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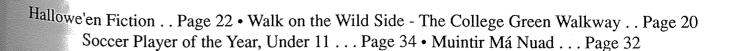
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#### Editorial

#### **Praise for County Council!**

The Newsletter believes in highlighting problems, and pointing fingers at those responsible. But it also believes in giving praise where it is due. So take a bow, Kildare County Council. The new road works related to the motorway, and the upgrading of the Straffan Road have been of some concern to residents over the last few years. With the co-operation of the County Council, the Community Council and Residents Associations directly affected by the works have met informally with Mr. Adrian King, Engineer, to discuss plans, express concerns, and make suggestions, before any final decisions are made. Details of the current proposals for upgrading the Straffan Road are outlined in this issue, and on balance, it looks like there will be a vast improvement, particularly with regard to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. There are still some concerns about the continuation of through traffic from the north coming through the Main Street, and it is essential that these are addressed sooner rather than later. However, we are glad to see that a start has been made in introducing real local democracy at last.

#### Hallow'een

As this issue coincides with Hallow'een, we would like to remind our readers, especially those with children to take care when lighting bonfires, and fireworks. It will be a busy night for the fire brigade, so don't make their work harder.

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Dear Editor.

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO WHOM IT CONCERNS

We are the parents of a 14 year old boy who has a "Port Wine Stain" birthmark. Following consultations with leading specialists, wherein we were told that no satisfactory treatment was, or is, available in this country, we contacted a self-help group, RED BLACK WHITE - an association of parents of birthmarked children in the U.K. who arranged for him to have the first (of possibly three) treatments, free of charge, on Sunday 6/9/92 in the Bromsgrove Hospital, Worcestershire, England.

As a fund-raising venture, we organised a '60s dance in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip on Sunday 30/8/92 and it was a great night. The hotel generously supplied their ballroom free of charge and, while the largest concentration of ticket sales was in the Palmerstown area, (thanks to our good friend, Frances Walsh), our families and our Maynooth and Leixlip friends and neighbours were also extremely kind, generous and supportive. In Palmerstown, Luke Moriarity of Super-Valu, supplied 5 valuable prizes (including a magnificent 7 piece golf set). Shear Success, Hair stylists, donated a complimentary voucher while Kiely's Pharmacy supplied the sweet smell of success with scented soaps. (Guinness made sure we stayed cool with a very welcome crate of Smithwicks). Closer to home, the Leinster Arms and the Roost entered into the spirit of things with several bottles of spirits while Phil Brady contributed financially. Quinnsworth gave a bottle of wine, Donovans, a box of sweets and Greenfields Supermarket, two boxes of biscuits.

Between the ticket sales, the raffle and a generous donation of £100.00 from Crown/Berger Paints Ltd., we raised £1085.00 from which we were able to meet the cost of the initial return plane fares to Birmingham for Richard and myself. As my relations in Coventry accommodated us during our visit (thus reducing expenses to a bare minimum) we were also able to give a donation of £500.00 Sterling (at the time equal to £541.00 Irish) directly to the charity. Aer Lingus Commuter Ltd. have, in the meantime, generously undertaken to supply our son's remaining flights, in relation to this course of treatment, free of charge. Now, while all of this was going on, the Star Newspaper's medical correspondent, Rory Hafford, was working on a similar project for another young victim of this disfiguring condition, and we, more or less, joined forces. As a result, an arrangement now exists between the Bromsgrove Clinic, The Star Newspaper and the Red Black White charity, which will enable any young (under 18) victim of this disfiguring condition to avail of the latest "pulse dye laser" treatment in the sumptuous Bromsgrove Clinic, free of charge and to have their flights provided - also free

I will be happy to pass on any information to any interested party about the charity (or, indeed, the treatment) if they care to contact me at the above address. In the meantime, to all concerned, on behalf of my son, my family and myself, may I offer my heartfelt thanks for all of your support and for helping to bring about this unbelievable result.

Your grateful neighbour, Al Brady. 59 Maynooth Park.

#### Proposals for improvements on Straffan Road

The following is a letter from Maynooth Community Council to Kildare County Council.

Re: Straffan Road Re-alignment

Dear Manager

Maynooth Community Council would like to make the following recommendations in relation to the design of this project. First of all we would like to thank most sincerely Kildare County Council official Adrian King for his informal presentation of the plans in our office on Tuesday night 6th October.

#### Our Recommendations:-

- 1. The road should be walled on both sides over it's complete length. The wall should be similar to the existing wall at the Harbour Field and Coonans Field. This would provide a continuity between the town and the new estates. It should be  $4^{1}/2^{1}$ thigh with masonry on the outside facing the road and block work on the inside. Shrubs and trees should be planted on the inside where appropriate. The only breaks in the wall should be at road junctions.
- 2. As it is probably not possible to continue the cycle path into the Square on the left hand side because of the bus turntable, cyclists to the town should be directed down by the canal at the Ball Alley where they would come onto the Main Street again at the Garda Station.

There should be no reason for the outward cycle lane not being continuous from the Courthouse Square.

- 3. There should be a pedestrian 'refuge' between the Crescent and Greenfield Shopping Centre to facilitate the residents of the Crescent.
- 4. Likewise there should be a pedestrian 'refuge' at Rail Park Estate entrance.
- 5. It is presently proposed to replace the Ball Alley block wall with a reinforced retaining wall and to reinstate the floor. In order to play handball it is essential that there is a consistency in the wall surfaces. We are therefore requesting that all four walls be surfaced similarly. This Alley produced two All Ireland champions.
- 6. The traffic congestion on the Main Street is very serious at present. It is our view that the splitting of the Straffan Road is a contributory factor. We are therefore proposing that the Straffan Road should join Main Street at **ONE** traffic light controlled point (with pedestrian phase). In order to retain the character of the Square this road should not be central. The public toilet building will have to be removed to cater for this improved traffic flow. Please note that we don't want any replacement public toilets in Maynooth.

It is our view that Floods side would be the most appropriate side for the road. While it will be necessary to leave adequate space for off-loading at Brady's Pub, it should still be possible to have enough space for an appropriate small structure for the Square. 7. There are not enough car parking spaces in the Town. Now is the opportunity to buy enough of Coonans Field to provide car parking for the population growth and to cater for the expected significant increase in tourists.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Kildare County Council on producing such a fine plan and in particular for giving us an opportunity to view them prior to their approval.

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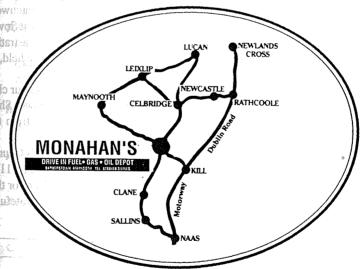
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#### Community Council Notes

#### Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At our October meeting details were heard over meetings held and correspondence received about the Geraldine Hall. Ongoing discussions between the owner Mr. Nall Kane, Trustees of Geraldine Hall, Maynooth Development Association, Maynooth Community Council and Planning & Development Committee will result in a new lease being drawn up for the Geraldine Hall. Also at this meeting Eileen Dunne was elected as Secretary to the group and Lynn Whitaker as minutes secretary.

We received an invitation from Adrian King, Project Manager, Straffan Road Development to view plans in the Community Council office.

We are also working on plans for usage of the Geraldine Hall and also our input into the Development Plan for County Kildare. If anyone would like to comment or become involved with The Planning & Development Committee please contact Eileen Dunne at Maynooth Community Council office.

R. Farrell P.R.O.

#### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

We are greatly encouraged by the Editorial in the October *Newsletter* and other comments. We expect the long awaited FAS - Social Employment Scheme which is being administered by Tidy Towns on behalf of The Planning & Development Committee to be up and running by the 1st November 1992. We ourselves will be launching an appeal for financial support to

Maynooths businesses in the next few weeks.

We will also be contacting Kildare County Council for their help in making Maynooth a Tidy Town for 1993.

R. Farrell
P.R.O./Secretary



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A grading examination of Maynooth Students will take place on November 4th.

On November 11th, the school will then be commencing beginners classes for both young and not-so-young. There is a lower age limit of 12 years, but no upper age limit.

Classes will incorporate a good deal of physical training, coupled with a balance of traditional Martial Arts Training and basic self-defence, unfortunately so necessary in todays society.

The Instructors and students of Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School would like to extend a big thanks to the Maynooth Community Council for its tremendous help and support for its ongoing activities.

#### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Our A.G.M. will take place on October 20th, after this item goes to print. A report of the meeting and a list of the new committee members will be published next month.

On November 17th Imelda Desmond and Felicity Satchwell, both members of our club and both very highly acclaimed flower arrangers nationally and internationally, will give a demonstration entitled "Christmas Gifts". The demonstration will be held, as usual, in the S.V.D. Hall at 8.00p.m.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our club member, Joan Weld Moore on the opening of her Flower Shop in Clane 'Country Blossoms'. We send best wishes from the Club.

The club will be holding a Flower Festival in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, to coincide with the Carol Service on December 11th. The purpose is to raise money for the Restoration Fund for this historic Church. All help and donations will be gratefully received.

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#### **CREDIT UNION NOTES**

In last months issue a slight error was made on my behalf concerning an article on Interest on a Credit Union Loan.

The article should have read, "By law a credit union may charge not more than 1% per month on the unpaid balance of the loan. This represents a cost of about £6.50 on a loan of £100 repaid in 12 equal monthly instalments". Sorry if this piece caused any confusion.

Interest is charged only on the loan balance outstanding. If you repay a loan in a shorter time the cost is even less.

