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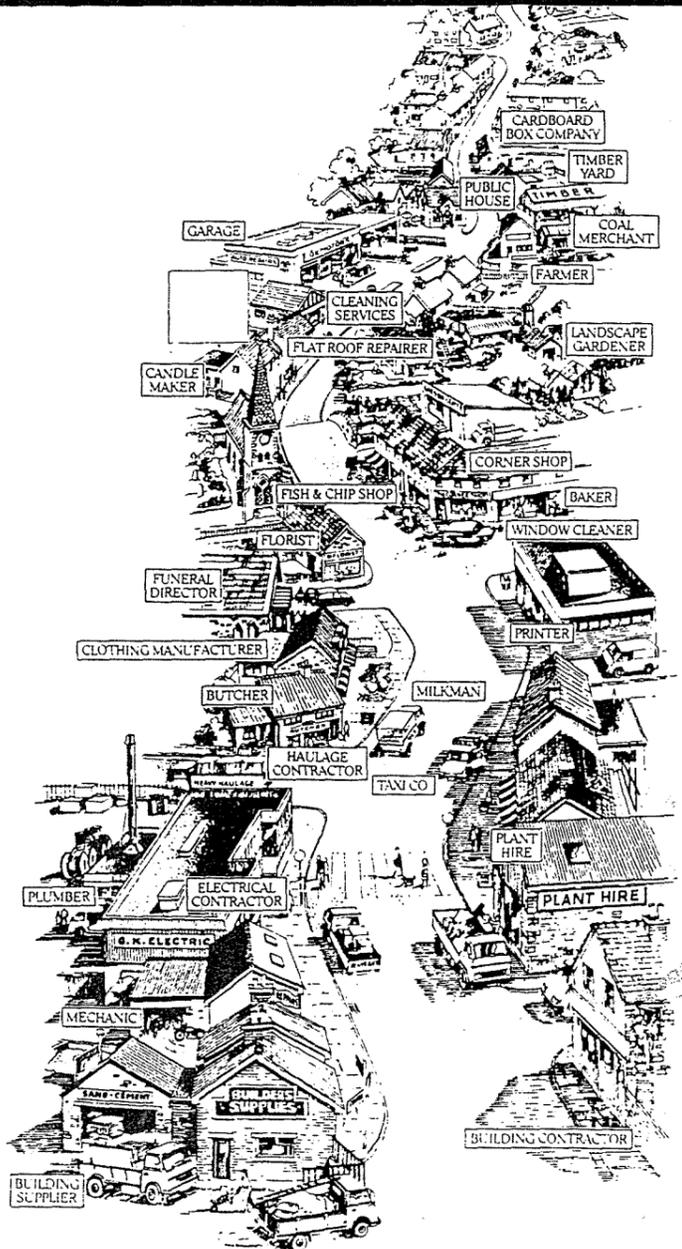
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Editorial

Carton Collapse

With regard to Guinness pulling out of the proposed development at Carton at this early stage. At least it will give an opportunity to rethink the future of the estate. The Carton Committee have made some good proposals worth considering with regard to the developing estate as a National Park. This would draw thousands of tourists to the area, and could create a number of jobs. In addition, the people of Maynooth would gain an invaluable and accessible resource. It's an interesting reflection on our entrepreneurs that one of the reasons for the withdrawal was that the banks would not guarantee Guinness's 65 million pound investment!

Maastricht Mess

We'll all be hearing more about the Maastricht mess in the next few weeks. It seems a pity that the debate about abortion has almost totally taken over, and meanwhile, other crucial issues, like our sovereignty, our neutrality, how our economy is going to cope with the reduction in borrowing to be imposed within five years, all lie unexplored. With this referendum, Irish people will be making probably the most significant decision about our future as a nation since the foundation of the state, and the most disturbing feature is that many people will be totally unaware of what they are voting for.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Big Bird who marched with the Newsletter group at the Patrick's Day parade. All will be delighted to know that Maura gave birth to a baby daughter a week later. Best wishes to the Brady family, and the new arrival.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I wish to take issue with the views expressed by Mrs. B. O'Brien regarding St. Patrick's College Maynooth in last month's issue. Mrs. O'Brien appears to use the opportunity of an article on Carton to attack the College. May I say at the outset that I am neither a member of any committee on Carton nor an employee/student of the College, but I am a resident of Maynooth. I am disappointed that the Newsletter allowed such a one-sided article to be published.

In the first instance may I say it is quite unfair that Mrs. O'Brien attacks the College on their stance on the development of Carton, for the College has not taken any position good, bad or indifferent on Carton. However individual employees of the College as is their right as residents of Maynooth, have been active in the debate. Mrs. O'Brien would be quite justified in attacking the College if it refused to let its staff express their opinions, but they have not, and just because Mrs. O'Brien happens to disapprove of their opinions she is not justified in attacking their employer.

St. Patrick's College has contributed significantly to the growth and development of Maynooth. In the 1970's there were very few housing estates in Maynooth, the business community was small and underdeveloped. But since the influx of lay students into the College the town has taken off, business has grown to meet the needs of the College related community. Nearly every house in the town has either someone working in the College or have income from College sources ie students' lodgings or business from the College community.

Mrs. O'Brien's attack on the presence of the College and its employees and students does a lot of damage to community relations, not only between the College and the town of Maynooth, but between its residents who benefit from the existence of such an institution. The staff in Maynooth College are represented by various trade unions. If the conditions of employment are not sufficient then I would humbly suggest that these bodies would not be long in seeing that matters are rectified.

The majority of the staff of the College live in and around the town of Maynooth. In recent year the college has expanded its work force to cater for the increased intake of students, if the applicants for the positions are suitably qualified then they will be hired. Does Mrs. O'Brien expect the College to take on people for the sake of getting them off the dole queues? Surely not. The College plays its role in attempting to get young people jobs. They educate the youth of this country for the future and what better way to get young people off the dole queues then educating them for life and a career.

The town of Maynooth should be proud of its College with its long and distinguished history. I hope that Mrs. O'Brien will recognise the fact that both the college and the town need each other and that comments such as she expressed will not help the situation. I regret that I have to write this letter, but as some famous rock star once said "The Irish nation is a nation of begrudgers, they don't know what's good for them."

Yours sincerely
Catherine Fox.

Dear Editor,
I reluctantly must write to rectify some of the errors in Peig Lynch's letter on the St. Patrick's Day Parade which appeared in the last Newsletter. It is not my wish to "fall out"

with Peig as we have soldiered together on many committees in the past but I feel I must set the record straight. To begin with the first meeting was called by the Band Committee and not by me, credit where credit is due at all times. Secondly, was Peig thinking of the "Famous Five" when she named the Committee? What about the "Spectacular Six"? Remember Peig how I was elected chairman of that committee because I was a representative of the Band on it?

Probably the most hurtful remark of all was that I had said that the Band did not want anything to do with the Parade. Nothing could have been further from the truth. As older residents will well remember, the Band had been *The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade* for decades and were proud of that tradition. As the town began to expand in the early eighties the Band made attempts to stage a 'proper' Parade with only limited success. The main problem here was that all of the Band Committee were actual playing members, hence the need for "outside" support to organise the Parade.

Yes Peig, that first committee was a success and thanks to the Community Council the Parade has grown year by year and is now one of the most successful in the County, but I hope the people of Maynooth will always remember the part played by the Band in the history of the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Paddy Boyd

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COMMUNITY GAMES '92

Well the A.G.M. went off very well and we got a good committee. It's good to have some new faces and the promise of such support as we progress. Thanks to the local Radio K.C.I. for allowing us the "spot ad." It seems that people were listening and they responded well.

Now some dates to remember for the coming month.

Gymnastics - Girls School Thursday 30th April, Co-ordinator Josephine Fay.

Athletics - Co-ordinator Michael Gleeson, Back of G.A.A. Field Sunday 24th May 1.30p.m.

Swimming - Stewarts Pool, 10th May (time later) Co-ordinator James Fleming.

We have entered teams in the outdoor events as follows:

Variety - Co-ordinator Christine Reilly, Manager Anne Marie Thompson

Volleyball (Boys & Girls) Co-ordinator Bernie O'Shea

Soccer Girls - Co-ordinator Frances Kearney

Soccer Boys - Co-ordinator J. Thompson/M. Dempsey

Gaelic Boys - Co-ordinator Michael Gillick

Hurling - Co-ordinator Michael Gleeson

Tennis - Co-ordinator Tom O'Sullivan

Pitch & Putt (Boys) - Co-ordinator John/Gerard Higgins

Our girls basketball team (Co-ordinator James Fleming) played marvellously in the B section in Newbridge on Saturday 4th April and although they were not among the medal winners our congratulations on doing so well.

We had a great number of participants in the Art Competition held in the Post Primary School on Saturday 4th April 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thanks to all who helped. Before giving the local winners, we were thrilled to have three winners at the County final held in the Curragh National School Sunday 12th April as follows:

U/8 Girls Silver medal Elizabeth Broderick

U/8 Boys Bronze medal Mark Dunne

U/12 Boys Gold medal Mark Hallinan - our first person to get to the National Finals this year.

The results at local level were as follows:

Art Tiny Tots U/6.

