about pictures Durcan has selected from the National Gallery's Collection.

Roddy Doyle seems to go from strength to strength - why I don't know. *The Van* won him a nomination for the Booker Prize and, of course, *The Commitments* has brought him worldwide fame. He has changed the course of the English language as we know it. The Bookers Prize eventually went to Ben Okri for *The Famished Road*. The book, however, is not about the tar-starved roads around Maynooth. Unfortunately I don't know what it is about, and I'm waiting until it comes out in paperback to find out. 1991 also saw new novels by Peter Carey, the bleak and disturbing *The Tax Inspector*, and Martin Amis, the controversial *Time's Arrow*.

Speaking of controversy, John McGahern, no stranger to it for his novels, has once again set cat among the critics with his first play the *Power of Darkness*. The critics were strongly divided. Brian Friel's *Dancing at Lughnasa* continued its great success, this time on Broadway, packing them in night after night. Perhaps the most exciting theatrical event, however, was the Beckett Festival at the Gate, with various other events staged in Trinity College and elsewhere. All of Beckett's plays were staged. Great Fun.

Maynooth Writer's continue to be at the forefront of Irish writing. Clair O'Connor's first novel, *Belonging*, was greeted with enthusiasm, as was Mary O'Donnell's collection of short stories, *Strong Pagans*. Sotto Voce Press, meanwhile, opened its account in the Irish poetry publishing world impressively with *The Poet's Manual* by Peter Denman, with illustration by Kevin Honan. Finally Cobweb, Maynooth's literary magazine, continues to go from strength - issue 5, its most substantial to date, is now in the shops. It's nice to end the year on controversy. Seamus Deane and friends have made sure we leave 1991 scratching our heads, wondering where Irish Literature is going, if anywhere. *The Field Day Anthology of Irish Writing*, edited by Deane, has in some way attempted to be an evaluation of where Irish Writing has been (for anyone who can afford the £166 price

tag). As we enter Europe and (hopefully) new and fresh influences, 1992 seems to promise a year of diversity at the very least. One final word, worst book of the year must go to *Cats in the News*, a series of tales about, believe it or not, cats who have appeared on the ITV news over the past number of years. Edited by the newscaster Martin Lewis. Unbelievably bad.

Best wishes for 1992 and happy reading.

CAO/CAS Applications.

The closing date for college applications is looming for many Leaving Certificate students. The recent streamlining of the application procedure should lead to less confusion all round. However up to 10 per cent of applicants make mistakes in filling out the form each year. Since last year the Dublin Institute of Technology's (DIT) application form and the separate forms of all the Regional Technical Colleges (RTC's) have combined with the university's application form to create the CAO/CAS form.

The CAO/CAS form is made up of several parts. The first part asks for general information - date of birth, examination details etc. The second part contains three separate lists of course choices:

(a) CAO degree courses (includes all universities, Thomond College, and the National College of Art and Design). You can list up to ten course choices here.

(b) CAS List 1 - degree courses in RTC's. You are allowed up to three choices here.

(c) CAS List 2 - certificate and diploma courses in RTC's and DIT colleges. Up to ten courses may be listed here.

Each list will be dealt with separately and given equal importance when offers are made.

Before filling out the CAO/CAS form, do some research. Preparation is vital. Don't rely on the CAO/CAS handbook - it contains basic information, a list of courses and their code numbers but it does not provide comprehensive information on any course. It is essential that you read the individual college booklet about each course you wish to apply for, as this will have a description of the course and basic entry requirements.

When filling out the form-

(1) Follow the instructions carefully. Despite the ancient theory that if you can cope with the CAO form, the Leaving Certificate should be a walkover, filling out the form is not all that complicated.

(2) Read the accompanying handbook and make sure you are eligible for each course. Remember some courses have specific subject requirements.

(3) Put down course in order of preference - not in order of what you think you might get. This is very important. Places will be offered on the presumption that you have listed the course in order of preference. Offers of places will depend on what your points qualify you for. This applies to each list. If you are offered your eighth choice on the first round of offers, you may be offered your third choice on the second round if the points required for your third choice drop. You will always be offered a higher choice in subsequent rounds if points needed go down, but never a lower choice. Each list

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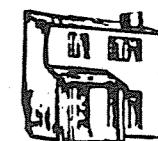


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will be treated separately, so up to three offers may be made on each round, although only one can be accepted.

(4) Sometimes it can be helpful to either photocopy the form or get a spare one for a trial run. Photocopy the form once it's complete and keep all the information and documents to do with the application together in a file, you'll need it all in August.

(5) Make sure all the details are correct - don't forget to include all your subjects.

(6) Maximise your opportunities by applying for something on all three lists. It will cost the same regardless of whether you apply for one or twenty-three courses.

If you are still undecided coming up to the closing date write 'pending' next to the course choice section. With the application acknowledgement you will be sent a separate document to fill in your course choices and CAO/CAS serial number.

There is also an opportunity to change your mind up to the beginning of August. A 'change of mind' slip is included with acknowledgement of application. If you have completely missed the closing date and wish to apply, you can make a late application for around twice the usual fee, up to the beginning of August.

Finally, the education columns in the national newspapers are very useful for up-to-date information regarding not only applications but also later on when the offers are being made. Good Luck!

Maastricht

What Does It Mean ?

Where Will It All End ?

And How Much Will It Cost ?