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Maynooth Credit Union held an Open Day on the 15th of October. This proved to be very successful with a steady stream of callers all day. Refreshments were served during the day. Plants and flowers were supplied by Katies Florists.

May Haren.

### MAYNOOTH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

#### **Know Your Rights**

**Question:** I am presently unemployed and will shortly be going onto Unemployment Assistance. My wife works part-time as a home help with the Health Board. What effect would this have on my assistance?

**Answer:** Since the Social Welfare Act 1991 came into effect, earnings from casual employment as a Home Help on behalf of a Health Board are disregarded in the means-test.

However, if your wife earns £55 or over per week she will not be regarded as your dependant and in this event you would only be paid you own personal rate plus half rate for your child dependants.

Generally, this would not arise as Home Helps usually don't earn that much but it could arise if they were dealing with a difficult case and their hours were extended. So, ideally, they should keep their earnings below £55 per week.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public, Telephone 6285477, address, Main Street, Maynooth.

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#### MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The monthly meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held on Thursday 1st October at 8 o'clock. Our president Imelda Delaney was in the chair and welcomed all the members.

Our guest speaker this month (October) was Christopher Daly and his two assistants from Wigoders. They gave us a very informative talk on the art of wallpapering and home decorating. Norah McDermott gave us a very detailed report on the Federation Meeting which was held in Rathangan on the 29th September. The recent I.C.A. trip to Belgium and Holland was a great success and was enjoyed by all who went. Bernadette Duffy filled us in on all the interesting features of both countries, their museum visits and style of shopping.

This months raffle winners were 1st Viva Kearns, 2nd Bernadette Duffy and 3rd Joan Grant.

Next months meeting will be held on Thursday 5th November and the competition is for the heaviest cooking apple.

As usual crafts are on Mondays at 8 o'clock. Badminton on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Parish Hall and Drama on Wednesday mornings at 11 o'clock in I.C.A. Hall.

Please note all past and present members - our 40th Anniversary on Friday 6th November in Divine Word Hall, an excellent meal is guaranteed by Peter O'Brien Catering Co. followed by dancing to the music of the 'Partners'. Tickets available from members

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#### MAYNOOTH CASTLE COMMITTEE

The Castle Restoration Committee is currently co-ordinating a number of activities as part of the overall Restoration Project. Firstly, now that much of the survey work has been carried out by students of the Department of Surveying and Architecture in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, their findings are to be displayed, featuring a model of the Castle. This display will be in conjunction with a Seminar on the Restoration of Maynooth Castle. The Seminar will be open to all and will set out to illustrate the options, problems and possible solutions which apply to Maynooth Castle, based on experience with other projects. Open discussion on the design brief for the castle restoration will be encouraged. The Seminar will take place in November and details will be published by the Committee in due course.

Secondly, a new S.E.S. programme has been approved by FAS for the purposes of researching and developing the uses of the restored Castle. This team is now based in premises kindly provided by Maynooth Post Primary School and is already undertaking a study of the local life and customs of the Castle in its earliest days (the 12th Century). Any revelant newspaper cuttings or artifacts would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, the Committee are setting up a group to be known as the Friends of Maynooth Castle. It is intended that the 'Friends' will provide the facility for keeping the many supporters of the Castle Restoration Project fully informed of developments while also giving practical assistance whenever possible. Initially the Committee will be approaching the many Maynooth organisations and clubs in this regard; anyone wishing to know more immediately can ring the Secretary at 6289239.

Eamonn McCann P.R.O.

#### **OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE**

Our September meeting held on the 2nd of September was adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Rita O'Reilly R.I.P. Rita was one of our founder members and gave a long and faithful service to the organisation through the years. She was a committed dedicated member, reliable and consistent in every task undertaken. Her gentleness and quiet wisdom will be very much missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to all her family.

The morning sessions - Tuesdays and Thursdays have resumed since September 8th in the I.C.A. Hall. We would welcome new members on those mornings. No previous contact is required. Our Halloween party takes place in the S.V.D. Hostel beginning with Mass at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday November 1st.

Later on in the month the Committee will hold its Annual Sale of Work on Sunday November 22nd at 3 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. Members of our committee will be calling around to each area, collecting for the Sale of Work in due course. Each member has been issued with an I.D. card and will produce it on request. Tickets for our monster raffle will be on sale from the members and at the Supermarket in November.

P.R.O.

### THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION CONVENT

The A.G.M. was held in the Girls National School on September 29th. Sgt. John O'Malley was invited to give a talk on drugs, with special emphasis on their availability to schoolgoing children. The talk was very informative. The attendance was up on previous years, and we hope to have even a greater attendance next year. Fundraising is ongoing and in the next few weeks, children will be bringing home envelopes for the annual subscriptions. Your support is badly needed and appreciated. A new committee was also elected; Lila Flynn (Chairperson), Moira Baxter (Sec), Anna Stainsby (Ass. Sec.), Helen O'Brien (Treasurer), Denise Riordan (Ass. Treasurer), Sheila Hawthome (P.R.O.). Other members: Jim Kelly, Philip Dix, Margaret McLoughlin, Olive Flood, Ann Howley, Mary Corbally, Geraldine Tobin and Ann Gallagher.

Sheila Hawthorne P.R.O.



Fund Raising: £50 for Somalia being presented to Sr. Aquinas by Brid Ann O'Shea and Sharon McLoughlin. The two girls helped by Sharon's brother, Joseph, who organised a raffle to raise the funds. Well done to all!

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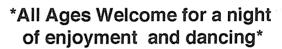
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#### Fashion Show/Selection Miss Royal Canal

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Once again we are privileged to have the services of the fabulous Christy Walsh of C.K.R. Radio as master of ceremonies with fashion commentary by the genial Joan-Howard-Williams. As usual there will be prizes for the best dressed Lady and Gent on the evening as well as a raffle for top class prizes. The proceedings will be followed by a Disco with the ever popular Gene Kelly (I wonder can he dance) Disco Road Show.

Many of the local business houses are putting in contestants for Miss Royal Canal so it looks like being a very close contest indeed. Tickets for the show will be shortly available from any committee member and people are advised to book early. Last year it became necessary to turn people away so please get your tickets in good time.

#### Works Update

Phase I at both Maynooth and Carton Harbours is now complete. It is hoped to commence phase 2 at Maynooth Harbour shortly. This will consist of work on both banks, the building of a wall, and remedial work on existing walls.

#### Winter Safety

With the advent of the colder weather your committee again ask for caution to be exercised in the vicinity of the Canal. It can be quite easy to slip on a frosty bank resulting in injury or at least a very cool "bath" so please take the usual safety precautions. **Wild Life** 

Swan lovers probably wondered why our swan family had only one cygnet this year. The committee thought that it might have been because they were adjusting to living on the refurbished island. We were however horrified to discover that the nest had been plundered. Yes plundered! A person or persons unknown went to the trouble of getting out to the island to steal the eggs from the nest. The eggs were then smashed, the remains of which were found close to the Harbour. One can only condemn such actions in the strongest possible terms and hope that common sense will prevail and that there will be no recurrence.

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Monday the 5th October saw the return of the masses to the college, and once again as classes began the campus became alive with many broad stories about summer events, and the trials and tribulations of the working world.

As First Years busily began to decide what to study, the Students' Union was humming with a function each night. The highlights of the week ranged from the Freshers Ball on Tuesday, to the "Exotericks" who were supported by the "Mary Janes".

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Geraldine Delaney President.

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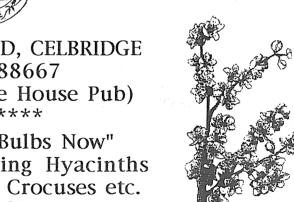
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#### YOUTH AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE

As you may have gathered from the last *Newsletter* there is an aim at the present to revive this sub-committee. There is a strong need in my opinion to look at the needs of young people in Maynooth as to whether they are being met or not. The initial stage of this process is to bring together representatives from each organization in Maynooth which is involved with young people in some way so as to see which needs are being met and which are not. It would be hoped from this process that we would be able to re-establish a youth club in Maynooth. Within this process, also, I feel that the young people of Maynooth should have a say in what their needs are. A way to facilitate this is that of having young people air their opinions in writing to the Community Council Office as their opinions are probably the most important of all.

A letter will be sent to each organization involved with young people within the next two weeks. It is most possible that we will miss out on some such organizations so please inform the Community Council Office if this be so. As far as the interests of young people go get your pens to paper now and let your voice be heard. Please address any queries you may have to the Youth Affairs Sub-Committee at the Community Council Office.

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## GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

#### Thank you

We thank our residents who helped to keep our estate tidy and the grass kerbs cut during the Spring and Summer. This was noticed by the judges in The Bord Failte Tidy Towns report.

We thank those who helped on our Bank Holiday clean up. We thank our members who paid their annual subscription. This subscription goes for care, fuel, upkeep and insurance for associated equipment. If we missed you, you can send annual subscription to 11, Greenfield Drive.

#### Straffan Road Improvement Scheme

Over the past few months, a committee representing the following areas was formed, The Crescent, Kingsbry, Carton Court, Railpark and ourselves following a number of meetings and representations to Kildare County Council. Proposals from Kildare County Council were outlined to above committee for Straffan Road by Mr. Adrian King, Project Manager for the development. These proposals were circulated to each household in our estate. Also a special meeting was held with the residents of Straffan Way to outline the proposals by Greenfield Estate Residents committee.

Items for discussion by the Residents Association committee should be forwarded to the Secretary by the 1st Monday of the month,

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

#### KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our Sport's Day which was held in August was a great success. We wish to thank everyone who helped, especially the committee members who put a lot of time and effort into making the day a success. We would also like to thank: Sean Donovan, Gerry Mulcahy, Tom Geraghty and The Sports Locker.