Boys

1. Phillip Ryan
2. David O'Hehir
3. Ross Cullinane/Kevin Farrell

U/8

1. Neil Custer
2. Conor Brady
3. Mark Dunne

U.10

1. Andrew Lynch
2. Aaron O'Neill
3. Brian McLoughlin

U.12

1. Mark Hallinan
2. B.J. Devine
3. Eoin Hardiman

U/14

1. Stephen Hallinan
2. John O'Shea
3. Aiden O'Rourke/
Ciaran McDermott

Girls

1. Muire Ennis
2. Ciana Ennis
3. Becky Ryan

U/8

1. Ruth Hallinan
2. Triona Cahil
3. Elizabeth Broderick

U.10

1. Lynn Brennan
2. Aoife Treacy
3. Emma Fleming

U.12

1. Caroline Farrell
2. Theresa Nic An Airchinnigh
3. Brid Anne O'Shea

U.14

1. Janet McWeeney
2. Carol Lysaght
3. Claire McDonagh

U.16

1. Patrick Halton

Modelling U/10

1. Finbarr O'Gorman
2. Paul Fitzsimmons

U.14

1. John O'Gorman

2. John O'Shea

3. Michael Gleeson

1. Paula O'Shea

1. Maeve Stynes

2. Geraldine O'Gorman

Please support the local events and our thanks in anticipation of a good annual house to house collection from 23rd to 30th April. This is our only fundraising event.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS REPORT

First of all may we thank the residents of Maynooth for the courtesy and generosity on our recent door-to-door collection shown to our collectors.

If we missed you, or you had no change when we called, there is a collection box in the Community Council for donations. Our entry for the Bord Failte Tidy Towns has been submitted. The FAS Tidy Towns project under the auspices of the Planning and Development Committee is just about to get underway.

If you would like to become involved in the Maynooth Tidy Towns campaign or have any ideas please contact the committee, c/o the Community Council Office.

Next month we'll have news of the Best Area/Best Shop Front competition.

Keep Maynooth Tidy!

P.R.O.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Our thanks to the various organisations who have sent representatives to the above committee.

As previously advised we have two major projects for this year.

1) The FAS scheme for the Tidy Towns is just about to get underway shortly, this we feel will help to lift the spirit of Maynooth.

2) We hope to have a plan of our and your ideas of Maynooth ready before the summer. If you have any ideas, please submit immediately to the Planning and Development Committee, c/o Community Council Office.

Thank you for your interest.

R. Farrell

P.R.O.

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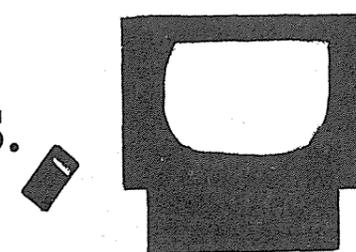
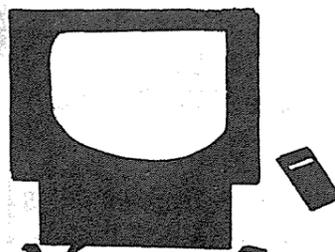
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ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND BULLETIN

It is time for our band bulletin again. With the number of engagements coming up and with your continued support, we hope to defray the costs of the new uniforms and also to re-roof the Band Hall, which is in the region of £5,000. Listed below are some of the summer engagements. We hope to see as many of our friends and supporters as we can!

April Sunday 19th - Naas, Saturday 25th - Leixlip.
 May Saturday 16th - Maynooth.
 June Sunday 14th - Dublin.
 July Sunday 5th - Dublin.

Booking for band engagements should be made in writing to: The Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Band Hall, Pound Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Fiona O'Malley,
P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Harbour Day

Arrangements for the Harbour Days are now being finalised and indications are that the Harbour will be well worth a visit. The Harbour Day coincides with the opening of the Community Council's Mid Summer Festival week and so we aim to make it an enjoyable day for all. As well as the Steam Train there will be canal trips, side shows, live music and of course Hudson's Carnival. Refreshments will also be available. It is also hoped that C.K.R. will be on hand to play your requests.

Jamboree

The Royal Canal Jamboree takes place at the North Kildare Club on Sunday 10th May 1992. Once again we are honoured with the presence of the "It's a Knockout" team and the knockout competition will be televised by R.T.E. The Air Corps will demonstrate air/sea rescue as well as a parachute jump. The charities who will benefit this year include Crumlin Childrens' Hospital and Maynooth/Kilcock Senior Citizens holiday fund. The Jamboree is hosted by the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club in association with the Royal Canal Amenity Group.

Steam Train

As stated the Steam Train will operate for two days - the 13th & 14th of June. There will be two runs on both days and tickets will shortly be available for each trip. Fares have been kept to a minimum. Adults £3.50, children (under 12) £1.50 and a special student rate this year of £2.50. You will be advised of ticket outlets in the next issue. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE ON SALE ON THE DAY OF THE TRIPS SO DO GET YOUR TICKETS IN GOOD TIME.**

Works Update

Phase 1 is now almost complete at Pike's Bridge and this area is now looking very pleasant. Some stone work is in the course of completion and this will leave the area in good order for the summer season.

Finally the Chairman and Committee would like to congratulate Joe Canny on his move into professional snooker and wish him every success in the future.

Gerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Our Annual Spring Show will be held in the SVD Hall on 28th April. Enquiries to Mrs. Felicity Satchwell - 6286240. A Bring and Buy sale in aid of Multiple Sclerosis will be held that evening. The show will be open to the public from 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

Sarah Angel and Noeleen O'Brien are working hard on their garden for the Spring Show. Gardens will be on view from Wednesday 6th May to Saturday 9th. Do go along and view! Our next demonstration evening will be on May 19th when Irene Cole will exhibit, her theme being "Time For". The Club's outing will be held on June 13th. This year we are going to visit Birr Castle and Shannon Bridge and we will also have a trip on a train crossing the bog. We look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Show.

R. Smyth, P.R.O.

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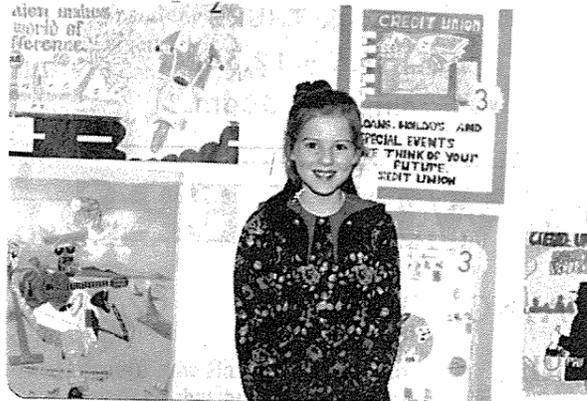
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CREDIT UNION NOTES

The Maynooth Credit Union would like to congratulate Ruth Hallinan on her success with the Poster Competition. Ruth won in the Regional Competition under 8 Section and her entry now goes through to the All-Ireland. On the 28th of March the new extension at Harbour House was officially opened. Mr. Tom McCarthy, President of the League of Credit Unions cut the official ribbon and opened the premises. Our local Parish Priest, Fr. Supple blessed the building. Refreshments and a selection of savouries and sandwiches were served to the large attendance.



Ruth Hallinan winner of U/8 year old section of Regional Final Credit Union Poster Competition

Is your money safe?

Many people still keep their savings at home, in jars, boxes and even mattresses. Perhaps they have a fear of the large financial institutions such as Banks, Building Societies etc. yet how often do we hear of people losing their life savings, which they had kept at home?

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May Haren, P.R.O.

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Answer

Under the Holidays (Employees) Act 1973, you are entitled to one and a quarter days leave for each calendar month in which you work at least 120 hours. If you work 1,400 hours in the year for the same employer, you would be entitled to three weeks holidays.

People working in certain industries may be legally entitled to more than the fifteen days leave, e.g. construction workers get twenty-one days, hairdressing employees in Dublin and Cork get twenty days, certain workers in the catering trade outside the Dublin City and County area get nineteen days. Part-time workers who regularly work for the same employer for at least eight hours per week are entitled to six hours paid leave for every one hundred hours worked after they have been working for that employer for thirteen weeks.

There is no legal requirement on your employer to pay you whilst you are out sick. Some employers do give a certain amount of paid sick leave, others do not. Unless your conditions of employment state that you are entitled to be paid sick leave, then, you do not have to be paid.

It is proposed that employers will take over the payment of Disability Benefit from the Dept. of Social Welfare for the first four weeks or so of the illness.

If you are not getting your holiday entitlements or if you want to know if there are any Registered Joint Labour Court Agreements for your particular employment you should contact - The Dept. of Labour, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 765861. There are about 17 of these Agreements registered with the Labour Court.

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The April meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, on Thursday, 2nd April 1992 at 8.00 pm. The president Mary O'Gorman welcomed everyone. A vote of sympathy was passed with Josie McWeeney on the death of her husband Rest in Peace.

This month (April) Sr. Aquinas, The Presentation Convent, gave a very informative talk and demonstration of Calligraphy. If we have sufficient members interested in learning more about this particular art, classes can be arranged later in the year. Sr. Aquinas kindly donated some lovely cards (her own work) which were raffled among the members and the winners were as follows: 1st Margaret Kirwan, 2nd Therese Mooney, 3rd Mary Doyle, 4th Imelda Delaney, 5th Therese Mooney.