There was a time when government and politics were relatively easy to understand. The budget put 1d on the pint and 2d on twenty pence, the Children's Allowance went up by five bob and your local TD called around once every four years and said - 'Don't forget to give me a stroke' and we said 'No, we won't forget you' and he went away happy. Well those simple days are long past and, now, we are constantly bombarded with a stream of political and economic jargon, the like of which hasn't been heard since the Tower of Babel came tumbling down.

Over the past ten years jargon of all sorts has insidiously seeped into our newspapers, TV and even ordinary conversation. The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement raised its ugly head about 1982 and was closely followed by the Debt GNP Ratio. These two things apparently went out of control and caused consternation even though the vast majority of us hadn't a clue what they meant. This proved that we were well capable of producing our own home grown gobbledegook. But it has taken the EC, and especially the recent Maastricht summit, to break all records in the jargon industry. The result has been that talking heads on the TV speak a language completely divorced from what you'll hear anywhere else. So, as a special service to Newsletter readers, here is a guide to some of the more exotic Eurospeak:

Cohesion

We're totally in favour of this. More cohesion means us

becoming as wealthy as the Germans and French. The idea is that the EC will try to ensure that the poor countries catch up with the rich ones.

EMU

We're in favour of this but only if there's more cohesion. Economic and Monetary Union (for that is what EMU is) means that VAT rates and other such taxes will move towards a common level. This will be followed (in about 1999) by the introduction of a single currency called the ECU (yeuch!). Then it will be goodbye punt, franc, lira etc; hello ECU. At least it will be handy for the hollies.

Subsidiarity

We're in favour of this (I think). What it means is that the European Commission and the Parliament won't go poking their noses into our business if our own government can do a better job at it. Certain functions will be left to national governments to take care off - like buying business schools that no one wants.

The Democratic Deficit

This is a bad thing. What it means is that we're giving loads of power to the EC but we have little control over what they do with it. The problem is that the European Parliament which we all elected (name your local MEP) has only limited powers compared to the European Commission who are a crowd of bureaucrats appointed by national governments (our bureaucrat is Ray McSharry). The treaty signed in Maastricht has beefed up the Parliament though the problem remains that only 15 of the over 400 MEPs are Irish (and one of those is Ian Paisley).

Synergy

We had one of these at home once but it would never start on a cold morning and eventually the wheels fell off.

Sports Review of 1991

January

Only the hardiest souls brave the frosty playing fields of mid-winter and Maynooth's cross-country runners (from the under 10s to the over 45s) proved themselves as tough as they come by performing very well in last winter's local and Leinster Championships. Conor Diggins was second in the under 11 Championship. Local ladies Frances Kearney (3rd), Margaret Gillick (4th), Marie Gleeson (6th) and Bernie Dunne (7th) won the novice team title. Maynooth man Pat Gleeson starred in the over 45s All-Ireland Championship, eventually finishing second.

February

Maynooth Town's fortunes improved significantly this month after a poor run leading up to Christmas. A good win over Broombridge Utd in the Premier Division followed by a good 3-2 victory over Bessborough Utd in the 6th round of the Dalton Cup.

March

John Moran from Leinster Park does Maynooth proud by finishing second in the All-Ireland Gymnastics Championship in Cork.

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Maynooth Town flattered to deceive on the soccer front when the first team were knocked out of both the Dalton and Sheeran Cups.

April

On the GAA front Maynooth got the season off to a flying start with two victories - over Confey and Ardclough. The club's underage league also got under way in April with 70 youngsters turning out each Saturday morning.

May

College Green F.C. won promotion to Division 1A of the Meath and District League following a long, hard-fought campaign. Promotion was eventually gained following a second play-off against Kells Celtic. The club also embarked on an end of season tour to Holland which saw them capture the Estec F.C. Challenge Cup. According to reports, however, most of the more frantic action took place far from the playing fields. But this is a sports review.

North Kildare Under 13s carried off the O'Daly Cup against strong opposition. On the same Sunday half of Maynooth headed for Croke Park for the National League Final where, despite a gutsy performance, Kildare lost narrowly to Dublin.

June

The lazy, hazy days of summer and sporting activities break out all over - golf, angling, athletics, Gaelic Football (we won't mention a certain game in Drogheda). Pride of place this month goes to Maynooth's Under 10 GAA team who won the title in the Leixlip Salmon Leap Festival Tournament. Centre Forward Karl Ennis accepted the trophy amid scenes of wild rejoicing.

July

Loads of activity on the GAA front. Under 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s and seniors all fielded teams with varying degrees of success.

Soccer took a break. Maynooth Town's first team player of the year was awarded to goalkeeper Mick McGarry while John O'Neill was second team player of the year.

August

The highlight this month was the Joe Murphy Memorial Cup run by Maynooth Town. Spectators turned out in large numbers for all games in the Harbour Field. The Simpsons beat Scousers Army in an exciting final.

September

This month saw Maynooth GAA team win promotion to Division 2 of the Senior Football League after a hard fought campaign. Promotion was sealed with a 1-10 to 1-4 win over Sallins.

October

The golfing season wound up with John Duffin and John Byrne beating Jim Ryan and Terry Moore on the 19th hole in the matchplay final. The Golfer of the Year award was secured on the last Saturday of the season by Noel Herterick.