At the moment we are organising our next big event of the year, the Children's Christmas Party.

We would like to say Goodbye and Thank You to our chairperson Brid Anglin who has recently moved from Maynooth.

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#### LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our open meeting for all residents on Thursday 8th of October was a busy but productive one. It was disappointing to note that we are not getting as full an attendance as we would like in order that we can represent the feeling of all our neighbours. Perhaps future meetings will improve this situation. We expect to have organised for Christmas a night out for all our members and to also include some sort of outing for the younger residents. By the time of going to press we should complete the last big clean-up of the area to leave things in good shape for next years efforts. Our Neighbourhood Watch scheme is still in action and we will have boosted this with a meeting with our Garda liaison officer during October. There would appear to be no news for us in relation to plans for diverting the heavy traffic off our roads and the situation in relation to traffic ignoring the 'no-entry' signs on the lanes would appear unchanged. Further investigation of both these matters is in hand. Finally, belated congratulations to Joe and Kathleen Murphy, Leinster Cottages who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tony Bean Secretary

## RAILPARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

#### Straffan Road Improvement Report on meeting with Project Engineer

In conjunction with representatives of other residents groups, the undersigned, on behalf of Railpark Residents Association, met with Adrian King, Project Engineer for the Straffan Road Improvement Scheme, on Friday, October 2nd. We thank Ciaran Hassett, of Carton Court, for arranging this meeting, the purpose of which was to present the County Council's draft proposals for the improvement scheme and to hear local views on the scheme. The main points of the draft proposals are as follows:

- (1) The improved road will incorporate a widened carriageway, separated cycle ways on both sides and footpaths (3 metres in width) on both sides. The total width, including roadway, cycle ways and footpaths, will be 17.5 metres, compared with the current width of the existing roadway (without footpaths) of 6 metres. This means that, where an existing footpath does not already exist, approximately 6 metres will be acquired on both sides of the existing road.
- (2) Traffic signals will be installed at the junction with the Main Street at the Town Square. Detailed proposals for traffic management in the Square have yet to be finalised.
- (3) A new carriageway will be built immediately to the east (i.e. Dublin side) of the existing road leading from the Square to the bridge at the railway station (Mullen Bridge). A new bridge will be built adjacent to the existing bridge to carry this new carriageway. The new bridge will be merged with the existing bridge to make it appear as a single structure. When the new carriageway is completed, the existing roadway leading from the Square will be submerged under a graded embankment. The Harbour Field wall will be retained. A bus turning point for the 67A bus will be installed on the bridge side of Manor Court. This means that this bus will no longer have to turn and park in the Square.

- (4) The existing Mullen Bridge will form part of the access road to the Station. This means that traffic entering the new carriage way will not have to do so from a sharp incline. There will be right and left turning lanes at the junction between the access road and the new bridge. A separate footpath will be constructed beside the access road. The existing plans do not provide for traffic lights at the junction of the access road and the new bridge. However, we pointed out that large numbers of pedestrians coming from Railpark, Rockfield and other future developments in the Old Railpark area would be seeking to cross the road at this point and urged that pedestrian lights, with a yellow box junction, be installed there. The engineer undertook to give this serious consideration.
- (5) The access pathway to the Canal Harbour and Harbour Field from Mullen Bridge is to be restructured in order to provide a less steep incline. This will involve relocating the entrance to the ball alley and rebuilding part of the canal wall.
- (6) Road widening means that the existing hedgerow between Rail Park and the main road will be lost.
- (7) Traffic lights are to be installed at the Celbridge Road junction. These will incorporate a pedestrian phase. The junction will be reconstructed so that the two roads will meet at right angles. If there is a problem with drivers going through Railpark to avoid the lights, one of the entrances to Railpark may have to be closed (which one would have to be agreed by Railpark residents).
- (8) The proposals provide for pedestrian lights at the entrance to Kingsbry to facilitate access to the bus stop near there and to restrain traffic speed. However, the residents groups were of the opinion that the pedestrian lights would be better located at the entrance to Greenfield Shopping Centre and that the bus stop should be moved to this location. The engineer undertook to give this serious consideration.
- (9) The entrance to the Crescent opposite the entrance to Greenfield Shopping Centre is to be closed off.
- (10) All the residents groups have been seeking high walls along the new road to prevent easy access onto the road by young children. The engineer was opposed to high walls on aesthetic grounds and suggested that walls of about 1.5 metres in height, with hedging and trees on the inside, would suffice. The residents groups expressed concern about the situation before the hedges and trees would mature. Stone facing at least on the side of the wall facing the new road was also sought. Detailed plans for these walls have not yet been drawn up.
- (11) A turning point for the 66 bus is to be installed just beyond Carton Court.
- (12) The overpass currently being built over the by-pass road will be completed by the end of 1992 and traffic will then be diverted onto it.
- (13) It transpires that the proposed road linking the Newtown area with the new road at the rear of Kingsbry is not an integral part of the road improvement scheme. The residents groups emphasised the necessity of completing this link road before the by-pass is finished.
- (14) The by-pass is scheduled for completion in early 1995.

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#### CLUAIN AOIBHINN/COLLEGE GREEN **WALKWAY**

For many years the problem of access from Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green to the Greenfields estates has remained unresolved. The layout of these estates is such that College Green is built behind Cluain Aoibhinn and is only accessible through this estate. As there is no through road, a public walkway was provided for in the plans of College Green to allow access for the two estates to the nearby Greenfield estates. Originally this walkway was seldom used as it only led into a field. Most pedestrians used a gap in the hedge at the end of College Green as a more convenient alternative. However, years later the estate of Beaufield was built where the field once was and the official walkway became vitally important for access between the estates. Rather than climbing through a hedge pedestrians were provided with a relatively clean and safe alternative in the official walkway. Therefore many more people began using the access.

#### **Barrier Constructed**

The problems began when someone erected a large metal barrier across the official walkway. At the time this occured it was widely known that the residents of College Green strongly disapproved of the traffic through the walkway but no individual has claimed responsibility for this action. Although many pedestrians were annoyed at this barrier they silently reverted to using the gap in the hedge. This muddy, slippery gap was in no way the ideal solution but it was sufficient to pacify pedestrians. In the past year certain residents of College Green have taken it upon themselves to barricade this remaining access also. The reason given is that their children could stray through this gap. Therefore, many pedestrians are pressing to have the official access reopened.

#### **Shopkeepers Complain**

It may seem that this is a petty gripe of a handful of cantankerous residents with nothing better to do than complain but it is not so. The establishment of a small shopping centre in Beaufield has made the need for access vital for many residents. People who do not own cars rely on Connaughtons mini-market and Alan Harte butchers for their daily requirements. The more difficult it is to reach the shops, the more tempting it is for customers to simply travel into the town instead. The shopkeepers have noticed the effect that the lack of access has had on the amount of business they do. Brian Connaughton, owner of the minimarket, commented that "it has a detrimental effect on business and probably resulting in the reason that three units (of the shopping centre) are still left idle". Alan Harte butchers and Video Nites also reported an effect on Mr. Connaughton and his fellow shopkeepers have a strong case for complaint as it was a condition of planning of their shops that an access from the estates of Cluain Aoibhinn/College Green would be available. They have complained to Mr. Chris Marshall of Kildare County Council but he claims that the County Council has no jurisdiction in Beaufield as they have not taken on the estate yet. The County Council has also said that they will not do so until the problem of access is resolved. Therefore the estate of Beaufield is still in the charge of Lark Developments, the company that built both the houses and the shopping centre. When Lark Developments were tackled on this issue they repeatedly said that they were looking into the situation but to date they have done nothing to resolve the problem.

#### Problems with reopening

Supposedly, the barricade cannot be simply taken down due to pressure from the adjoining neighbours in College Green and Beaufield. These people have all agreed that they would he opposed to the opening of the official access without improvements being made. Deirdre Raleigh lives next to this access on the College Green side. She claims that she "wouldn't ha opposed to the opening of the gate provided there were proper paths and walls". According to Mrs. Raleigh, she had no privacy with the access open in its present condition and her garden shed was also looted. Her neighbour on the other side of the access. Rose Breheny, was of similar opinion and also suggested that the access be concreted and properly lit. The residents on the Beaufield side of the access have more daunting problems with the current condition. Frank Thornton lives beside the access on the Beaufield side. His principal problem is that if the accessis reopened he will have to have a wall built as the side of his house is totally exposed however, the County Council have informed him that if he wants a wall, it will have to be on his properly Unfortunately, the space at the side of his house has been cut short, and an extension of the wall would literally leave him with approximately eighteen inches at the side of his house as access. to his back garden. Obviously, this is not a viable option and again the onus falls to Lark Developments to correct this flaw as they built the house and are still legally responsible for it.

#### 'Pass The Buck'

This raises the question of who is ultimately responsible for the condition of the access. Kildare County Council would be within their power to remove the gate from the College Green side as they have taken on this estate. In fact, they have a duty to do so as it is in the estate's plans. However, the consensus in College Green is that they would rather see all accesses closed and remain an isolated cul-de-sac. The reopening of a new and improved access would cost the Council both time, money and conflict with the residents. Therefore they seem quite happy to 'pass the buck' to Lark Developments.