The winners for the monthly competition "The Smallest Cream Jug" were: 1st Mary McInerney, 2nd Ursula Forde, 3rd Mary Bradley.

The winners of the usual monthly raffle were: 1st Mary Halton, 2nd Connie Harper, 3rd Mary McInerney.

There will be no guest speaker, demonstration or competition for next meeting 7th May as it will be the A.G.M. Hoping to have a lot of nominations for the committee. It is unfortunate that our President wishes to resign and we wish Mary the very best of luck, health and happiness.

Reminder of dates mentioned in last Newsletter: McCarthy Cup for verse reading 18th May, Johnstown Inn at 8.00 pm. Make and model competition 14th May in the Red House, Newbridge at 8.00 pm. Good luck to members taking part in these events. Federation Meeting hosted by Maynooth Guild, S.V.D. Hostel, Wednesday 27th May at 8.00 pm.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the staff of Maynooth Newsletter for publishing my notes for the last year and reminders of "Copy Date". Good luck to all concerned for the future.

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MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Do come and see our latest exhibition, presented by the Dublin Travellers Education and Development Group. It is a display of photographs of travellers, expressing a wide variety of emotions, and will run from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May inclusive.

It is also hoped that the creative artists from the MADE class will mount an exhibition of the best of their work during the month of May.

Joe Buckley author of "Run Donny Run" will be doing a session in the library on Monday 4th May at 3.30 pm. He will be speaking primarily to the Black Tulip Club (book loving, literary and creative Kids!) but anyone who wishes may come along.

Good news, too, for all our borrowers - lots of new books! Titles include the following non fiction: Howard, Alice and Walden - Exploring the Road Less Travelled. Gorbachev, Raisa - I Hope. Tisserand, Maggie - Aromatherapy for Women. Kubler-Ross, Elizabeth - Living with Death and Dying. Hall, Derek (ed) - The New Business Letter Writer. Baker, Carol - Helping Your Schoolchild. Horley, Sandra - The Charm Syndrome. Giles, G.B. - Marketing. Baker, K. - The Complete Keyboard Player. Callery, Sean - Tracing your Family Tree. O'Callaghan, Jerry - The Red Book, AA Guide to Camping and Caravanning in Ireland 1992. Collins, Stephen - The Haughey File. Jacobs, John - Golf Doctor. Peck, M. Scott - The Different Drum. Rhodes, Robson - Getting Started: How to set up your own business. Dickson, Anne - A Woman in Your Own Right. This is just a sample to whet your appetites! Also included in our new acquisitions is the "Fit for Life Cookbook" by Marilyn Diamond and for those of you who watch Darina Allen on the TV, we have three new books by her.

In the area of parenting there are at least two new books - "Positive Parenting" by Pat Rees and "Parenting" by Maureen Gaffney and others.

Just in time for spring cleaning we have a range of new books on interior decor. Read how Laura Ashley does bedrooms, windows and Living Rooms. Or provide "Finishing Touches in Homes and Gardens", to mention but a few.

Also relevant to the present season is the area of gardening - two new titles include "Popular Garden Design" by G. and D. Farthing and "Garden Style" by Gerry Daly.

The health conscious have not been forgotten, either. You can start with "Everyman", (equality at last!) and work your way down to a "Consumers Guide to Prescription Medicine" or "Yoga and Health" by Mary Rose Doorly.

Various Berlitz travel guides have arrived in time for the summer holidays and also some language guides. Are you interested in "Cheap Sleeps in Paris"? or "French in three months"?

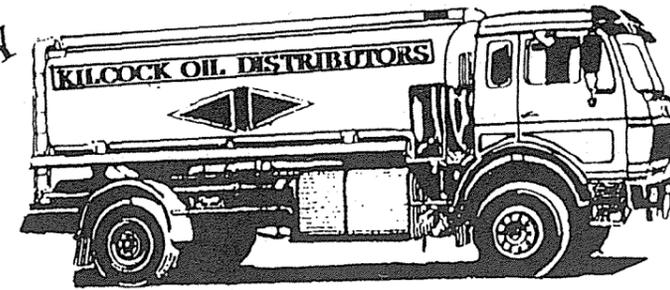
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Margaret Walshe-Gannon.



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All this is of course in aid of some very worthy charity work. The principal local benefit is that a large group of old age pensioners, who would not otherwise be able to have any holiday, will be taken by the Lions clubs for a week in Mosney Holiday Centre. Only those who have witnessed the pleasure given by this scheme to pensioners from our area over the last 10 years, could appreciate how much good can be done for those for whom the twilight years can bring loneliness.

The other beneficiary of note from the Jamboree will be Crumlin Children's Hospital who are badly in need of funds for a "CAT Scanner". This hospital treats hundreds of children from our area every year, so the child who gains from the new equipment could be yours.

The Jamboree must surely provide the best value possible in entertainment and fund raising combined: £2 per person or £5 per car load will gain admittance to an event you simply cannot afford to miss.

If you want to get even more involved you could raise a team for the "Knockout" Competition. A Youth Team (15 to 20 year olds) must consist of six boys and six girls. The 2 best Youth Teams from the day will win entry to RTE's Youth Knockout and will be filmed in action at Mosney later on (all expenses paid). If they were to win at Mosney they will progress to the International Youth Knockout Finals. All you need to enter is enthusiasm a quick adaptability to obstacle courses and new games, and £120 per team raised for the charities - sponsorship cards are available. Adult teams can also enter, at £400 per team, in an open competition. All team information and entry forms (to be returned by Tuesday 5th may) are available from Gerry O'Sullivan, Maynooth Electrical Supplies, Dunboyne Road, Phone 6286718, or any Lions Club member.

No one interested in improving their local amenities or just having fun can afford to miss Jamboree III!

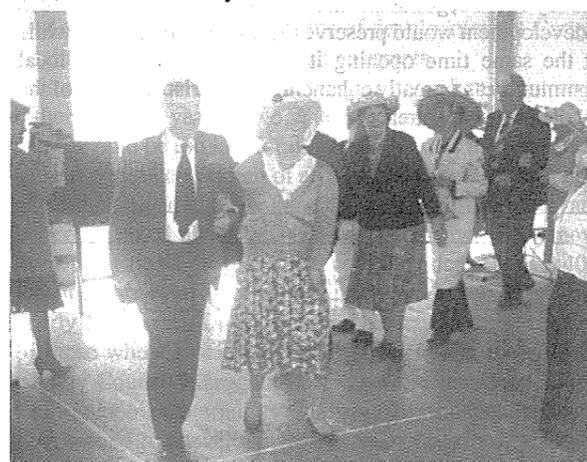


Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club present St. Raphael's Celbridge with a new mini bus. Bought with funds raised from charitable functions run by the Lions Club.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our annual collection took place in March. The response was very good and for all your generosity we want to say a big "Thank You". The committee members have acquired I.D. cards in recent times. We are very appreciative of the help given to us by Norah and the staff of the Newsletter.

On Sunday 12th April we had our Easter Party in the S.V.D. and were glad to have a group from Celbridge. The highlight of the afternoon was the parade of Easter Bonnets. Prizes were given for the most colourful, elegant, original, spring-like, attractive and eye-catching. Recipients of the prizes were Nancy Farrell, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Waldron and Eddie Kellett. Eddie from Celbridge, participated for the second year running and was the cause of much merriment among the onlookers. Our thanks are due to the Comhaltas group from Kilcock, who entertained with a good selection of set dancing, singing and music. Josie, as ever, was the mainstay of the afternoon's entertainment.



Easter Bonnet Parade

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk in aid of Maynooth Old Folks takes place on Sunday 10th May at 3 p.m. Sponsors are being sought and we look forward to a good response. The walk heralds the start of Active Age week, which continues until Sunday 17th May. The programme for the week is as follows: Sunday May 10th, T. Smith Memorial Walk at 3 p.m. Bingo at the same time in the I.C.A. Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday 12th, Cards and Board Games in I.C.A. Hall
Wednesday 13th, Outing to Landscape Art Exhibition in Kilcock Art Gallery departing at 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 14th, Morning Bingo in I.C.A. Hall. 8.30 p.m. Cabaret in G.A.A. Centre.

Sunday 17th, Make and Model Fashion Show in I.C.A. Hall with refreshments provided by I.C.A.

The Library will exhibit Craft work from the elderly during the week. The theme for this year's Active Age Week is "Memories" and stories, photos, scrap books, poems on the theme are welcome.

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Come and enjoy yourself

For a great night out we have organised an *American Tea Party* as a fund raising activity, the proceeds of which enable the Parents' Association to meet financial demands placed upon it by the school, on Friday 22nd May 1992 in the County Club, Dunshaughlin:- Music by Panache (9 - 2). Tickets will be available from any committee member. Full details are available from any of the committee members.

Last year's American Tea Party, held at the same venue, was a runaway success where everyone without exception enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Consequently the committee this year expects that its problem will be to confine the number wishing to attend to within the maximum permissible as dictated by the venue: *Be warned. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.*

How you can help!