November

Joe Canny put Maynooth on the world sporting map with a magnificent performance in the World Amateur Snooker Championship in Bangkok. After beating some of the world's best, Joe finally succumbed to Dominick Dale of Wales in

the Semi-final by 8 frames to 6. The Community Council hosted a reception for Joe on his return to mark a magnificent achievement.

December

Maynooth's Tae-Kwon-Do instructors Gerard McClelland and Michael Devereux continue to promote the sport in the town. A recent success was the promotion of Martin Traynor and Sean Foy to 1st degree Black Belts of the Association.

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Political Party Notes

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

No to Coalition

At the Annual General Meeting of the Labour Party Kildare Constituency Council held in Naas recently, a motion ruling out coalition with the conservative parties was passed overwhelmingly. Many speakers outlined the damage that had been done to the Party during coalitions in the 1970's and 1980's when Fine Gael dominated governments had implemented policies such as the removal of food subsidies and the introduction of service charges.

Addressing the meeting, Deputy Emmet Stagg stressed the need to work for the realignment of Irish politics along a left/right divide by forcing together Fianna Fail and Fine Gael who no longer had a rationale for being separate parties. On the other hand, it made sense for those on the Left - the Labour Party, the Workers' Party and left independents - to co-operate as, in terms of policies, they have much in common. Deputy Stagg referred to the gains made by the Labour Party since 1987 when it won less than 7% of the vote in that year's General Election to its current rating of 15% in the opinion polls. All these gains would be thrown away if the spectre of coalition loomed on the horizon.

John McGinley and David Moynan from Maynooth were re-elected as Chairperson and Treasurer of the Constituency respectively.

Successful Race Night.

The branch would like to thank all those who helped make our Race Night in the Leinster Arms on December 6th last such a great success. Thanks especially to our sponsors, to those who bought horses and to the punters who showed great staying power during a twelve race card!

Sewerage Works in Maynooth.

The on-going sewerage works around the town continue to be something of a nuisance. However, following representations from Deputy Stagg to Kildare County Council the contractors appear to have cleaned up their act to some extent. Dangerous holes alongside the road at the entrance to Greenfield were fenced off and some other tidying up was carried out. The Avenue still remains in a mess and repair work must still be carried out on the pillars leading to the avenue. We expect that the contractors will leave the road and grass margins on the Straffan Road.

Happy New Year.

The branch would like to wish all the people of Maynooth a Happy and Prosperous New Year and to thank them for their continued support which was so evident in last years' local elections.

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

The State of the Nation

1991 will not go down as a good year for Ireland's political institutions. The almost continuous bombardment of scandals and scandalous allegations over the last few months has

generated an alarming level of cynicism among the public concerning those entrusted with running the affairs of the nation. The culture of the rip-off and the quick buck which has been allowed to grow in Ireland in the last thirty years has clearly permeated to the highest levels in politics and business.

The workers' party has frequently been accused of being anti-business. This is not so. What the workers' party opposes is a business culture where the emphasis is on property speculation, share dealings and other such activities which do not add one penny to the productive capacity of the economy and which do not create a single job. What we need is to encourage those business activities - whether in the public or private sector - which create real wealth in the economy and generate desperately needed employment. The current dominant business ethos does nothing to encourage such activities by making it too easy to accumulate profits through strokes and shady deals.

More Tax Scandals Revealed

A central element in Ireland's rip-off business culture is tax evasion. Huge numbers of businesses are engaged in it, because the chances of being caught are tiny, and even when you are caught, the penalties are puny. Nobody has ever been put to jail in this country for tax evasion, which involves direct theft from the state. Yet last year alone, two hundred convictions were secured for social welfare fraud, which is in the Mickey-Mouse League compared with tax evasion in Ireland.

The recent report of the Auditor General made for sober reading in this respect. Some fifty thousand of those who are required to make returns under the self-assessment form of income tax failed to do so last year. Of these, only two hundred and seventy eight were issued with warning. Of those who did file returns, less than one per cent were checked. Over three quarters of these were found to have underpaid, by an average amount of over eleven thousand pounds.

Most alarming of all, the report showed that, in May of last year a total of two thousand seven hundred and eighteen million pounds was owed in tax to the state. Most of this was owed by business. Yet, out of this astronomical figure only four hundred and twenty five million is expected to be collected. The PAYE tax payer is entitled to ask: why isn't it all collected? Imagine what kind of revenue could do for the help, education and social welfare services of this country.

As long as the big political parties in this country are beholden to business interest, we will never get a government committed to a fair and effective tax system which will take the enormous burden from the shoulders of PAYE workers and provide the basic necessities of life for the disadvantaged in our society.

Greetings.

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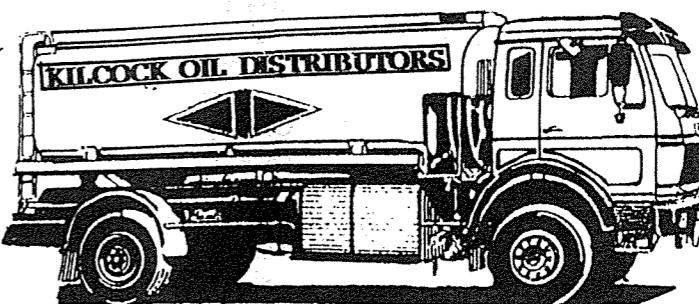
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Sports News

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Will the person/persons who are taking the ducks off the Canal at the Harbour in Maynooth please refrain from doing so. Any information as regards names of those doing this please pass onto Denis Carroll or Peadar Haren.