Lark Developments also have responsibility insofar as they guaranteed the shopkeepers an open access in the plans. The access cannot rightly be opened until they resolve Mr. Thornton's problem and yet they seem unwilling to do so. Clearly, it is the duty of Lark Developments to ensure that they comply with their terms of agreement with the shopkeepers. The only solution would seem to be that Kildare County Council and Lark Developments enter a joint project to rectify the mistakes in their respective estates. It would seem to be the only way to satisfy all parties. Many people have praised the access from Meadowbrook into Kingsbry and have suggested a similar construction for the College Green/Beaufield access.

#### **Trouble Continues**

Meanwhile, determined pedestrians continue to trek through the gap in the hedge at the end of College Green. The residents continue their attempts to deter pedestrians by filling the small gap with mown grass, branches and on one occasion, a dead cal! Some residents have turned almost militant about the traffic through the gap and have been known to abuse people who are trying to get through. One such victim of their hostility was Sandy Nolan, a resident of Cluain Aoibhinn. As she had no car at the time, she had to rely on Connaughtons mini-market for her shopping. As the 'long way' is twice the distance, Mrs. Nolan had to take the shortcut as she was laden with shopping. As she was struggling through the gap several residents of College

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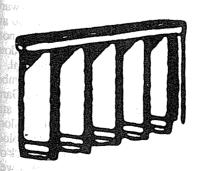
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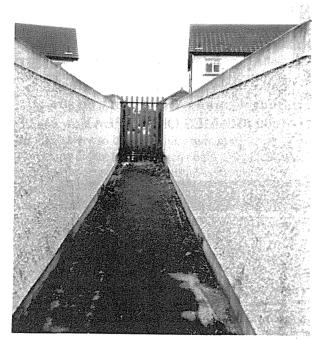


#### Residents' Associations

Green gathered at the other side and began to threaten the police on her and hurled other abuse at her. All she wanted to do was get home.

#### A Possible Solution

The residents claim that they are concerned for their children's safety. There seems to be much concern about the proposed link road to the motorway as it is scheduled to pass near the gap in the hedge. In the future, children straying through the gap, and then onto the link road, would be in serious danger. These residents should realise that no amount of blockage will deter the people determined to get through. If they rallied for the suggested improvements on the official access, and helped reopen it, they would soon find that nobody would be breaking through the hedge and causing a potential danger to their children as it would no longer be necessary. The residents and pedestrians should not be in conflict with each other because this will not solve the problem. The only solution is to force Lark Developments and Kildare County Council to live up to their responsibilities. If, and when, this happens the problem will vanish of its own accord.



Cluain Aoibhinn/College Green Walkway

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#### Blood!

It was blood. Every few seconds a drop plopped on the pillow beside my head and immediately above me on the ceiling was a dark red stain the size of a hand. At first I thought it might be a leak in the roof and the water had picked up some dye from insulation material in the attic. But this was blood. Sitting up, I caught a drop in my hand. It had the thick consistency and dark red colour of spilt blood. I just stopped myself from tasting it didn't need to - I knew. Here, on a Tuesday morning in an ordinary Maynooth housing estate, blood was dripping through my bedroom ceiling. Turning round I saw with horror that the pillow was a soggy red mess. I had been sleeping in a pool of blood. Running my hands through my hair I shuddered as I feli it caked and matted with congealing blood. Now my hands and lower arms were smeared with blood, someone or something's blood. I scrambled from the bed feeling nauseous with revulsion Staggering to the bathroom I scrubbed myself clean under a steaming shower. As I dried off I became convinced that this was an ordinary morning and I had just experienced an incredibly realistic nightmare.

Pulling on a dressingown I tip-toed back to the bedroom but even before I reached the door I could hear the dull, rhythmic plop. Without entering the room I peered round the door. All appeared normal - some books scattered on the floor, clothes thrown carelessly across the back of a chair. But there was the dark red stain on the ceiling, the single red drop falling, always falling, and the red mess on the bed where five minutes earlier I had been asleep.

What could be above my ceiling? Perhaps an injured bird had somehow blundered into the attic. But the volume of blood that had dripped onto the bed suggested something much larger. Driven by a combination of panic and curiosity I decided to get a ladder from the garage and climb into the attic. The exertion involved in dragging the ladder upstairs and searching about for a torch partly dispelled the fear and revulsion I had felt earlier. There must be a rational explanation for such a strange event. Pushing back the cover of the attic entrance all seemed quiet. I clambered into the dark, cold air of the attic and switched on the torch. At first, as I scanned one end of the attic, I saw nothing untoward - an old guitar and some long forgotten boxes of books and old clothes. As I turned around the light of the torch caught a flash of metal. Still standing just above the attic entrance I strained forward. I focused the torch. The beam of light picked out a man in a white shirt lying on his back on the attic floor, his pale face with staring eyes looked towards me, a kitchen knife with a black handle plunged into his chest. I stepped backwards in shock, almost falling down through the attic entrance and cracking my head off one of the roof supports. This was not a nightmare. The stinging pain and the trickle of blood running down behind my ear convinced me that all of this was horribly real.

A sword of fear ran through me. With shaking legs I climbed down from the attic. My first instinct was to call the Garda station. But what would I say? There's a dead man in my attic with a kitchen knife through his chest. I don't know him. I don't know how he got there. I heard nothing. The dripping of his blood on my pillow woke me in the morning. First I needed to check out if someone or some thing had broken into the house. I went downstairs and moving from room to room soon confirmed that all the windows and doors were secure. So how could I explain away this body, this man who materialised in my attic and poured his life blood through my ceiling? I sat in the kitchen and attempted to control the waves of panic and incomprehension that swept through my head. And then a strange thought struck me - I'm going to be late for work. I'd already missed the train.

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I decided to call in sick. I phoned and mumbled something about a touch of food-poisoning to the secretary. As I put down the phone I realised that I had embarked on the course of action of a guilty man. I'd failed to call the police and I'd lied about my absence from work. For quite some time I sat in the kitchen. I felt that if I sat there long enough and then went back upstairs that everything would be normal. The sun was shining in the back garden and the neighbour's cat was prowling around in the flowerbed, waiting to pounce on an unsuspecting thrush as it hopped about the lawn listening for worms.

Eventually I climbed back into the attic. His eyes stared at me. His face bore a puzzled expression as if he were just as perplexed as I was as to how he found himself bleeding to death in my attic. I moved closer and with a shock realised that I recognised him. I'd seen him shopping with his wife in the supermarket on Friday evenings; he travelled occasionally on the 8.05 train from Maynooth to Connolly. I'd never spoken to him but, having overheard him talking with other passengers on the train. I knew his name was Paul. He was about 45 with a narrow face and longish greying hair which, even now, seemed carefully combed to disguise a large bald patch on the crown of his head. Normally he wore horn-rimmed glasses but these were missing. Next I noticed that the kitchen knife planted in his chest was identical to one of a set I had in my own kitchen. I dared not touch it. Later I confirmed that the largest in my set of kitchen knives was missing - or at least it wasn't in the drawer with the others.

In the hours that followed an icy calm seemed to possess me. There were practical problems to solve. This nightmare must be flushed away so that tomorrow all this horror could be forgotten. First, without removing the knife from the body, I cleaned the handle to remove any of my fingerprints that might be on it. During the day I lit a fire, cut the bloodied bedclothes and pillow into strips and burned them. All the time I considered how best to dispose of the body. In the evening I cut up some black, plastic refuse sacks and used them to parcel up the body. Manoeuvring it out of the attic proved difficult as by this time rigor mortis had set in. By midnight I had dragged the body downstairs and later, in the dead of night, I dumped it along the site of the bypass out on the Rathcoffey Road.

During the following week the newspapers gave extensive coverage to the murder hunt. Paul Shanley, a civil servant, was a quiet family man with no known enemies. The Gardai were not following any definite lines of enquiry. I repainted my bedroom ceiling.

And then this morning it happened again. I awoke to the plop, plop of blood on my pillow and above me on the ceiling was a dark red stain the size of a hand.....

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#### GARDA TALK

Garda Michael Dillane retired from the Garda Siochana on 16th October, and a large number of people attended Westmanstown Garda Leisure Centre for a special presentation Dinner Dance to mark the occasion. Speakers included Fr. Supple, Sergeant Canny and Superintendent Walsh from Naas. Garda Kearney was Master of ceremonies. All present heard many tributes to Michael for his dedicated and loyal service. A number of presentations were made including Galway Crystal from the Garda Representative Association and Cavan Crystal from the people of Maynooth. Michael's colleagues from the station would like to wish him well in his retirement and hope that he will continue his friendship and contact with us.

To a fine colleague and friend......Thank You

#### Halloween

We ask all parents to ensure that they know the whereabouts of their children (small and not so small) on Halloween night. Unfortunately many people suffer at the hands of pranksters and sometimes the jokes are not so funny. Fireworks and bangers are illegal and dangerous. We encourage parents to organise events and ensure that they are properly supervised. Play your part in minimising annoyance. The Garda expect that all nocturnal activities (including bonfires) to terminate at a reasonable hour, but certainly not later than 10p.m.

We appeal for your support and co-operation in this area.

#### Advice on Bicycle Security

Every year, an increasingly large number of bicycles are lost or stolen causing great personal inconvenience and financial loss to their owners. A considerable amount of Garda time is taken up trying to trace the owners of bicycles which have been found in the possession of criminals.