Hosts/hostesses will be required to host a table of 10 or more persons. Please co-ordinate your grouping and confirm your booking and/or table reservation with anyone of the committee members over the next few weeks, they are:- Pat Halley, Chairperson; Noel Lysaght, Secretary; Patsy O'Rafferty, Treasurer; Catherine Hodge; Assumpta Duffy; Teresa Bennett; Lynne Whittaker; Joan Lennon; Lise O'Farrell; Anne Egan; Kathleen Dempsey; Sally Cotter; Irene Mathews; Marie O'Sullivan; Tom Ashe Principal; Joan Carroll; Josephine Dempsey; Mary Dunworth; Joe Kelly; James Fleming; Mary Boland; Maisie McMyler; Pat Devaney; Teacher Representative, Mary Farrell; Dick Sheehan; Joe Buckley and Dermot Nangle, PRO. The main organiser of this American Tea-Party event is Ms. Jacqueline Smith, Phone 6286660.

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ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE NEWS

Music In College

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 Sunday College Chamber Choir
 26 April 8.00p.m.-Benjamin Britten's Te Deum, The Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein (with harp percussion and organ accompaniment) and Gabriel Fauré's Requiem (with orchestral accompaniment). * Conductor: Paul Brady (Second Arts Honours Student)
 27 April - Second-Year Music Class Concert
 4 May - First-Year Music Class Concert
 Wednesday 6 May - 12 noon Pádhraic O Cuinneagáin, piano (M.A. Public Examination)
 2.30p.m. Antoinette Baker, organ* (M.A. Public Examination)
 * in College Chapel.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT 1992

Hello children and parents. Planning for Maynooth Summer Project is well underway. Your 1992 Committee has been working very hard over the last few months to make sure everything runs smoothly in July. Registration date is Tuesday 7th July and our camp will be from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July, so start getting your ruck-sack and sleeping bag in order. We will be having all our usual outings in July e.g. bowling, swimming, picnics, games, Donadea Forest and Bar-B-Que. We look forward to seeing all the children, boys and girls from 7 up registering for the Project. Full programmes for all will be in the schools towards the end of June. We would appeal to all parents to give as much help as possible to run the project. It would be impossible to run the project without lots of adult supervision.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

First of all my apologies to Carmel Nolan of Maynooth Park in last months notes for leaving her name off the list of Committee members representing Maynooth Park. On the Greenfield Estate Residents Committee Carmel and other members of the Committee will be calling in the near future for annual subscription of £10 and £5 for unwaged, O.A.P. etc. Grass cutting rotas are now being set up for Greenfield Drive, Straffan Way, Laurence Avenue and Maynooth Park. If you want to be included please give your name to our roads representative or to our secretary Nuala Quinn 2, Straffan Way. Finally, we plan to have an estate tidy-up day second week in May.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Table Quiz was a great success. A total of twenty three tables took part in an exciting contest culminating in Table 10 winning by the narrowest of margins. "Dashing Denis" asked the questions while daughter Fiona and boyfriend John Devine checked answers. Special thanks to those who provided prizes: Casey Courts Ltd., Centra Supermarket, The Roost, Caulfields, The G.A.A., and Mary McTiernan, Greenfield Est. Thanks also to the G.A.A. for the use of the premises and here I might single out Michael Cadden. As luck would have it, it was Michaels turn to lock up but the quiz over ran timewise and Michael just smiled - Thank you Michael. The A.G.M. will take place in the near future, each resident will be advised and we would appreciate a good attendance.

Gerry Fitzpatrick, P.R.O.

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Features

COMPUTER CORNER.

Have you ever been in a flap over Floppy Discs ??
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Depending upon the reaction to this item, it is proposed to run a regular "computer corner" column as a learning ground for anyone (of any age or persuasion) who would like to have some understanding of what computers are about.

The idea is that anyone who would like to learn how to use a computer (or is just casually interested in what its all about), can read this column occasionally and learn at their own pace. The text will be in simple, plain English and, where technical terms must be used, they will be explained.

If you are already a "whizz kid", this column is not for you (although any comments, from any interested party, critical, or otherwise, will be welcomed). It will attempt, at a reasonably basic level, to help the computer novice who has regular access to a personal computer (PC) and would like to know how to do more than just the word processor/accounts package, or whatever.

By way of introduction, I will deal with the concept of the computer as a medium for storing and processing information (data).

I/O. (First piece of computer jargon).

The term I/O simply stands for "in/out" - i.e., you put information *in* and you take information *out*. Hence, the term *bios* stands for *basic in/out system*. There, that wasn't too difficult, was it? The basic in/out system in the computer is the keyboard (for putting information in) and the screen (for taking information out). There are other ways of putting information in and taking it out, e.g. through one of the sockets (usually at the back), called a *serial port*. Think about it, the *serial port* carries *input* (hence, *port*) in *serial* order (i.e., one bit at a time) and carries *output* in the same manner (one bit at a time). The *screen* and the *printer* are *output* devices, only. Another *port* (again, usually at the back of the computer, is the *Parallel port*. This, as the term suggests, allows information to be *output* (usually to the printer) in *PARALLEL* mode (i.e. more than one bit at a time).

Had enough yet? - No ?, OK, Let's see if you can put *Binary Maths* away in 30 seconds flat.

The decimal system evolved as the one most favoured by us humans (simply because we have ten fingers). It is a convenient way of expressing numbers by using the concept of columns, whose position denotes the value of the unit and where the value increases by a factor of ten as you move left by one column.

Decimal Notation

1,000	100	10	1		
5	2	7	4	=	5,274
2	4	9	3	=	2,493
	7	1	8	=	718

In the *decimal* system, therefore, we simply indicate the number of *multiples* in the appropriate column. Hence, 718 = 7x100, plus 1x10, plus 8x1.

The binary system is the one used by *Computers* because they don't have fingers - only switches - and these switches can *only* be in the *on* or the *off* position. In this system, again we use the concept of *columns*, whose *position* denotes the value of the unit, but, in this case *the value doubles as you move left by one column*.

Binary Notation

512	256	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	= 1023
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	= 718
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	= 6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	= 2

In the *binary* system, we again indicate the number of multiples, this time as either 1 or 0, in the appropriate column. Hence, 1011001110 = 718. Or 1x512, plus 0x256, plus 1x128, plus 1x64, plus 0x16, plus 1x8, plus 1x4, plus 1x2, plus 0x1. Notice the use of *plus* in these examples (1x4 plus 1x2 etc.). Computers are incapable of actual multiplication, subtraction or division (they do everything by addition). Tell that to your friends over a pint and see how far you get. Although, for humans, to express the number 718 in *binary* notation (1011001110) is both tedious and liable to error, for computers (which are *less* liable to error !), the appropriate switches only need to be switched to *on* or *off* and this switching can be effected at astonishing speeds.

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DELICATESSEN, Lighthouse 1, Dublin.

If you need cheering up, then make sure you see *Delicatessen*, the first offering from a French duo Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro. Although I'm not usually one for subtitled films, the visual images move so swiftly and the high points are so numerous that after a few moments all awareness of the subtitles is lost as you get caught up in the tale. It is impossible to adequately describe all of the events. To say it is basically about a butcher who has a nasty habit of killing the handymen he hires and selling their bodies as meat and about the ex-clown who is about to become his next victim takes away from the richness of the story and makes it sound very unfunny. However it is one of the most hilarious films I have seen in a long time. It's off beat to say the least, but this is what makes it so entertaining.

To add to the treat, it is preceded by the Irish Short film "Three Joes", about three lads sharing a house and their day's activities. An unusual and very funny piece of work, almost completely silent, this serves as a very suitable prelude to *Delicatessen*

EXAMTIPS FOR THIRD LEVEL STUDENTS

One of the great Paradoxes of the Irish education system, especially concerning third level students, is that while encouraging initiative and experiential learning students continue to be evaluated according to their performances in exams. Unfortunately what ensues is an examination not of the students understanding of a particular subject, but rather an examination of how capable they are in managing their time, condensing their thoughts and performing (I use that word deliberately) in high pressure situations. Ability to play the exam game, in other words, is what is actually tested. The following tips may be useful in playing that game.

1) Be selective in your reading when preparing for particular questions. Read perhaps one or two essays or articles about the topic you have decided to answer on and know and understand the main points of these articles as well. Do not read hundreds of books and articles about your topic, hoping that the more you throw the more will stick. It doesn't work like that.

2) In the exam plan your essays carefully. Be ruthless with your self. One of the main criteria an examiner uses when reading answers is relevance. Stick always ruthlessly to the point. Do not digress into areas you know more about but which are peripheral to the question. The examiner will be ruthless if you are not.

3) Spend some time before beginning to write your answer, planning it. Usually you are expected to write an introduction, 4 to 6 paragraphs (make 1 point in each paragraph then go to a new one), and a conclusion.

4) Use a separate answer-book for all your planning and rough work. In this answer-book write down in short, note form, all you know about your topic. Sift through this for what is relevant to the question you are asked and again in note form write down the points of your answer. This enables you first of all to stick to the point when writing our your answer, and furthermore enables the examiner to have an idea of what you were going to say should you run out of time. 5) Stick rigidly to the time. In a three-hour exam you have approx. 42 min per question (for a paper demanding 4 answers). Give yourself time at the start to read the paper and

time before each question to plan your answer. Do not go over that time under any circumstances.

6) Do your best question first. This ensures that what you know best is on paper, regardless of what happens in the rest of the exam.