Peadar Haren.

MAYNOOTH GAA

1st Team

The seasonal lull in activity gives us the opportunity, to reflect back on the 1991 season and to look forward with some relish to 1992.

(1) Summary of 1991 Outings.

Played 41 games: Won 27; Drew 1 and lost 13.

Scored 55 goals + 382 points (547)

Conceded 55 goals + 293 points (458)

Biggest win - against Straffan in League.

Biggest loss - against Castledermot in League.

A total of 36 players were used in the 41 matches.

Leading match appearances Eoin O'Neill and Seannie Molloy with 39 each.

(2) Top 6 Scorers

1 Seannie Molloy 6 goals - 103 points (121).

2 Johnny Nevin 8 goals - 40 points (64).

3 Joey Edwards 6 goals - 45 points (63).

4 James Gilligan 7 goals - 37 points (58).

5 Killian Fagan 6 goals - 20 points (38).

6 Colin Feeney 6 goals - 15 points (33).

(3) Leading Trainers.

1 Pascal Ennis.

2 Eoin O'Neill.

3 Mick Kelly.

4 Michael Faherty.

5 Seannie Molloy.

6 Johnny Nevin.

(4) Highlight of the year

Winning Promotion to Division 2.

(5) Disappointment of the year

Our tame exit from the championship at the hands of Kilcullen.

(6) Best Performance

Taking a point from Eadstown in Eadestown. They later went on to win Division 3 of the League, the Junior A Championship and the Jack Higgins Cup.

(7) Worst Performance against Castledermot in Castledermot.

(8) Goals of the Year

Eoin O'Neill away to Ballykell. Johnny Nevin away to Cavagh.

(9) Save of the Year

Michael Farrell's penalty save in the controversial away game against Athgarvan.

(10) 1992 Campaign.

Looking forward to 1992 the Club is joining with Rathcoffey and Caragh to play in the Kildare Senior Championship. The draw for that Championship has already taken place and has thrown up something of a local "derby". Kilcock are the opposition. In Junior A we have drawn very difficult opponents in the 1st round - Rheebar who were beaten finalists two

years ago and have Kildare's Tom Harris in their ranks. The Under 21 Draw wasn't very kind to us either - we came out of the hat against Senior side Sarsfields. When the above is taken together with the better quality opposition we will be meeting in Division 2 of the league - where Senior and Intermediate sides will be encountered - it is obvious that there is plenty to look forward to in 1992.

Underage

Under 12 V Naas (Away)

Score: Naas 3-6 Maynooth 1-3.

Scorers: Adrian Boylan 1.0; Brendan Burns 2pts; Chris Arthurs 1pt.

Best for Maynooth: Eoin Nevin, James Gallagher, Declan O'Rourke, Brendan Burns, Barry Connolly, Eamon O'Donoghue, Gearoid Higgins.

Naas were physically stronger particular at numbers 6,11,14. Maynooth had long periods of superiority but failed to reflect this superiority on the score board. Several gilt-edged chances were driven straight into the goal keepers hands and Maynooth also missed a penalty. Leaving aside the result there were many heartening performances and valuable experience is being gained for next years campaign. 12 of the side are underage again in 1992.

Under 10 V Naas

Score: Maynooth 7 - 12 Naas 0 - 2.

Scorers: Martin McLoughlin 2 - 2, Karl Ennis 2 - 1; David Campbell 2 - 0; Sean Woodhouse 1 - 1; Stephen Redmond 0 - 3; Jodie Connolly 0 - 2; Trevor Naughton, Pierre Ennis and Connor O'Malley one point each.

Best for Maynooth: Thomas Halton, Patrick King, Daragh Carr, Conor Diggins, Stephen Redmond, Martin McLoughlin, David Campbell, Karl Ennis, Aidan McCarron.

Maynooth overwhelmed a very young Naas side and ran out very easy winners. They could even afford the luxury of giving all six substitutes a run. The side are now running into form again and look like chasing Leixlip all the way to the final. The one point dropped to Celbridge could yet prove very costly.

Under 12 V Confey (away)

Score: Maynooth 1 - 4 Confey 1 - 3.

Scorers: John O'Shea 3 pts; Barry Connolly 1 goal; Seamus Cummins 1 pt.

Best for Maynooth: Halton, Higgins, Downey, Nevin, Gallagher, O'Rourke, O'Shea, Boylan, Connolly, Burns and Fleming

Maynooth won a thrilling game against a very lively Confey side who never gave up the fight. There was never more than a kick of the ball between two well matched teams and the game featured some excellent performances on both sides. Confey had pulled 2 points clear mid-way through the second half and were resisting all Maynooth efforts to haul them back. The breakthrough came with only three minutes to go when a move down the right spearheaded by Fleming and Lennon was finished to the net by Connolly. A fitting reward to this squad of players who kept plugging away in the League without always having luck on their side.

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Under 10 V Confey (away)

Score: Maynooth 4 - 3 Confey 1 - 7.

Scorers: Karl Ennis 2 - 0; Jody Connolly 1 - 1; Sean Woodhouse 1 - 0; Stephen Redmond and William Farrelly 1 point each.