Proper identification of property is very important and you should be in a position to furnish a good description of your property to the Gardai in the event of theft or loss. You can now help in safeguarding your property thereby reducing the incidence of cycle thefts by taking the following simple precautions:-

- 1. When you purchase a bicycle you should insist on obtaining a receipt showing name and address of the seller/trader together with the make, model, colour and frame number of the machine. Retain this receipt for future reference.
- 2. Secure your bicycle while unattended by using a good quality locking device e.g. a hardened steel chain with a good security padlock.
- 3. Where possible, leave your bicycle inside a secure area or in a location which is supervised or in a busy area where it will be in the view of passersby.
- 4. Retain in a safe place a note of the make, frame number and any other identification number/secret mark on the frame which will enable you to positively identify your bicycle when recovered following theft or loss. Special bicycle marking days are organised at various Garda Stations under the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Enquire about this arrangement from your local Crime Prevention/Community Relations Sergeant. In case you have not already done so, please record TO-DAY particulars of your bicycle and keep these in a safe place.



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unemployed persons from participating in the Fire Service. This is being done by means testing the call out allowance paid to part-time firemen against receipt of Unemployment Assistance. This will effectively mean that part-time Firemen, who risk their lives on our behalf, will be effectively working for nothing. We could end up with no fire service in Maynooth if this decision is not reversed.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has sought to have this decision reversed in the Dail and the Minister has agreed under pressure to review his decision. Deputy Stagg has also tabled a motion for consideration at the next meeting of Kildare County Council condemning Minister McCreevy's decision to assess as means for receipt of Unemployment Assistance the allowance paid by the Council to part-time firemen in the County. We will keep you advised of progress on this matter.

#### Straffan Road Re-Alignment

Plans for the re-alignment of Straffan Road are currently with Kildare County Council for approval. The road is being improved from the Square to the Motorway junction in order to make it suitable for use as the Motorway Link Road.

The Road will be 10 Meters wide with a 1.75 Meter footpath, 1.5 Meter Cycle Path and .5 Meter grass verge on both sides giving an overall width of 17.5 Meters. It will be centred on the existing Straffan Way/Carton Court/Kingsbry Section i.e. extending 8.75 Meters on either side from the centre of the existing road. There will be a new bridge built to replace the existing Mullen Bridge. The road from the new bridge to the Square will be mostly in Coonan's field. The Harbour Field will not be touched. Access to the Tow Path will be greatly improved. There will be two bus turning points; one at Noone's and the other half way between the new bridge and the Square for the 67A Bus. There will be traffic lights at a straightened Celbridge Road Junction and at the Main Street Junction. The Kingsbry junction will have Pedestrian Lights and a yellow box. The Crescent will be Cul De Sacked at the southerly entrance. Plans for the Square have not yet been finalised. The Local Labour Branch through Deputy Emmet Stagg have requested the following adjustments to the Plan:

- (1) A decorative stone wall barrier similar to those at Harbour Field/Coonans Field should extend for the length of the road on both sides with shrubs and mature trees providing a screen on the inside. The height of the wall should not be overbearing.
- (2) A separate Cycle Path should veer left at Mullen Bridge and into the Harbour Area to provide an even safer route for cyclists heading toward the College/Schools/Harbour Area.
- (3) There should be a pedestrian refuge at the Crescent and in the area between Railpark and Greenfield Lane.
- (4) The Ball Alley should be restored.
- (5) In order to facilitate improved traffic flow in the Square "The Thing" should be demolished.
- (6) A Car Park should be provided in Coonan's Field adjacent to Larine House on the Straffan Road.
- (7) Pull in Bays for Dublin Bus should be included at the entrance to Greenfield Lane.

Deputy Stagg will be raising these matters at the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council.

## Closing Off Of Exit/Entrance To St. Laurence's Avenue On Celbridge Road.

The Maynooth Intersection on the By-Pass will be the main entry/exit point for commuters from Celbridge. The intention is that Celbridge commuters will be routed via the Maynooth/Celbridge Road and onto Straffan Road. Traffic Lights will be

put in place at the Celbridge/Straffan Road Junction. Because of this it is likely that motorists will use the exit/entrance to St. Laurences Avenue on Celbridge Road as a rat run to the Straffan Road thus avoiding the traffic lights at Straffan/Celbridge road Junction. To eliminate this danger the exit/entrance should be closed off. Local Branch members will be calling to homes in St. Laurences Avenue to facilitate residents in petitioning the Council to eliminate this potential dangerous hazard.

#### Convent Road/Dunboyne Road

No consideration has been given to the increased traffic and already existing problem with heavy trucks using Convent Road/Dunboyne Road in the Councils plans for improvements arising from the By-Pass. Deputy Stagg will continue to press to have funds provided to have the Blacklion Road upgraded so that it can take the traffic off Convent Road/Dunboyne Road.

#### Public Light out of Order Railpark

Following representations by Deputy Emmet Stagg the E.S.B. have been requested to repair the faulty Public Light outside 21 Railpark.

#### **Butterfly Week**

The Branch would like to thank all those who supported our recent collection on behalf of the Arthritis Foundation of Ireland. £1,050 was raised for the Foundation in Maynooth.

#### Directional Signpost Convent Road/Main Street

Arising from requests from Residents of the area Deputy Stagg has requested that the Council erect a Directional Signpost at the Junction of Convent Road and Main Street indicating the route to The West and Dunboyne. This follows a report that a number of motorists had inadvertently gone towards Dunboyne on their way to the West.

#### Surface at Bus Stop O'Neill Park

The surface of the pull in to the Bus Stop in front of O'Neill Park remains in a deplorable condition. Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the Council to have work carried out at this location. Extension to Laraghbryan Cemetery

At a recent meeting of Kildare County Council it was agreed on the proposal of Deputy Emmet Stagg to raise a loan of £230,000 to finance the cost of the extension to Laraghbryan Cemetery. The Loan will be used to Develope the Graveyard to accommodate 1,000 grave spaces with associated car parking, walls etc. Route 66

To date Bus Atha Cliath have not fulfilled their promise that all Route 66 buses would terminate at Straffan Road (near Noones). Deputy Stagg has recently been assured by the Managing Director of B.A.C. that all Route 66 buses will terminate on the Straffan Road in the near future. We will keep you advised of progress on this matter.

#### Rehousing

There are 33 applicants whose first preference for re-housing is in Maynooth. If you include 2nd & 3rd, preferences the number rises to 128. Council houses have not been built in Maynooth for some time now and Deputy Emmet Stagg has now requested the Council to convene a meeting of applicants for re-housing in the Maynooth area in order to examine the possibility of setting up a Housing Co-Op as allowed for under the Plan for Social Housing.

#### Youth & Sport Grants

Deputy Emmet Stagg has advised us that a recommendation has been made to make the following grants to clubs in Maynooth from Kildare V.E.C. Maynooth Summer Project £305, St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band £105, Maynooth Athletic Club £75, College Green A.F.C. £80.

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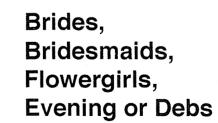
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#### DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

#### A matter of life and health.

Every year, 5,000 Irish women go to England to secure an abortion. Holding a referendum to allow this, while banning abortion in Ireland, is an act of moral and political cowardice. It also confines abortion to those who can afford to travel to England.

Ireland must face up to the reality of unwanted pregnancy. The lives and health of Irish women must be protected from those who would impose their religious and moral views on the rest of us.

Democratic Left believes that termination of pregnancy should be allowed in Ireland in the following circumstances:

- Where the life of the woman is seriously at risk
- Where it is certain that the foetus cannot survive the pregnancy
- Where the health (physical, psychological and emotional) of the woman is seriously at risk and the pregnancy has not advanced more than 16 weeks.
- Where the woman has become pregnant as a result of rape or incest and the pregnancy has not advanced more than 16 weeks. The decision to terminate a pregnancy should be a private matter for the woman and her doctor, following counselling on all her options. A termination service should be available in all health board areas.

The government is clearly confused about what its referendum wording actually means. If it is passed, the new wording will inevitably end up in the Supreme Court, just as the 1983 wording did. No matter what the electorate believes the words to mean, the effective legal meaning will ultimately be placed on them by the Supreme Court judges. The Constitution is no place for such a complicated issue. What we need is detailed legislation on the matter. Unfortunately, we do not have a government with the moral courage to do this.

#### Straffan Road Improvement

Democratic Left welcomes the County Council's proposal to include cycle paths in its scheme to improve the Straffan Road. Many of the other proposals are also welcome. These include the widening and levelling of the bridge at the railway station, the new foothpath leading down to the station, the less steep incline leading down to the canal harbour, traffic lights (with a pedestrian phase) at the Celbridge Road junction the straightening out of this junction and location of pedestrian lights between the entrances to Kingsbry and Greenfield Estate.

Councillor Catherine Murphy will be pressing to have all these proposals implemented but she is also seeking additional items. In particular, pedestrian lights on the bridge at the entrance to the station are absolutely necessary. Adequate walls or other barriers must be located along the improved road in the vicinity of housing estates. Measures may be needed to prevent Railpark and Laurence's Avenue being used as shortcuts. It is also vital that the link road at the rear of Kingsbry leading from the Newtown area be in place before the by-pass is opened.

#### Give us a call

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#### Muintir Ma Nuad

Garda Michael Dillane who retired recently is a native of Glin. Co. Limerick and has been based in Maynooth for the last 22 years. He joined the Gardai in 1961 and was based in Rathmore, Co. Kerry, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry and Portlaoise, Co. Laois before coming to the station in Maynooth. Prior to joining the Gardai he worked in a shop in Glin.

When Michael joined the Gardai in 1961 he undertook a 5 month training course in the Phoenix Park Depot which basically consisted of foot drill, physical training, and some basic law. Nowadays the training is much more intense and academic. It is now a two year course and attracts many college graduates. During his early years on the job life as a Garda was much easier since the pace of life was much slower. Prior to Michael joining the Gardai there was a very strict code of discipline. This was gradually relaxed so that by the time he joined it was no longer mandatory for Gardai to live in the station and keep curfew hours whereby they had to be in by 11.30 at night.