7) Once the exam is over, forget it immediately, especially if you have an exam the following day. Also do not indulge in post mortems - they can damage your confidence, the major driving force behind success in exams.

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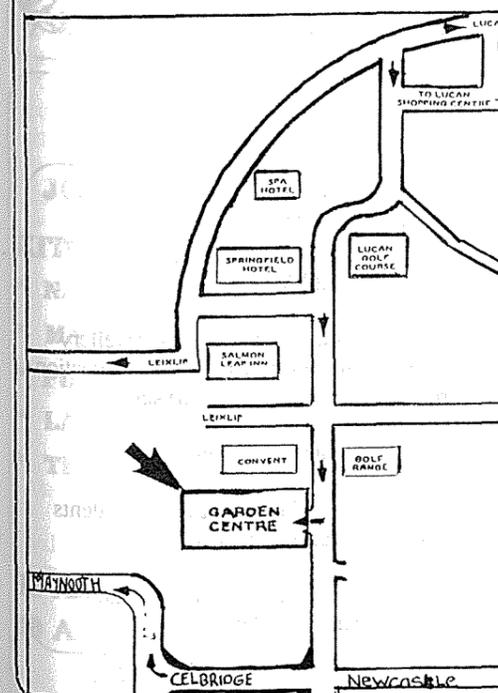
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Monday to Saturday - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday - 12 midday - 2 p.m.

These hours are designed to facilitate the public who need to process documents such as passports, produce their driving licence, insurance etc.

Outside these hours the Gardai are on patrol. Should you need to contact the Gardai you may telephone Naas station at (045) 97333, or if an emergency dial 999. A communication system "The Green Man" is located to the right of the front door of the station. Outside normal hours, you may use the Green Man to contact Naas station.

Junior Warden Patrol:

You may have seen these young men carrying out their duties at the Boy's National School on the Moyglare Road. Their task is to stop traffic, and ensure that younger children cross the road safely. It is an excellent scheme which deserves the goodwill and co-operation of all concerned. If you are a motorist, please obey the signs and be patient. At the Girls National School the "Lollipop" lady is there with similar duties.

Crime:

A sincere thank you to those concerned citizens who took the time to contact the Gardai when they witnessed acts of crime, vandalism, suspicious vehicles etc. Indeed some of these phone calls resulted in the arrest and conviction of criminals. The old saying "Its not my problem" is long gone. It is a problem for everybody. Surely we all desire less crime, and a better society to live in. Play your part. If you observe a crime tell the Gardai. The confidential freephone number is: 1800 589 589.

Fraud:

Again we remind our readers on how to prevent this type of crime:

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4. Be suspicious of customers who are indignant at requests for identification.
5. Be wary of cheques drawn on a bank outside this country. Should it turn out to be a dud, there is no easy remedy.
6. Be aware of juveniles cashing cheques, they are not legally liable for their debts.
7. Do not accept a cheque which shows signs of change have the issuer write a fresh cheque.
8. Keep in mind that in accepting a cheque which is post-dated or cheques over a month old you are taking a chance.
9. Don't let the client hurry you in accepting the cheque, take all the time you need, and get answers to all your questions.
10. Be aware of cheques presented over bank holiday week-end, or other busy times.
11. Stop and think, if somebody asks to cash a cheque for a sum larger than what is required to cover the transaction.
12. Have all employees initial cheques cashed by them, and lodge all cheques promptly.

SNOOKER LOCAL HERO

Local Snooker "Ace" Joe Canny made his Professional Debut at the Quarry Snooker Centre, Celbridge, on Tuesday 7th April before an invited audience of over 300.

His opponent in his first professional match was none other than Irish Masters runner up Ken Doherty. In the "best of nine frames" match, Doherty, who is in top form at the moment, came out well on top, but young Joe will have gained from the experience. The event was hosted by Celbridge Snooker Club in association with Buckleys' Builders Providers.

Joe, who recently came second in the World Amateur Championships is the son of local Garda Sergeant Joe and Mrs Canny of Rail Park in Maynooth. His decision to go professional was not an easy one and we wish him success in the future.



Joe in Action
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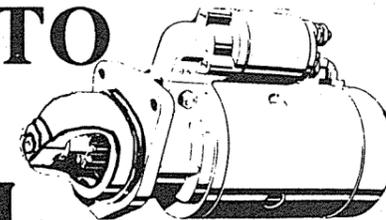
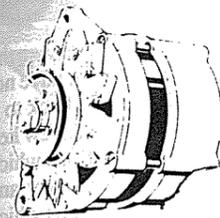
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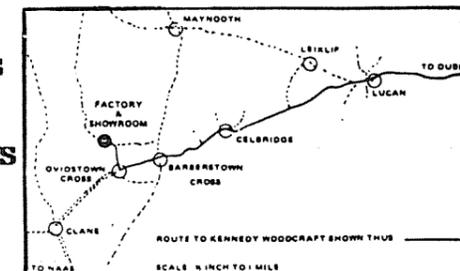
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STREET TALKING

Carton Development

It has been announced recently that the Guinness group are pulling out of the proposed Gleneagles development of the Carton Estate. They were to have invested 65 million pounds in the estate which would have included a hotel, golf courses and holiday homes. The reason that Guinness gave for pulling out of the deal is the fact that the various banks wanted Guinness to guarantee the loans given to the Carton Estate and in such recessionary times Guinness's could not afford such a radical departure from their core activities.

It has been announced that some of Guinness former junior partners are to appeal to An Bord Pleanála against some of the conditions imposed on the development by Kildare County Council, notably the decision to reduce the proposed number of holiday homes by more than thirty. It is understood that, since Guinness's has withdrawn, the proposed development is now unlikely to go ahead, although new investors are being sought. However, in these recessionary times it may prove very difficult to attract the necessary scale of investment.

Set Dancing

Set dancing classes are currently being held in Saint Joseph's Hall, Kilcock. The instructor is Frank Keenan. The classes are held every Wednesday night, from 8.30 to 10.30 pm. A number of Maynooth people already attend these classes and more are welcome.

Ceilis are held on the last Friday of every month, the venue being the North Kildare Club and they begin at 9 pm. During the year a number of dancing workshops are held in various parts of the country. One is to be held on Inis Turk on the 8th of May, which is to be attended by seventy-four people from the Maynooth and Kilcock region.

Examinations

Exam time is upon us once again so a few helpful hints may not be out of place. Revision: You should try and study in a quiet atmosphere where you will not be distracted. Try and keep your books and notes in order so that you will know where everything is and not have to go searching for anything in a hurry.

When you are revising it might be a good idea to start with the subjects you are weakest at and make sure you understand them properly before moving on to subjects with which you are comfortable and thus may need less revision.

While everyone has their own method of studying it might be a good idea if after each hour of study you have a few minutes break, either go for a walk or have a cup of tea in order to refresh yourself. A good method of revision includes the production of 'flash cards' which contain the necessary information on a certain topic or question. They can be used in order to help you answer the question. Another good method of revision is to practice answering questions from sources such as sample papers, keeping strictly to the recommended time. This will also help your exam technique.

For the exam itself you should make sure to arrive at the exam centre in plenty of time. Once the exam begins make sure that you spend a few minutes reading the exam paper, go through the questions carefully, answer the question which you have been asked, not the one which you would have preferred to have been asked. It might be a good idea to underline the key instruction words in the question eg. 'compare with the aid of diagrams'; describe, compare and contrast etc. You should already be familiar with the format of the exam paper and know how much time you should allocate to each question,

decide on the order in which you are going to answer the questions and budget your time accordingly. If you have not finished a question leave it, you can always come back to it later on, or if you are short of time at the end put in a few key phrases which show that you understand the questions which you are being asked. It suits some people to answer any compulsory questions first, followed by the questions which you are most comfortable with. Before you answer any question write a brief outline of your proposed answer. This should include the key phrases for each paragraph etc., if you run over time then the person correcting the exams will know that you knew the answer and can mark accordingly.

For exams which may demand essay-type answers such as History and Geography it is important to stick to the point. You should only answer the question which you have been asked. There is no point in overloading your essay with useless information, you will not get any marks for it. To conclude, a few helpful points to remember are that you should try and stay fit and alert during your exams. All night study sessions tend to be counter productive. Once an exam is over don't go in for post-mortems, they will only upset you and take your mind off the exams which follow. Finally, write legibly, it helps if the examiner is not frustrated by having to make out an incomprehensible scrawl.

New Coffee Shop

'The Square' newsagents shop is being converted into a newsagents and coffee shop following recent renovations which included the expansion of the premises and the installation of new doors and windows. According to the proprietors, Mr. Paddy Hayes and Mr. Eugene Duffy it will be open from 7 a.m. until late and they are looking forward to your custom.

Legal Services

At the moment there are three solicitors in the town itself and a fourth in the estates. They are Mr. Patrick Neligan and Mr. Maguire on the Main Street, Mr. Declan Foley on the Dublin Road and Ms. Olive Moran in Kingsbry Estate.

The services which they offer can be divided into three separate areas; Litigation, Conveyancy and Probate.

Litigation: This involves such civil court cases as compensation claims for injury and other similar matters.

Conveyancy: This involves the buying and selling of houses. Probate: This involves such matters as the drawing up and processing of wills.