Best for Maynooth: Ryan, Halton, O'Rourke, Diggins, Carr, Geoghegan, Redmond, Ennis, Connolly, Woodhouse and Farrelly.

Much closer than the scoreline suggests, Maynooth, who had to field without regular stalwarts King, Campbell and McCarron, were put to the pin of their collar to survive against a Confey side who appeared to have improved by leaps and bounds since we played them in the Spring League. Three brilliant goals by Maynooth lit up the game - two by Ennis and one by Connolly. All three came after marvellous solo runs from way out field. A satisfactory outcome with two more valuable points picked up as we continued to battle with Leixlip for top spot.

Underage Football

Under 12

Maynooth 3 - 7 Kill 2 - 1

After impressive, if unsuccessful, outings against the senior clubs, Kilcock, Leixlip and Celbridge the breakthrough for the under 12's came at last. The team played no-nonsense, first time football in very difficult conditions and fully merited their win over Kill side who kept battling to the final whistle. Best for Maynooth were O'Shea, Downey, Nevin, Gallagher, O'Rourke, Boylan, Fleming, Connolly, Burns, Arthurs.

Under Age football training.

As you know our under 8 to 14's train every Saturday morning at 11.30am. For the New Year we ask anyone out there who wishes to help out to please come along every Saturday morning. You are very welcome. We need your help now.

Under Age hurling training.

As with the football we need more people to look after our underage hurlers. Training is every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Moyglare Rd. field. Any hurlers out there please come along and help out. We need it.

Christmas Draw.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Draw for u/age teams. On going to press we had no result. It will appear in February issue. Thank you for your support.

Annual General Meeting.

The club will review the past season at their Annual General Meeting which will be held in our new Social Centre, Moyglare Road on Sunday 19th January 1992, at 2.00pm. All members and intending members are very welcome to attend.

Our u/16 who won the Kildare u/16 football league were presented with their medals by Meath Football Manager Sean Boylan at a function in our new Social Centre on Friday

6th of December. We would like to thank Sean Boylan for coming. Also many thanks to our Lady's committee for their lovely tea and cakes and selectors of our u/16 team M. Donnelly, M. Ryan, M. Meally, K. Fagan, A. Killoran.

North Kildare League

U/11 Hurling 19-10-91.

Kill 2 - 1 Maynooth 1 - 2.

The best game of hurling so far in this league. A lot of the players have still to get that extra bit of wit which is needed to win games but I am sure that this will change in the New Year. A sound performance by M. Gleeson, B. Kehoe, P. Ennis, P. Sheehan and the McCarrans. A feature of this League is to ensure that all subs get a run, J. Mullarkey and P. Gideon showing up well.

2-11-91.

U/11 Hurling.

Naas 4 - 1 Maynooth 2 - 2.

Prominent for Maynooth were D. Travers, M. Sweeney, K. Ennis and P. Ryan.

2-11-91.

U/13 Hurling.

Naas 3 - 1 Maynooth 1 - 3.

This was a day that ducks would drown, it rained so much. But the lads turned out and put in a good performance with the backs playing well. M. Bennett, O. Nevin, S. Brennan doing well in the centre, J. Casey, E. Heslin, M. Callaghan and D. Buckley playing well in the forwards.

With one game left for U/13 and two for U/11 before Christmas, we are looking forward to next years U/12 and U/14 championships and are nearly certain that bonfires will be burning in Maynooth by mid summer. Stick to the training lads and by the way don't forget to hang up the ould onion bag this Christmas. You never know an ould Helmet or a sliotar or something might fall into it.