His arrival in Maynooth 22 years ago coincided with the expansion of the town, the first of the new housing estates Railpark, was being built at the time. One of the biggest changes since then has been the rapid growth in both population and traffic. As a consequence of this the station has got a lot busier and a lot more duties now have to be carried out.

One of Garda Dillane's main hobbies are greyhounds. He usually keeps two at a time for track racing. They are good for exercise since he brings them out for a long walk every day. Where he grew up in West Limerick the keeping of greyhounds was a very popular hobby with practically every second house keeping them. Greyhounds are his main sporting interest as he does not really follow football or hurling.

During his years, in Maynooth, Michael, his wife Rose, and their two children have been very happy and he plans to stay and work on a part-time basis in Maynooth. One of the main attractions for him to stay in Maynooth is that he will be close to his many friends and colleagues that he has got to know over the years. The Maynooth Newsletter would like to thank Garda Dillane for his many years service to the towns people and to wish him well on his retirement.

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#### Sports News

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Leinster Junior Cup 1st Rd.

Ross '87 0 Maynooth Town 5

This was a very good win over Leinster Senior League opponents who were surprised by the ferocity of Maynooth's opening. We never allowed the opposition to settle and proceeded to dominate the game throughout. Two goals just before half-time by Joe O'Riordan and Philip Doyle paved the way for this success. Two further goals by Fergal Barton and one by Kevin Breslin com. pleted the scoring in a very workmanlike performance. Geny Thompson, Eamon Dunne, Joey Dempsey and Fergal Barton were best for Maynooth.

Leinster Junior Cup 2nd Rd.

Maynooth Town 1 St. Mark's 1 (A.E.T)

This was a game which had everything except the right scoreline for Maynooth. Excellent midfield play supported by sound defensive work was not enough to forge a win which we deserved. Having fallen behind in the first half Philip Doyle brought us level when he converted a penalty having been taken down himself. The remainder of the game and extra time remained scoreless and so it was left to the dreaded penalty shootout to separate the teams. With both teams having scored eight penalties each after missing one each, Maynooth failed to score a ninth whereas St. Marks were successful and so were successful on a 9-8 scoreline. Paul McCourt and Martin McTiernan were best for Maynooth with Paul Byrne outstanding in goal.

Leinster Junior Shield

Clontarf Villa 1 Maynooth Town 0

Having dominated the game for long periods we failed to take our chances and paid the ultimate penalty, no pun intended. With the game looking destined for extra time our defence was caught out of position in injury time and Villa scored. Undaunted by this, Maynooth stormed into attack and with the referee looking at his watch a Villa defender handled in his own penalty area when a Maynooth goal seemed certain. Justice was not done when the Villa keeper saved the penalty. The referee blew for full time immediately and so a vital chance was lost. Robert Thompson, James Gilligan and Michael Kelly were best for Maynooth.

Division 3 Private Grds.

Maynooth Town 3 Ranelagh Celtic 0

Probably the best display of the season by our second team. Ranelagh were unable to cope with the fire and enthusiasm displayed by Maynooth in this very good win. Leading 1-0 at half-time following a solo goal by Michael Murphy we stepped up the tempo in the second half and increased the lead when Stephen Horan chipped the keeper from long range and promptly displayed his acrobatic prowess with a Hugo Sanchez type somersault. In the 85th minute Robert Thompson floated over a corner kick which was only partially cleared and Michael Murphy blasted the ball into the roof of the net for his second goal. Best for Maynooth were Michael Murphy, John O'Neill and Dave Faherty.

U/14 Schoolboys League

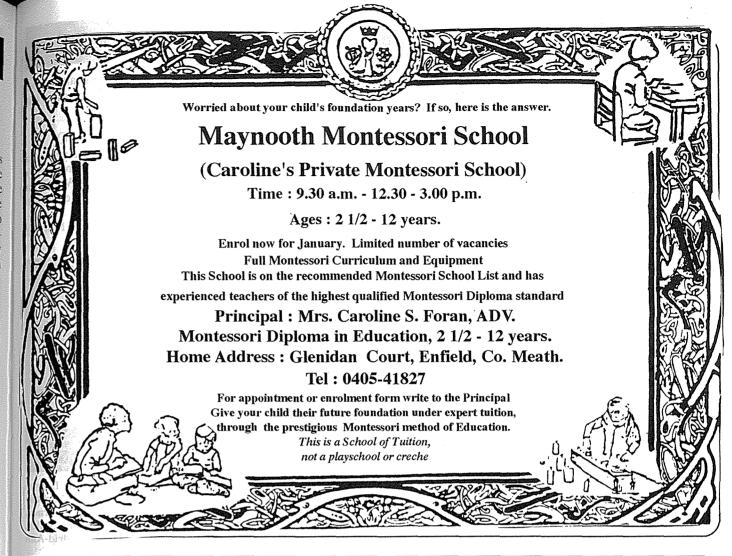
Ballymore 2 Maynooth Town 5

We kept up our good league form with this win which was not as easily achieved as the scoreline might suggest. Eamon Gallagher scored twice in the 1st half to give us a comfortable halftime lead. further goals in the second half by Aidan O'Brien and Eoin Guha in reply to Ballymore sealed the destination of the points. U/14 Schoolboys Cup

St. Anthony's 2 Maynooth Town 2 (A.E.T.)

Maynooth won 4-3 on pens.

Normal time plus extra time could not separate two evenly



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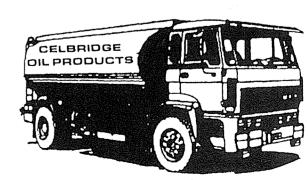
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#### Sports News

matched sides. We had to come from behind twice to force a draw in normal time. Extra time remained scoreless despite some good scoring chances for both teams. The penalty shoot out proved a nail biting affair with the scoring even until Mr. Cool in the shape of Niall Naughton, the home keeper, took a hand and a foot in the issue. With the scores at 3-3 he promptly stepped from his goal to put Maynooth one up and then expertly saved the next St. Anthony's kick to gain the win for Maynooth. Niall Naughton, Martin Byrne and Aidan Ryan were best for Maynooth. U/14 League

Maynooth Town 8 Bawnogue Boys 0

This was a one sided affair which was dominated by Maynooth from the start. It maintained our unbeaten record in League and Cup this season and was another two points in our quest for League honours. Eamon Gallagher topped the scoring honours with four goals with other goals coming form Aidan O'Brien, Pierse Ryan and the Byrne brothers, Martin and Danny.

U/12 League

Swords Celtic 2 Maynooth Town 5

Maynooth deserved this very good win following a very workmanlike team effort. Peter Kinsella and Trevor Cassidy provided plenty of chances for our goal hungry forward line who hardly wasted a chance.

U/12 League

Hardwicke Utd. 1 Maynooth Town 0

The home side just shaded the issue in this close encounter. A lack of scoring power up front proved costly when a number of good chances were missed. Martin McLoughlin in goal was in top form for Maynooth.

U/11 League

Manortown 1 Maynooth Town 0

This was another case of not taking our scoring chances and so a good opportunity to take two points was lost. With the commanding Colm Cahill in defence and the ever improving Davitt O'Neill in goal, Maynooth restricted Monortown to shooting from long range. Apart from Colm Cahill and Davitt O'Neill we also had good shows from Trevor Naughton and Shane Folan.



Colm Cahill U/11 Player of the Year 1991/92 with the Leinster Arms Trophy following a recent presentation. Also included in photo Gerry Folan, Team Manager, Tom Dempsey, Chairman, Michael Dempsey, Vice Chairman.

#### U/11 Cup

The eagerly awaited Cup game against Ballyfermot Utd failed to take place due to the non-appearance of Ballyfermot. This was a great disappointment for the home team as good form in Recent games suggested that we would have done well against our more exalted opponents. We have since learned that Ballyfermot have resigned from the U/11 League and Cup competition due to lack

of manager, Trainer etc. for the team. We are fortunate to have excellent assistance with all our schoolboy and girl teams but extra help would always be welcome.

U/16 Schoolgirls League

Trim Celtic 0 Maynooth Town 4

We left it late in this game to secure the two points against a fighting fit Trim Celtic side. It looked as if we might drop a very valuable point until superior fitness told in the end. With Trim beginning to flag Maynooth scored four goals in the last-ten minutes to achieve a deserved but flattering win. Goals by Leeanne Hughes, Maeve Flood, Antoinette Mooney

and Ann Lyons won the day.



Maynooth Girls U/16 Soccer Team Back Row: (L to R) Leanne Hughes, Antoinette Mooney, Ann Lyons, Patricia Purcell, Michelle Gillick, Leah Newman. Front Row: (L to R) Laura Kearney, Virginia Breslin, Emma Kilduff, Meave Flood, Joanne Smith, Tracy Kearney. Also on the team are: Paula O'Shea, Brid-Ann O'Shea, Orla Cahill, Naomi Devereaux, Irene Kearney.

U/16 Schoolgirls League

Maynooth Town 8 Ashbourne 0

Having watched our U/14 Boys hit eight goals earlier in the day the girls got in on the act with a resounding win against a shell shocked Ashbourne side who were over-run from the start. Goals came at a steady rate from Antoinette Mooney 2, Maeve Flood 2, Laura Kearney 1, Emma Kilduff, Leeanne Hughes and Ann Lyons.