These services are very much of a routine nature and tend to involve the proper processing of money and goods rather than dealing with people directly.



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(On-going - Inter estate soccer, Gaelic matches, Pitch and Putt, Irish Music in Brady's Pub, Hudsons Carnival, Bar Person of the Year)

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

Guinness Jazz Band - Roost

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Harbour Day/ Steam Train/ Steam Organ
Frog Divers/ Canoeists.
Air and Sea Rescue ?

Karaoke - L.A.

Childrens Treasure Hunt.

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Harbour Day/ Steam Train/ Steam Organ

Adult Treasure Hunt

Al Brady's Band - Leinster Arms

Talent Competition - G.A.A.

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

Bachelor of the Year - Caulfields

Traditional Music in Brady's

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE

Old Folks - Caulfields

Table Quiz - G.A.A.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

Poetry Reading - Library

Set Dancing/ Folk Dancing - G.A.A. Club
Irish Dancing/ Accordion Band
Traditional Music in Brady's

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

Athletic Club Children's Races

Karaoke - G.A.A.

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Band in the Leinster Arms - L.A.

Traditional Music in Brady's

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

Fire-brigade display
Dublin Fire-brigade Band

Children's Disco
Al Brady - Caulfields ?

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

Classic Car Rally

Finals of all Football Matches.

Tae Kwon Do

Army Gymnasts

Sing-along in the Roost

Greenfield Lane - A sum of £20,000 has been provided to repair footpaths, improve drainage and resurface the road on the Lane from house number 350 to the Straffan Road.

Bond Bridge to Cluain Aoibhinn - A sum of £22,000 has been provided to repair kerbs, improve drainage and surface dress the road from Bond Bridge to Cluain Aoibhinn. Repairs will also be carried out to the Rathcoffey Road out to Crinstown.

Pike Bridge to Ballygoran - £15,000 has been provided here to improve edges and surfacing of the road. While the sum available for the above works is inadequate it will make lot of pedestrians and motorists less hazardous.

Leinster Park - Deputy Stagg has succeeded in getting a commitment from the County Engineer to seek funds from the National Primary Routes Grants to carry out the required repairs to the entrance to Leinster Park and for the footpath from the supermarket to Doctors Lane. We will continue to pursue this matter until it is carried out.

Straffan Road Resurfacing - The Private Contractor who carried out the pipe laying at Christmas has confirmed to the council that the Straffan Road would be properly resurfaced in April. The delay in carrying out this work was due to the necessity to wait for proper subsidence of the ground due to the depth of the pipe laying. Any further delay by the contractor will be pursued vigorously by Deputy Stagg at Council level.

Straffan Road Upgrading - In response to requests from Residents Associations Deputy Stagg has arranged for a deputation comprising of residents from each of the Residents Associations along Straffan Road to meet with the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council to put forward their concerns for the proper upgrading of the road and provision of proper screening in anticipation of the By-Pass.

Convent Road Voltage Supply - Concern has been expressed by residents along Convent Road that there is a weak voltage supply to their area. Consequently lights flicker as other electrical goods are turned on. Deputy Stagg has contacted the E.S.B. on the matter and they have advised that the Local area supervisor is investigating the complaint. We will keep you advised of progress.

Convent Road Footpaths - Flooding which has been occurring on a regular basis on the new interlocking footpath at Convent Road has been reported to the Council by Deputy Stagg. We will keep you advised on this matter.

Footpath in Railpark - Crumbling and deterioration of the footpath outside No. 126 and No. 127 Railpark has been brought to the attention of the Council by Deputy Stagg.

The Avenue - The piers at either side of the entrance to the Avenue were recapped by the private contractor carrying out pipe laying in the area. However they are now different from each other. The County Engineer has advised Deputy Stagg that the Private contractor is obliged to reinstate them perfectly. Deputy Stagg has also received a commitment from the County Engineer to provide proper gates at the Carton side of the Avenue.

Public Lights Greenfields Phase 4. - 7 Public Lights are out of order in Greenfield Phase 4. Deputy Stagg has contacted the Council and E.S.B. re same. We expect them to be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Rubbish on Green - Following requests from residents of Greenfields Phase 3 Deputy Stagg has requested that the Council remove rubbish from the Green in front of houses No.'s 818 to 829. We will keep you advised of progress.



Mrs. Catherine Thompson, nee Burke, was born in Maynooth 92 years ago. Her family lived in Leinster Cottages, which then belonged to Carton Estate where her father was a dairy hand, who used to have to be in work for 6 a.m. each morning. When her mother was younger she used to work in the estate as well, be-

ing employed in the laundry. She had two brothers and four sisters, only of whom a sister is still alive, who lives in Scotland. She remembers the early years of this century when Carton was, along with the College, the largest employer in Maynooth. As well as her parents, her neighbours and one of her brothers also worked there. The estate did not pay very well but against that most of the commodities which were on sale were fairly cheap. Among the shops which she can remember were O'Briens, Dawsons and Gibleys, an off-licence situated near the current Caulfields pub where half pint bottles of whiskey were on sale for 1/11. In those years Maynooth was a quiet rural town, where everyone knew everyone else.

Among Mrs. Thompson's most vivid memories are those from the years of the War of Independence. The present Garda Barracks was then an R.I.C. barracks with a few policemen based there. During the time of the troubles it became a base for the Black and Tans as well. Many people were frightened of them at first, and her mother used to insist on quenching the paraffin lamps at night in case they would see the light and raid the house as a result. However, since Maynooth was a very quiet town at the time there was no real trouble and everyone was soon on good terms. Mrs. Thompson points out that after an initial period of mistrust that the Black and Tans were very friendly towards the local people. Many of Mrs. Thompson's neighbours and one of her brothers were involved in the I.R.A. at the time but very little happened in Maynooth itself, although a few of her neighbours did take part in the Easter Rising. When the British forces were being evacuated from Ireland following the signing of the Treaty Mrs. Thompson was on her way to Liverpool, but as all of the ships were being used to transport the troops she was forced to wait for four days before she was allowed to travel by the authorities.

For the twelve years following her departure in 1922 Mrs. Thompson worked in Liverpool in a hospital run by the Sisters of Charity. The pay was £2 a month, a lot of money in those days, plus food. She states that at that time many people were forced to emigrate. She returned to Ireland in 1934 when she married John Thompson, who died 20 years ago. They had two sons, one of whom lives in Maynooth, the other in England. Mr. Thompson worked for forty years in OBuachalla's hardware shop and Mrs. Thompson can remember Domhnaill O'Buachalla when he was the governor of the free state.

Among the other memories of Mrs. Thompson was the rationing which was in place during the second World War

and the following years. She says that people in Maynooth were not too badly off in those years and that if people were very short of anything it could usually be obtained on the black market. She views a lot of the changes which took place in Maynooth in recent years as being for the best with people being better off now than they would have been in the early years of the century. The one disadvantage is that the town may not now be as friendly as it once was.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A NOTES

1st Team

The team has had little or no luck over the last three games with an understrength side going down to Kill in Ardclough and losing to Senior and Intermediate sides, St. Laurences and Grange in the League. In the latter two games Maynooth competed very well against opponents who are used to playing in a higher level of competition. The Grange game in particular could have been won with a little more accuracy up front.

Details:-

(1) Maynooth 7 pts - Kill 1.6

Scorers: Killian Fagan 5pts; Mick Nevin and Eoin O'Neill 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Fagan, O'Toole (J), Kelly, Noone, O'Neill and Murray.

(2) Maynooth 6pts St. Laurence's 1.11

Scorers: K. Fagan & M. Nevin 2pts. each; Colm Feeney & Eoin O'Neill 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Molloy, Dunne (E), Nevin (M), Ennis, Fagan and Devereaux.

(3) Maynooth 8pts. Grange 1.7

Scorers: Joey Nevin, Mick Nevin & Killian Fagan 2pts each; Liam O'Toole and Joey Edwards 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Conway, Dunne (E), Stynes, Ennis, Nevin(M), Fagan, Nevin (J), Devereaux and Edwards.

Underage:

The North Kildare League for Under 10's and Under 12's started on April 6th with two excellent victories for the Maynooth youngsters away to Kilcock. both games were hard fought and the win for the Under 10's was particularly gratifying as the team mentors could only call on five of last years very successful side. The Under 12's on the other hand had the bulk of last year's team available again, and if the Kilcock form can be reproduced on a regular basis there is no reason why they cannot have a very successful campaign.

Best for the Under 10's: Shane Devereaux, Patrick King, Mikey Gleeson, David Campbell, Seanie Brady, Pierre Ennis, Stephen Fleming and Mark Kavanagh.

Outstanding for the Under 12's were: Gearoid Higgins, Niall Downey, Declan O'Rourke, Darren Naughton, Niall Byrne, Barry Connolly, Ger Hanly and Stephen Redmond.

Underage Training.

All underage players and their parents should note that until further notice the Saturday morning training sessions will be held on the Salesians pitches on the Celbridge Road. This is to allow repair work to be carried out to our own pitch on the Moyglare Road. There is no change in time i.e. 11.30a.m. - 12.45p.m. approx.

U/16 Football League.

Maynooth 0.7pts. V Clane 1.3.