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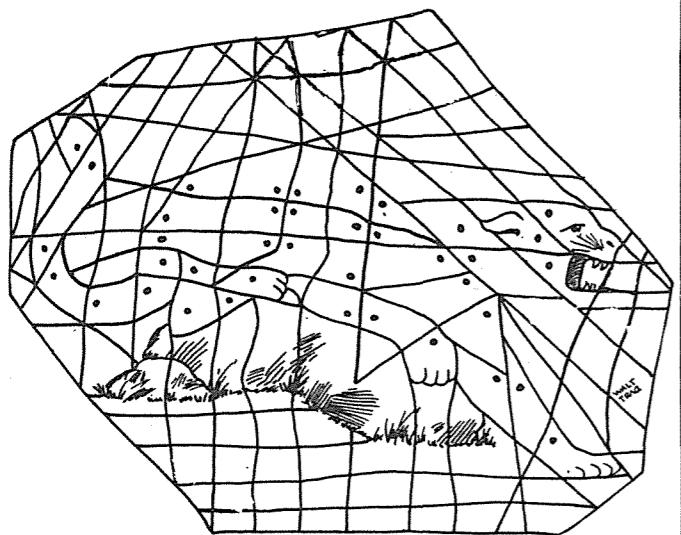
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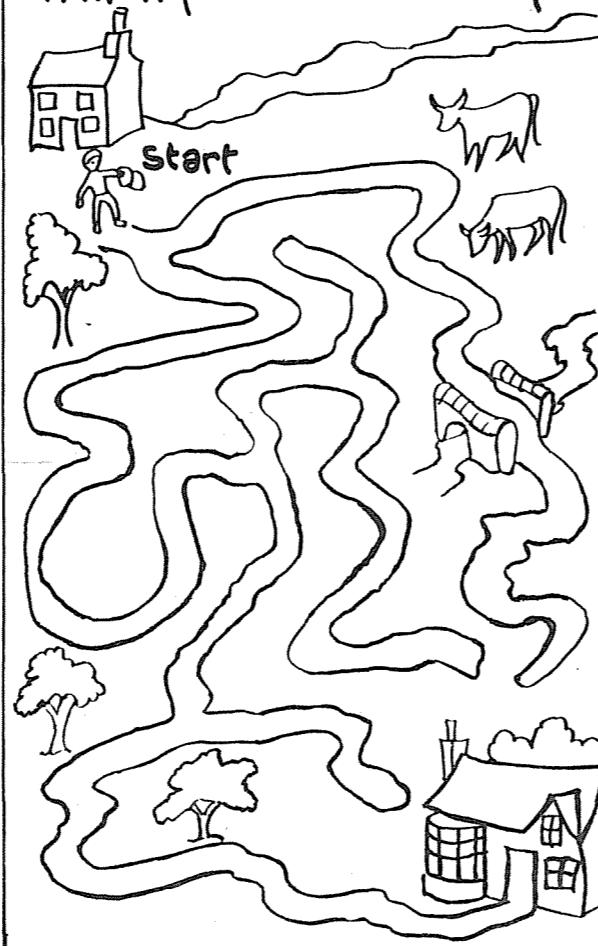
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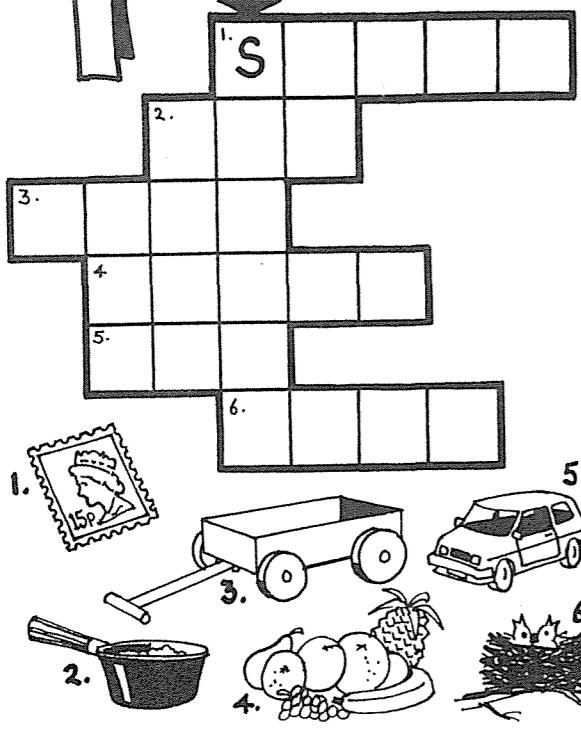
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Sports News

MAYNOOTH TAE KWON-DO SCHOOL

Two new Black Belts for Maynooth.

On November 30th, two members from the Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School went through a gruelling grading session under the examination board of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association. Sean Foy (22) of Leinster Cottages and Martin Traynor (21) of Old Greenfield were both promoted to 1st degree Black Belts of the Association. This examination and promotion is the culmination of many years of training since Tae Kwon-Do came to Maynooth. This came about in 1986 and since then, Maynooth's Tae Kwon-Do has become a very strong integral part of Maynooth's Community. Both Sean and Martin are delighted with their promotion and intend to go even further in the field of Tae Kwon-Do in the future. They follow closely to Antoinette Mooney who attained her Black Belt last year.

In October of this year, Maynooth were pipped at the post by St. Mark's in the National Championship, to come home a close second in the competition which the school actually won last year.

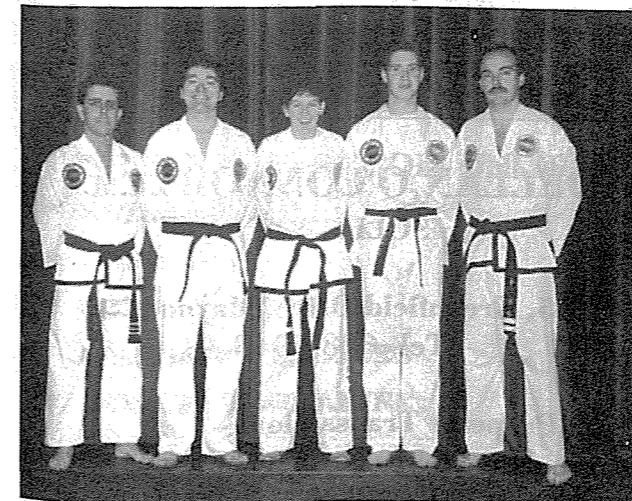
It is the intention of the instructors, Gerard McClelland and Michael Devereux, to host a competition in Maynooth early in the new year. In its early days, many people went through this Tae Kwon-Do School and attained certain grades. As happens, members became interested in other activities and withdrew. In a lot of cases, school takes priority so, members must cease training. The instructors would like to invite all former members to visit the Parish Hall any Monday night (7 - 8) and are very welcome to re-join.

New beginners are always welcome to call at anytime.

Hours: Mon - 7 - 8.
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Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School's Black Belts



L - R: Gerard McClelland 3rd Dan (Inst.) Sean Foy 1st Dan, Antoinette Mooney 1st Dan, Martin Traynor 1st Dan, Michael Devereux 2nd Dan (Inst.)