One point from our final league game against Agler will ensure the League title for us. Watch for the fixture and lend your



Darren Naughton receiving the Sean Power U/13 Player of the Year Award for 1991/92. Making the presentation was joint manager Michael Murphy. The other joint manager Patsy Byrne was unavoidably absent.

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#### MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

#### 1st Team Results

#### (1) Confey Tournament

Kilcock 1.10 v Maynooth 1.8

This game was a carbon copy of the replayed Championship game against Rheban with wides galore being kicked. Maynooth had the bulk of the possession but failed to turn it to account. Kilcock on the other hand made far better use of their limited possession to snap up chances against the run of play including three vital scores near the end. While the result was disappointing the team's ability to win plenty of possession and dictate the exchanges territorially is very heartening. All they have to learn now is how to punish the opposition, when they are on top. Easier said than done.

Scorers: J. Nolan 1.2; J. Riordan 3 pts; Johnny Nevin, Joey Nevin and K. Fagan 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: M. Nevin, Kearney, Conway, Riordan, Johnny Nevin and Nolan.

#### (2) Tom Flood Cup

Maynooth 1.8 v Sallins 3 pts

This was a game which was again characterised by poor shooting particularly in the lst half. It was disappointing to see an abundance of good possession and good approach work being ruined by sloppy finishing. It is great to see the team totally dominating opponents possession - wise and creating so many clear-cut chances, but it is obvious that a far greater proportion of these chances will have to be converted if the team hopes to get past St. Kevin's in the semi-final of the competition.

It was not all bad news however, and there were some very pleasing aspects to the game notably, the holding of Sallins scoreless in the second half and the displays of Mick Nevin, Kelly, Stynes, Mahony, Johnny Nevin and Noel Reilly.

Scorers: Reilly 1 goal; Johnny Nevin 3 pts; Edwards 2 pts: Murray, Ennis and Stynes 1 pt each.

Man of Match: David Mahony at left half back.

Killian Fagan was an absentee for the Sallins match as he was on duty for Kildare against Meath in Newbridge. Here's hoping he makes the big breakthrough.

Underage Under 10

(1) Maynooth 5 pts v Confey 1.4

Scorers: Pierre Ennis, Killian Grennell, Alan Baxter, Chris Flynn and Morgan Sweeney 1 point each.

Best: N Healy, P King, K Grennell, A Baxter, P Ennis and S Fleming

#### (2) Maynooth 2.6 v Celbridge 1.2.

Scorers: Stephen Fleming 1.1; Tommy Masterson 1.0; Pierre Ennis 2 pts; Killian Grennell 2 pts and Patrick King 1 pt. Best: S Devereaux, S Pidgeon, P O'Sullivan, P king, K Grennell,

P Ennis and S Fleming

#### Under 12

#### (a) Maynooth 1.8 v Confey 3.8

Scorers: M McCarron 1.1; B Connolly 1 pt; D Carr 1 pt; A Boylan 1 pt; G Hanley 1 pt; K Fleming 1 pt; J Connolly 1 pt; D Lennon 1 pt:

Best: N Downey, B Normoyle, D O'Rourke, G Hanley, M Mc Carron and K Ennis.

#### b) Maynooth 4.15 v Celbridge 1.2.

Scorers: K Ennis 8 pts; B Connolly 1.2; T Halton 1.1; A Boylan 1.0; S Cummins 1.0; M McCarron, E O'Donoghue and C Diggins 1 pt each.

Best: C Arthurs, A McCarron, C Diggins, R Kelly, G Hanley, K Ennis, B Connolly, T Halton and K Fleming

A mixed start to the League for both teams who showed all the signs of a long Summer lay-off in their opening games against Confey. The Under 10's were particularly unlucky to go under in their game being hit by a late Confey goal. In addition, the team had to field without three of their most consistent performers David Campbell, Seanie Brady and Mikey Gleeson all of whom are injured. The Under 12's looked very rusty and badly needed the game. A big improvement was needed and delivered by this side in the next game against Celbridge where they were never in danger of defeat. The Under 10's rowed in with a battling display to come from behind at half time and secure the points with a storming finish.

#### Under 9

A first was achieved recently with the fielding of an Under 9 side in a Challenge against Celbridge who ran out narrow winners. Great credit is due to the players for displaying such skill and determination in what was for many of them their first organised match. Particularly prominent were S Healy, J Murray, K Carr, A Pidgeon, D Adderley, M Dolan, D Lawlor, P Campbell and F Devereaux.

#### Hurling

Congratulations to Peter Leacy and Thomas Farrell who were members of the Kildare Team that won the U/16 All Ireland coming from 10 points behind to defeat Antrim in the final at Dundalk. They had earlier scored wins over Wicklow, Kerry and

Peter and Thomas were the midfield stars on our own U/16 team which, by winning their league, brought the third juvenile hurling title to the club this year. They scored a fine 3-6 to 0-6 win over Kilcock in the final at Ardclough. The Maynooth team were always that bit ahead on the day but found the early scores hard to come by. Some great long range frees by Peter Leacy and a goal by Eanna Hassett gave them a half-time lead of 1-3 to 0-3. An early disallowed goal in the 2nd half did not upset them. Hassett scored his 2nd and Thomas Farrell got the 3rd and we finally ran out nine point winners. In a fine all round team performance as well as the aforementioned Hugh Nevin, Stephen Noonan, Cathal Ryan, Stephen Brennan and goalie Declan Buckley were outstanding. Maynooth Scorers - E. Hassett 2 goals, P. Leacy 6 pts. V. Nevin 1 goal, T. Farrell 1 pt. C. Ryan 1 pt., P. Farrell 1 pt.

#### U/10

The U/10 having won promotion as runners-up in the Spring League got off to a great start in the higher division with wins over Leixlip and Ardclough before losing to Confey in a close game.

#### Maynooth 1-1 v Leixlip 1-0.

Leixlip got an early goal but the Maynooth defence was solid as a rock after that, particularly Morgan Sweeney, Shane Devereaux and Pierre Ennis. Maynooth got a point (Mikey Gleeson) before half-time and Damian Travers got the winning goal in the 2nd half. Sean Flaherty, Peter Guinan and Peter Sheahan also played very well.

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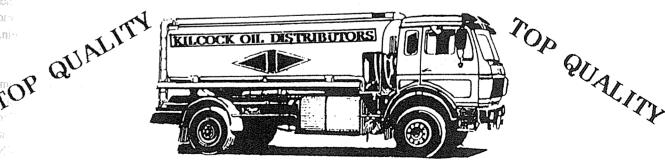
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#### **Sports News**

#### Maynooth 5-2 Ardclough 1-0.

Maynooth were well on top with good displays by Aidan Molloy, Sean Flaherty, Mikey Gleeson, Mark Cummins, Fergal Molloy and Donal McCarthy and Tom Masterson.

#### Maynooth 0-0 Confev 2-0.

Again the Maynooth defence was superb, only conceding two goals but we were not able to take the first-half chances in spite of great work by Peter Guinan in the forwards. James Mullarky, Pierre Ennis, Kevin Gannon and Sean og Farrelly were also outstanding.

#### U/13

This team were promoted as joint winners of their division. They lost to Leixlip in their first game and then bounced back to beat Confey by 3-1 to 1-1. This is a very young team many of whom are U/11. Tom Mullarky, Eoin Nevin, Conor Diggins, Willie Gannon, Matthew Callaghan, Seamus Cummins, Karl Ennis, Peter Guinan, John O'Shea, Vincent Nevin, Brendan Keogh, Mark and Aidan McCarron, and Michael and Philip Ryan, and the rest of the panel are all playing excellent hurling. U/15

#### This team has lost it's first league match to Broadford by 4-1 to 1-1 in a game that was closer than the score line would suggest. They were short 5 or 6 regulars and we can expect better results when these are available.

#### Minor

Congratulations to Ed Leacy on winning Kildare the Minor Championship with Leixlip. Ed has also been on the Kildare minor team in '91 and '92.

#### **Lotto Draw**

Sunday 4th October - Jackpot £150 - not won. 3 x £10 - T. Brennan, P. Errity, Ann O'Keeffe. Lotto Draw - Sunday 11th October - Jackpot £200 - not won. 3 x £10 - Jim Tracey, D. Fitzpatrick, E. Mooney.

#### U/16 Football League

Our U/16 football team are through to the final of their league. On the run up to final they have played a number of challenge matches. They beat Mullingar Shamrock's and drew with Leixlip. On going to press no date has been fixed for final,



Maynooth U/16 Hurling Team League Winners 1992. Back Row L to R: M. Gleeson (Selector), L. Leacy (Selector), S. Brennan, D. Mooney, P. Leacy, B. Collins, E. Hassett, S. Noonan, A. Gaffney, H. Nevin, R. Murphy, T. Farrell, S. Griffin, M. Gillick (Selector). Front Row L to R: P. Nevin, D. Buckley, J. Higgins, P. Farrell (Capt.), V. Nevin, N. Gillick, M. Nugent, M. Bennett, R. Cotter, C. Ryan.



Liam Hogan, Kildare Hurling Board presenting the U/16 Hurling Shield to Maynooth Captain Peter Farrell on winning U/16 Hurling League.

#### Tom Flood Cup

Our local football tournament has started. All games this year are being played in Maynooth College due to our own field being developed. We would like to thank Maynooth College for use of the field.

1st Round - Rathcoffey 2.6 v Cappagh 2.5 - St Kevins 1.13 v Confey 0.7 - Maynooth 1.8 v Sallins 0.3. The next match is Ardclough v Caragh. The semi-final line up is - Maynooth v St. Kevins - Rathcoffey v Ardclough or Caragh. We hope to play both semi-finals on Sunday 25th October and final is fixed for the 8th or 15th Nov.