This game produced a great game of football between two well matched sides. Clane with wind assistance dominated the first half but were unable to convert their chances into scores. An A. Killay goal for Clane gave the visitors a 1.1 to 0.2 interval lead. Maynooth with points from T. Farrell 2pts., H. Nevin 1pt, D. Noonan 1pt, gave them a two point lead. Then two points from Clane brought the sides level and a

draw looked the likely result. In the final minute of the game an excellent run by J. Lawlor saw him on the Clane 20 meter line where he found J. Rossiter who scored the winning point. Best for Maynooth, S. Noonan, T. Farrell, D. Noonan, J. Lawlor, H. Nevin, J. Rossiter, P. Grant, T. Byrne, T. Fay, J. Higgins.

Man of the Match:- T. Farrell.

U/16 Football Challenge.

Maynooth V Navan O Mahoneys

Maynooth 1.6 - Navan O Mahoneys 1.8

Navan finished the better team scoring their two winning points with minutes to go. The Maynooth team played very well throughout the game. Best for Maynooth, T. Farrell 2pts; J. Lawlor 1.2pts; H. Nevin 1pt; P. Burke 1pt; P. Grant, R. Murphy, C. Ryan, H. Nevin, T. Fay, N. Gillick.

Man of the Match:- J. Lawlor.

U/16 Football League.

Maynooth 4.6 V Na Fianna 1.5

Maynooth had their second win in u/16 League. Best for Maynooth; S. Noonan 2 goals. 1pt, O. Nevin 1 goal, C. Ryan 1 goal, T. Farrell 3pts., J. Lawlor 2pts., T. Fay, V. Murtagh, T. Byrne..

U/16 Football League Fixtures

Friday 10th April - Home to Clane. Friday 17th April Away to Na Fianna. Friday 24th April - Home to Kilcullen. Friday 1st May Home to Suncroft. Friday 8th May - Away to Round Towers. Friday 15th May - Home to Caragh.

U/14 Football League fixtures.

Friday 5th June - Home to Ballyna. Friday 12th June Away to Round Towers. Friday 19th June - Home to Celbridge. Friday 26th June - Away to Monasterevan. Wednesday 1st July - Away to Na Fianna. Monday 20th July - Away to Athy. Monday 27th July - Home to Caragh.

U/16 Hurling League Fixtures.

Wednesday 8th April - Home to Kilcock. Wednesday 15th April - Away to Kill. Wednesday 22nd April - Home to Moorfield. Wednesday 29th April - Away to Kilcock. Wednesday 6th May - Home to Kill. Wednesday 13th May - Away to Moorfield.

North Kildare Hurling League. U/10 and U/13.

Monday 4th May u/13 - Maynooth V Leixlip. u/10 Maynooth V Corra Coill. Monday 18th May u/13 & u/10. Maynooth V Confey, Home. Monday 8th June u/13 v Naas, u/10 Kill, Home. Monday 22nd June u/13 V Leixlip. u/10 V Corra Coill.

Junior "A" Football Championship - Maynooth v Rhaban in Naas on Sunday 3rd May at 2.15 p.m.

Junior "B" Football Championship. Maynooth V Rhaban in Sarsfields on Saturday 16th May at 7.00p.m.

Senior Football Championship. Geraldines V Kilcock in Newbridge on Sunday 17th May at 2.15p.m.

Minor Football League.

Maynooth 1.12 V Rathangan 1.3

Maynooth turned in their best performance to defeat Rathangan. Maynooth laid the foundation for victory in the opening half. In second half Rathangan put up a good fight. Best for Maynooth, K. Killoran, T. Fay, J. Nevin, M. Mealy, G. Horan, H. Purcell, M. Donnolly.

Minor Football League.

Maynooth 2.6 V Suncroft 4.5

Maynooth playing with the wind in first half and with H.

Purcell causing the Suncroft defence a lot of problems we looked to have the game won and lead at half time by 2.5 to 1.2. The second half it was all Suncroft and Maynooth defence could not keep them out. Best for Maynooth in a game they could have won but for missed chances, were: H. Purcell 1.3, T. Farrell 1.0, M. Donnolly 1pt., J. Nevin 1pt., M. Noone 1pt., A.O'Shea, K. Killoran, P. Guinan.

Minor Football League.

Maynooth 2.9 V Moorfield 0.4pts.,

Maynooth playing against the wind in first half opening the scoring with a point by K. Killoran, and further points by J. Nevin and P. Garvey 2pts. to leave half time score 4pts. each. Maynooth dominated the second half and scored a further 2.5pts. without reply. In this period D. Fleming moved to full forward and scored 2 great goals. Best for Maynooth; K. Killoran, J. Nevin, P. Hogan, G. Horan, D. Fleming, M. Donnolly.

HURLING

Under 16

Maynooth 5.4 Broadford 3.2

This was the Semi-Final of the Autumn 91 League and another hard game as we would expect from Broadford. There was nothing in it up to half time but a Cathal Ryan goal gave Maynooth the lift they needed and they went on to earn a place in the final against Castledermot. Best players on the day were H. Nevin, P. Leacy, T. Farrell, C. Ryan and S. Brennan.

Maynooth 2.1 Kilcock 1.0

Maynooth got off to a winning start in the 1992 campaign but made hard work of this game. Best performers were T & P Farrell, Leacy, Nevin, S. Noonan and N. Gillick. Scorers Noonan 1.0, P. Farrell 1.0, Leacy 0.1.

U/16

Maynooth 2.3 Kill 1.2

This was a tight game though Maynooth always looked the better side. Scores were level at half time and Maynooth exerted a bit more control in the second half. There were good performances from R. Casey, P. Leacy, T. Farrell, E. Hassett and S. Brennan. Scorers: E. Hassett 1.2, A. Gaffney 1.0 and N. Gillick 0.1

Under 13

Maynooth 3.1 Confey 0.0

The North Kildare League got off to a good start for this team with a fine win at Confey. Michael Ryan had an outstanding game for Maynooth as had B. Keogh, S. Cummins, W. Gannon, S. Gutnan, E and V Nevin. Scorers B. Keogh 2.0, S. Cummins 1.0, W. Gannon 0.1.

U/13

Maynooth 5.2 Naas 0.0

Maynooth were always in command but the scores were slow to come. The move of Seamus Cummins to the forward line improved things and a comfortable win was the end result. Best players were S. Cummins, O and V. Nevin, M. Gallagher and A. and M. McCarron. Scorers: S. Cummins 2.0, C. Diggins, V. Nevin, M. Gleeson, 1.0 each, K. Ennis, W. Gannon 0.1 each.

Under 12

Maynooth 2.0 Rathangan 2.0

The u/12s had to dig deep for this draw after falling 2 goals behind in the second half. They never gave up and Peter Guinan and Karl Ennis scored two good goals for a deserved draw. Others to do well were C. Diggins, S. Cummins and T. Mullarky.

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Under 10

Confey 2.0 Maynooth 0.1

The u/10s led at half time by a point from a Mikey Gleeson free. Confey put on the pressure in the second half and in spite of great defensive work by our backs they got through for 2 goals. Maynooth's best were T. Masterson, A. Molloy, M. Sweeney, P. Ennis, S. O'Flaherty and M. Kavangh.

Maynooth 6.5 Kill 0.0

We got a fine victory here to give the lads a boost after the Confey defeat. Maynooth were always on top with Mikey Gleeson in top form scoring 2.5. The other scorers were Mark Cummins, James Hoare, Damian Travers and Peter Guinan 1.0 each. Other good performances came from P. Sheehan, J. Mullarky, S. O'Flaherty and P. Ennis.

U/10 Panel: T. Masterson, A. Molloy, M. Sweeney, P. Sheehan, P. Ennis, J. Mullarky, S. O'Flaherty, M. Gleeson, D. Travers, M. Kavanagh, J. Hoare, M. Cummins, P. Guinan, P. Nevin, S. Brady, F. Devereux, F. Molloy, E. Diggins, S. O'Farrelly, C. Lynam, K. Gannon, P. O'Flaherty.

Training will continue at 10.30 on Saturday mornings at the Salesian College while the Maynooth ground is under repair. New members always welcome for all age groups.

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With both teams still to play several league games and hopefully a number of cup games still to come our season may still show some benefit for our efforts throughout. With midweek games now in operation our players are going to have a busy period which will stretch our resources to the full. Our under 13 school boys have been a revelation all season and with just a few league games left are still up there battling away at the top and will not be shaken off. They still have a very live chance of winning their division and the next few games will decide their fate.

The under 11 side did not as expected set the world on fire this season when making their debut in competitive league football. Nevertheless their improvement in the latter half of the season was an encouragement for all concerned and the gathering of a few points here and there was some reward for their efforts. It was some consolation to see that some longer established teams have not fared as well.

The u/16 schoolgirls have commenced their NEC shield campaign and have easily disposed of Celbridge 6 - 0 in the 1st round. In recent weeks they have been taking part in trials to select a league team to compete against other leagues. Their 1st game in this venture has already taken place against the Leinster League ladies which resulted in a 1 - 1 draw. Details are not at hand and will appear in the next club report. At this time of the season preparations are usually being made for the Club Annual Dance and Player of the Year awards. We expect to have full details of same in the next report also. The European Finals are beckoning even closer and will commence in early June. Even the lack of the Republic of Ireland on this occasion will hardly diminish the interest of the public who will doubtless be watching with interest the progress some of the teams we might have to face in the World Cup finals in the U.S.A. Wishful thinking? Hardly with the number of young players being gradually integrated into Jack's panels to coincide with the experience gained in previous campaigns by the more established members of the team.