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We had our stretch of canal stocked with carp early in November. One hundred carp ranging in weight up to 10lb. As you know carp is considered the king of coarse fish. Membership is growing by the week, especially on the junior side. Our first pike Competition was held on the canal in Leixlip. Five pike were caught and quite a number were lost.

Seniors:

1st prize - Turkey and Ham - Jane Flynn, Oaklawn - 2 pike, 61/2 + 61/4 lbs.

2nd prize - Turkey - Brendan McGee, Oaklawn - 1 pike 51/2 lb.

3rd prize - Bottle Southern Comfort - John Brennan, Leixlip Park - 1 pike 31/2lb.

Junior:

1st - Dan Reel - Aidan Devoy, Oaklawn - 1 Pike, 51/2 lbs. We have built a foot bridge across the ditch to connect the back of the Amenity Centre to the back of the Canal. This means that there is better access for children and adults alike. You can now walk along the Canal into the back of the Amenity Centre. This is safer than having children walking along the road.

A.G.M notes in forthcoming issue.

Declan Shannon.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Premier Division

Anner Utd 1 Maynooth Town 0

With Mark Shaw on Leinster Junior League duty in the Oscar Traynor Trophy some of our unusual midfield sparkle was missing but nevertheless we were unlucky not to receive better reward for our efforts. Inaccuracy in front of goal cost us dearly when a number of good opportunities were not availed of. We conceded the winner midway through the second half and did not recover. Player manager Vinnie McKenna displayed some of his old skills at centre-back while Aidan Burke, Sean Moore and Paul McCourt had excellent games.

Dalton Cup 4th Round.

Newbridge Town 1 Maynooth Town 2.

Maynooth gave a true exhibition or grit and determination to overcome a stubborn Newbridge Town. We were still smarting from an earlier League defeat by the same opposition in which Paul McCourt was controversially sent off and were out to make amends. Mark Shaw put us in front as early as the 5th minute but Newbridge were on terms 8 minutes later. 12 minutes later good approach work by Ger Thompson and Mark Shaw provided the chance for Gerry Quinn to put us back in front. Every man then had to call on reserves of energy beyond all expectation to hold out for a deserved win. There were many heroes in this victory which booked our place in the next round. Muscles Farrelly was a superb stand-in until the late arrival of some players and displayed some excellent touches. Joe Edwards in goal did nothing wrong for

the afternoon and could not be faulted for the only Newbridge goal. The introduction of Gerry Treacy when legs began to tire was an added bonus until Vinnie McKenna limped off with a hamstring injury. Having used our subs it meant backs-to-the-wall stuff for the final 25 minutes. The defence gave nothing away with Bob Reilly, Paul McCourt and Ger Thompson allowing nothing to pass. Fergal Barton, Mark Shaw and Joe O'Riordan battled valiantly in midfield while up front Gerry Quinn never stopped battling for the ninety minutes. Bobby Barry took charge after the departure of Vinnie McKenna and bottle out any Newbridge danger that threatened. All in all a fine team performance.

Division 3 - Private grounds.

Maynooth 4 Tower Utd 1

Maynooth had an easy win over Tower Utd and maintained our high league position. Maynooth goals were scored by Mick Kelly, Gerry Treacy, Noel Dempsey and John O'Neill. Maynooth now lie in second place in the League and look forward to the New Year with great expectations.

Tower Utd 2 Maynooth Town 4.

Goals by Mick Kelly, Philip Doyle, Johnny Thompson and Noel Dempsey provided Maynooth with two easy points. Two late goals by Tower took nothing away from this fine win.

Schoolboys.

U/13 League.

Greenfields Boys 1 Maynooth Town 1.

An excellent Niall Byrne goal gave us a share of the points in a game we should have won. Our forwards were not up to their usual high standard and therefore we paid the penalty.

U/13.

Maynooth 3 Loughlinstown Boys 2.

It took extra time to separate two very good sides in this cup thriller. A hat trick by leading scorer Eamon Gallagher was the feature of the game but it was far from being a one man show. Eoin Guha was once again in excellent form and he got good support from Darren Naughton and Declan Buckley.

U/15 Schoolgirls NE League.

Maynooth 3 Nobber 0.

Maynooth maintained their push for League honours with this fine win over Nobber. Goals by Leeanne Hughes, Ann Lyons and Antoinette Mooney ensured a fine victory. Others to contribute well were Paula O'Shea, Michelle Gillick and Tracey Kearney.

U/11 Schoolboys League.

Riversdale 5 Maynooth Town 0.

Although beaten by superior opposition Maynooth gave a good show and can consider themselves unlucky to lose by five goals. Riverdale were flattered by the final scoreline in their favour and did not always find it easy. Shane Folan and Thomas Geraghty had fine games for Maynooth and show promise for the future.

The wishes to extend best wishes and good fortune to all for 1992.

COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

The last period scarcely brought us much cheer, with only two points out of a possible six

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Hamlet Act 1 Scene 1

League Div 1A

Oldcastle Utd (1) 2 College green (0) 0

The howling gales of Oldcastle reduced this one to a lottery. Unfortunately our hosts held the only ticket, particularly when we gifted them two goals through defensive errors. We might have deserved a draw, but no complaints.