#### Minor Football League - Maynooth 3.6 v Balyna 2.9.

Maynooth started this game very poorly and were down 8pts at one stage but fought back to earn a good draw. Maynooth scores - H. Purcell 1-1, D. Mahoney 1 goal, P Garvey 4 pts, M. Donnelly 1 goal, J. Nevin 1 pt. also to play well M. Noonan, E. Dunne.

#### Peter Delaney Cup U/14 Football Tournament.

Results to date in Peter Delaney Cup, Maynooth beat Leixlip, Kilcock beat Kilcloone. This tournament is being played on a League Basis, the other team in the tournament is Celbridge. It is hoped to have the final on the same day as the Tom Flood Cup final.

#### U/14 League Semi-Final.

Maynooth 0.6 pts v Monasterevan 2.6pts.

Maynooth started well in this game and were in with a chance up to 10 mins. to go. Two goals by Monasterevan gave them a commanding lead which they held to the end. Best for Maynooth who tried hard, V. Nevin, E. Gallagher, D. Coughlin, M Brennan, R. Casey, D. McCarrack.

#### Somalia Night

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Somalia Night in the G.A.A. Centre. To our sponsors and contributors, Barrys, Conroys Chemist, E. Mara Accountants, Fergus O'Connell, John Byrne - Bookshop, Kids Kottage, McCormack's Chemist, Mick Reilly - Turkey Farm, Mulcahy Butchers, O'Neill Auto Electrical, Robinson Meats, Satchwell Turkey Farm, S.C.B. Services, Seal Systems, St. Patrick's Pharmacy, The Collins Family, The Cardinal Press, The Barber Shop, BargainTrail, Maynooth Jewellers, Maynooth Curtains, Sportslocker, Jim Reilly's Butchers, Keogh's Delicatessen, Head to Toe, House Pride, Kieran Masterson - Fruit & Vegetables,

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#### **Dinner Dance**

Our Dinner Dance this year is on Friday 11th December, in our Club House. This year we have to confine it to 200 people, first come first served.

Congratulations to our President Jimmy Tracey who celebrated his birthday in Maynooth G.A.A. Centre. Best wishes from all members of Maynooth G.A.A. and all your friends.



Jimmy enjoying the night with an old friend Ciss Waldron



Having a good night at Jimmy's Birthday Party. L to R - Jimmy McLoughlin, Tom Nolan, Jim Nolan.

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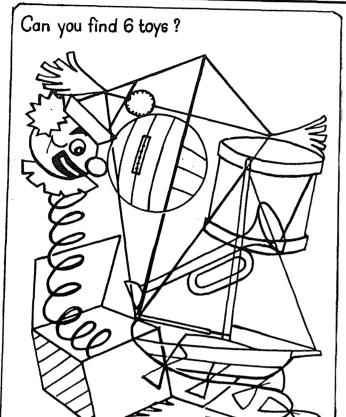
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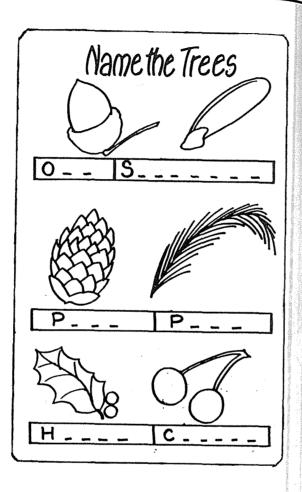
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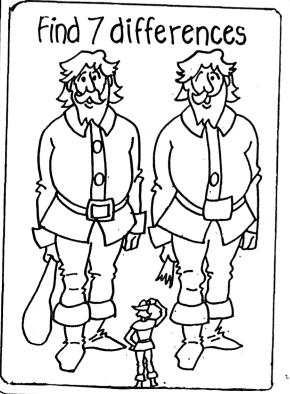


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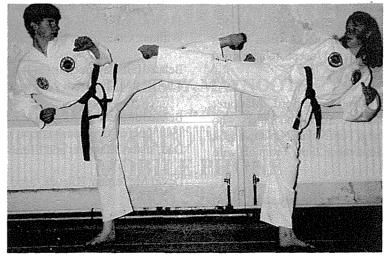
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Sympathy to Michael O'Driscoll, Kilgrague, Maynooth on the death of his father, Mr. Michael O'Driscoll, Sligo.

The wife and family of the late Stanley Oliver wish to express their thanks to all who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, those who attended the Removal, Mass and Funeral and who personally called to the house, also those who sent Mass Cards and Floral Tributes.

A special mention of appreciation to the Doctors and Nurses in the Renal Unit of Beaumont Hospital, Dr. Michael Hanlon, Leixlip, the Maynooth Ambulance Service, Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan, the catering staff in Intel, Mr. Pat Dalton, the staff of St. Patricks College, especially his colleagues in the College Library also to the many friends and neighbours who gave tremendous support and assistance especially the Bean family, the Mahers and McDonoughs. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Sympathy to Harry Richardson, Parson Street and Tom Richardson, Maryville on the death of their Brother John (Jack), Baltyboys, Blessington.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Maeve McTernan, Avondale, Leixlip who passed her Junior Certificate with Honours. Best Wishes from Grandad and Grannie.

Congratulations to Jimmy McMahon, Mulhussey, Maynooth now resident in New York, who has won over 50 fights since he emigrated 6 years ago. A pupil at Christian Brothers Kilcock, he was a member of the Kilcock and Enfield B.C's and won 3 Leinster Junior Championships there. Jimmy is the son of Paddy and Nora McMahon and was a popular bar tender in Clock House before leaving for U.S.A. Good Luck Jimmy from all your friends in Maynooth and elsewhere.

Congratulations to Mary McKeever, Parson St., who passed her Dental Nurse Exams in Trinity College, Dublin on October 9th. Past pupil of Post Primary School in Maynooth. Best Wishes from Daddy, Mammy, brothers Robert and Joseph, relations and all friends.

Special Thanks to Ben Mee, Rose Comerford, Margaret McCarron, G.A.A. Staff, Ambulance Staff, and others who helped in any way when my husband Tom Nolan, Newtown took ill in G.A.A. Club on Monday September 28th. From his wife Marie, and family,

Congratulations to editorial members, Peter Hussey and Richard Hayes who were both successful in their M.A.

Congratulations to Fergus Devereux, Moyglare Meadows, who was conferred with BSC in Information Technology in DCU.

#### Birthday Greetings

Belated Birthday greetings to Frances Daly from the T.G.I.F.o.

Congratulations to Martina Mooney who passed her Exams in Lucan College, also to Jacqueline in passing her Leaving Cen, and Antoinette in passing her Junior Cert. Well done.

Happy 18th Birthday to Jacqueline Mooney on the 17th October from all in 826 Greenfield.

Love and best wishes for a very happy birthday to Richard McGovern, 833 Greenfield, who celebrates his 11th birthday on November 14th also to Debbie McGovern, 820 Greenfield, who celebrates her 7th birthday on November 27th. With love and kisses from Nannie Una and Uncle Kevin.

Happy 11th birthday on November 14th to Richard McGovern, 833 Greenfield. From Mammy, Daddy and brother Thomas, also love and best wishes from your Nannie Donovan and all at 739

Happy 7th birthday on November 27th to Debbie McGovern, 820 Greenfield. From Mammy, Daddy, Karina, Stacey, Michelle and Regina, also love from your Nannie Flynn and Uncle Noel in Kilcloone.

Belated Birthday greetings to Kevin Breslin, Leinster Park, from everyone in the Information Centre.

Happy Birthday to 'Moses' class 11 from all class 11.

Happy Birthday to Helena, who will be 15, James who will be 14, Michael who will be 11 and Thomas who will be 9. They all celebrate their birthdays in November. Lots and lots of love from Mammy and Daddy.

Happy Birthday to Catherine Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth who celebrates her Birthday on November 1st, from her Husband Séan and family.

Happy Birthday to Roisin Gorey, Suva House, Maynooth who celebrates her 1st Birthday on November 15th. Love from her Daddy and Mammy.

Belated Birthday greetings to Julia Comerford, Greenfield, aged 11 on October 3rd. Greetings from Mammy, Daddy, brother William, Godparents Mrs. P Brady and Jim Mooney.

Belated birthday greetings to Tom Nolan 284 Greenfield, October 4th. Best wishes from your friend Julia.

Belated birthday greetings to Ann Birchall, Greenfield on October 19th. Lots of love from husband Norman, son Andrew, Mamand Dad, sisters Margaret and Elizabeth.

David McTernan, Kilcock, aged 14 on October 19th.

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Happy birthday to the best girl in Pagestown, Aedeana Conneely, love Maura, Michael and Mickey.

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Birthday greetings to Maura Walsh-Conneely from all the gang.

Belated greetings to Eva Walsh, Mulhussey love Maura, Michael and Mickey.

Happy 21st Birthday to Donal Fitzpatrick from all your family and friends.

Happy Birthday to Norah McDermott from all in the C.C.

Happy Birthday to Carolann Reaper from all the "Thank God its Friday Club".

Birthday greetings to Margaret Clince and Kay McKeogh on November 3rd.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. B. Saults, 9 Parson Street, who celebrates her birthday on the 1st November from her family and friends.

Belated birthday greetings to Edel King, Moyglare Village, age 8 on September 28th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, sisters Clodagh and Lisa.

Birthday greetings to Mark Jennings, Moyglare Village, age 7 October 28th. Best wishes from Daddy and Mammy.

#### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John Bean, Rye View, Maynooth, and Betty O'Hare, Navan who were married recently.

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