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Our Schoolboys section have held a coaching evening under the supervision of Jimmy Jackson and Liam L'Estrange and we are now making plans to have a full week-end session in the near future where we can develop the budding talents of many of our young hopefuls. We would like to thank Jimmy and Liam for their help and advice during the evening in which we learned a great deal about the coaching aspect of schoolboys and the ever important point of keeping everyone occupied and part of the proceedings.

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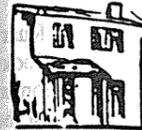
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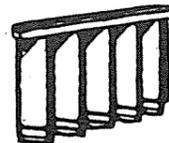
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Recent Results.

Dowdall Cup

Maynooth Town 2 Bridge Celtic 1

This was a most heartening result which keeps alive our season on two fronts for senior section. Having played a 2 - 2 draw against the same opposition a few weeks ago, we expected to push this more exalted opposition very close. The game was played at a furious pace from the outset and we missed a number of good chances before finally breaking the deadlock. Following a long period of pressure Fergal Barton put us in the lead after half an hour. Bridge soon showed why they have been to the forefront of the Premier Division for a number of seasons and came storming back looking for an equaliser which they eventually got. Our defence made a number of efforts to clear a loose ball from our own penalty area and were punished for their slackness and keeper Bobby Barry was given no chance from close range. This setback seemed to give our side a jolt and the defence immediately closed ranks and gave an impeccable display of rearguard action in the face of some fierce pressure. We were not to be denied our victory however and with 10 mins remaining we got the vital winner after a great build up in which several players were involved. When the ball broke loose in the penalty area following a shot by Fergal Barton a number of players were in position to claim the glory which eventually fell to Gerry Quinn. We held firm for the remainder of the game and with Bobby Barry giving a superb display in goal Bridge were left looking a very dejected side at the end.

Division 3 P. Grds.

Maynooth Town 2 St. Matthews Boys 2.

This game was played on a day when every piece of available shelter was utilised to the full. An almost incessant hailstorm turned the pitch into a quagmire and tested the hardiness of both sets of warriors in the face of near Arctic conditions. It was a measure of the skills of both sides that a high level of entertainment was maintained throughout the ninety minutes. St. Matthews were determined to maintain their own high league position when opening in a flurry and putting early pressure on the Maynooth defence. Barry Desmond was in top form in the home goal and instilled confidence in his back four which performed heroically and had determined performers in John O'Neill and Darren Moran. John Geoghegan and Gerry Tracey were powerhouses in midfield and toiled incessantly all afternoon to prevent St. Matthews taking charge whenever they threatened to do so. They shared our two goals between and this was just reward for their tireless efforts in the home cause. With a few games still left this result will keep us to the forefront of our division which is still there to be won.

u/13 Schoolboys

Maynooth Town 1 Greenhills Boys 0

An early goal by leading scorer Eamon Gallagher was the difference between two very well matched sides who have been in consistent form all season. Darren Naughton was in superb form at the heart of the home defence and got good support from Declan Buckley and Patrick Carroll. Niall Naughton's handling in goal was of the highest order and looked unbeatable throughout the game. Eoin Guha was

once again his usual impeccable self and showed a wide variety of his various skills. Martin Byrne, Aidan O'Brien and Eamon Gallagher peppered the opposing defence all through the game but found them as capable and rock like as our own and showed very little reward except our only goal by Gallagher.

U/11 Schoolboys

With only one league game remaining to be played we have been idle for a number of weeks but a recent friendly against Beach Park turned out to be a most informative exercise.

Maynooth Town 4 Beach Park 4

We showed considerably more sharpness up front than in previous games and gave a very good account of ourselves in the scoring end of the business.

Goals by Trevor McMahon, Killian O'Connor, Ruari Wederfort and Thomas Geraghty made up our healthy looking total. The concession of four goals is not a reflection on a poor home defence but an indication of the strength of the visitors forward line. Keeper Davitt O'Neill could not be faulted for any of the goals and with Andy Madden and Colm Cahill in top form the Beach Park side were made to work very hard indeed to reap such a healthy tally.



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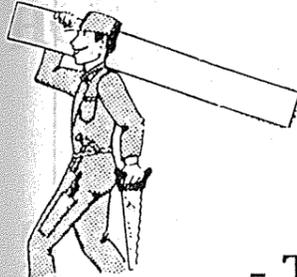
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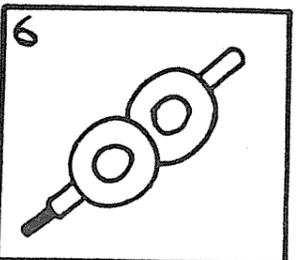
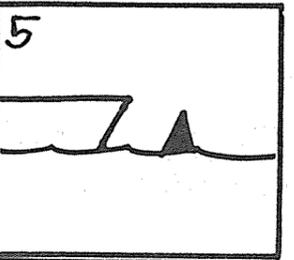
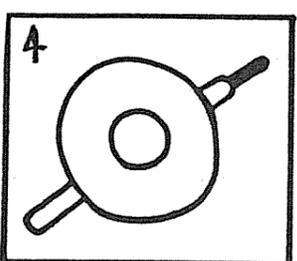
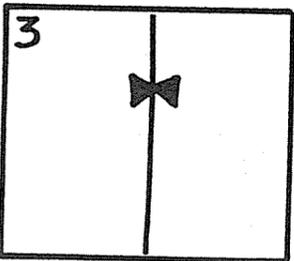
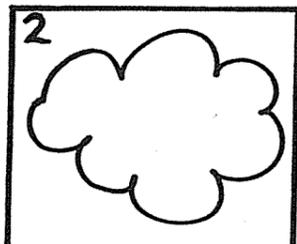
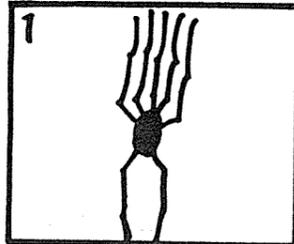


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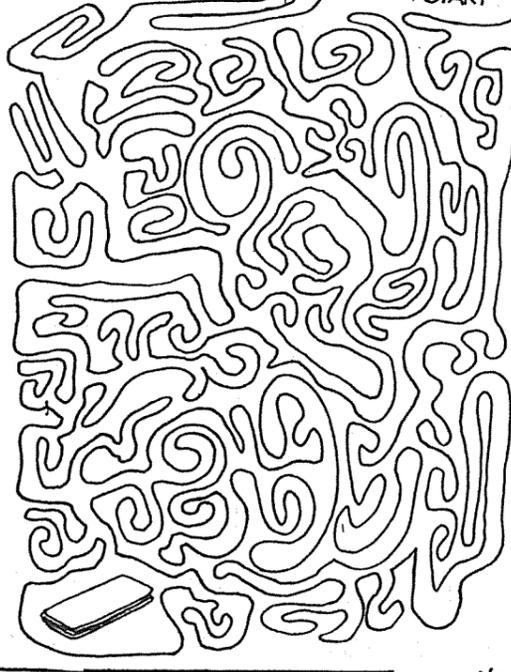
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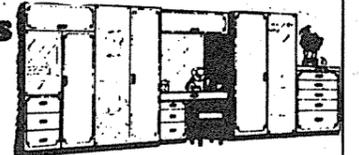
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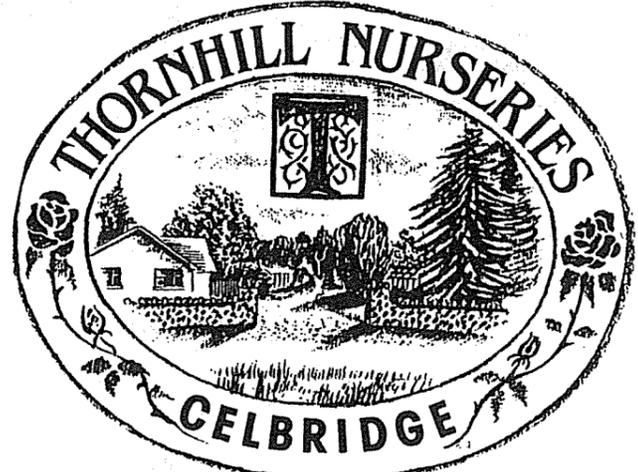
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Happy birthday Gemma on May 8th. Lots of love Dad, mam, Lynda and Paul.

Happy 5th birthday Morgan on May 31st, from Peadar, May, Gemma, Lynda and Paul.

Belated happy birthday to Suzy Harpur who is 17 on the 25th of April from Claire, Hazel, Rita, family and friends.

To Martin Farrell, happy birthday from Helena.

To all class 5 have a great Easter from Helena Muldoon.

Belated birthday greetings to Bernadete Tobin, Main Street, April 28. Love from Karen.

Belated birthday greetings to Rachel Cassidy Jnr., Rail Park, April 12th and to Rachel's mammy, April 4th. Best wishes from all the family.

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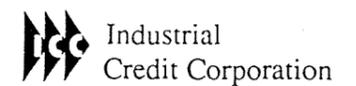


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