College Green (4) 7 Abbey Celtic (1) 4

Siggins(2), O'Brien(2)

Hughes, Broughan (R)

McGroarty (pen)

At 7-2 and ten minutes to go it could, and maybe should, have been pushed into double figures. Despite the concession of so many goals it was a reasonably accomplished performance by us. But to be fair one of the highpoints had to be the visitors fightback to a more respectable 7-4 scoreline.

Rathkenny Rovers (1) 5 College Green (2) 3

McGroarty (2), Siggins

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That leaves just one match between us and the second round cup tie home to the holders Drumcar Celtic, on the 5th January 1992. Bookings are advisable for this all ticket match. Kevin Fay appears by courtesy of Mullinahone Rotary Society. Brian O'Brien is currently starring in the Kingsbry Strollers production of "Puss 'n Boots", where he plays the boots. Ever since he saw "Treaty" on the box Aidan Siggins thinks that he's the "Big Fella", although most referees are not too keen when he cycles across the box.

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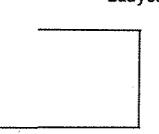
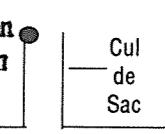
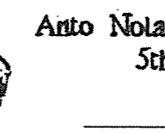
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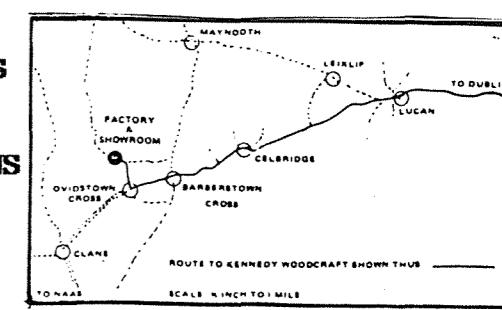
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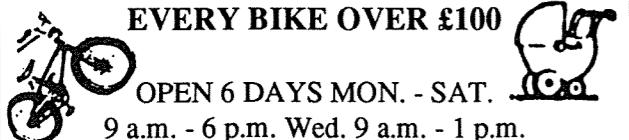
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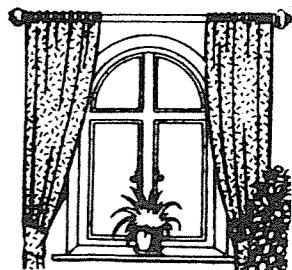
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To Nicola, Happy Birthday. Love the Muldoon family XXX.

Happy 6th Birthday to James Tallon "Junior" of 1093 Avondale, Leixlip, on the 9th of January. Lots of love from Mammy, Daddy, Jackie, Cinti, Melissa and Philip XXX.

To Mary, Happy Birthday on the 8th of January. Best wishes Paul and the Haren family.

To Peadar, Have a lovely Birthday on the 11th of January. Lots of love Mai, Gemma, Lynda and Paul.

To Paul, Happy 7th Birthday on January 31st. Lots of love Daddy, Mammy, Gemma and Lynda.

Birthday Greetings to Karina McGovern Greenfield who celebrates her 11th birthday on January 14th. With lots of love from Nannie, Una and Uncle Kevin, also from Nannie Flynn in Kilcloon XXX

Happy birthday to Karina McGovern Greenfield age 11 years on Jan 14th lots of love and kisses from Mammy, Daddy, Sisters Stacey, Michelle, Debbie and Regina XXX

Happy 11th birthday to Karina McGovern Greenfield, love and best wishes from, Marie, Noel, Richard and Thomas XXX

Happy Birthday to John Saults who celebrates his birthday on the 10th of January.

Happy Birthday to Doreen Tracey Greenfield, January 14th, best wishes from Una and family, also from Joan and Tom from Woodgreen London.

To David Tracey Greenfield Happy Birthday on January 17th from Auntie Una and Family.

Belated Greetings to John Fanning Greenfield 19 years on Dec 31st best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, and sister Sharon also best wishes to Mammy and Daddy who's birthdays were Dec 9th and 13th, love from John and Sharon.

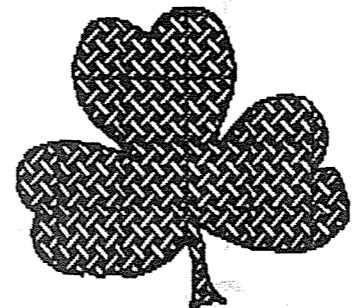
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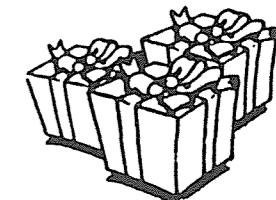


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Congratulations

Congratulations to Morgan and Olive Kennedy 10 Elton Court, Leixlip on the birth of a baby boy Joseph Murray Kennedy.

Belated greetings to Pat and Mary Brady formerly Laraghbryan Maynooth and Skibbereen Cork now Southgate London who celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary Dec 26th. Best wishes from all friends in Maynooth and Kilcock.

Congratulations to Christy and Frances Burke, Barrogstown, on the birth of their baby girl (Katie).

Kildare Novice Championship 1991 Handball - 60 - 30. Congratulations to Paul Hand, Main Street, Maynooth, member of Leixlip Handball Club who with Noel Smith won the double Kildare title. Paul also won the singles title beating Pat Ryan, Leixlip and to crown a very successful year Paul was awarded 'Player of the Year Award 1991'. 'Hand can use his hands.'

Tae Kwon Do
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