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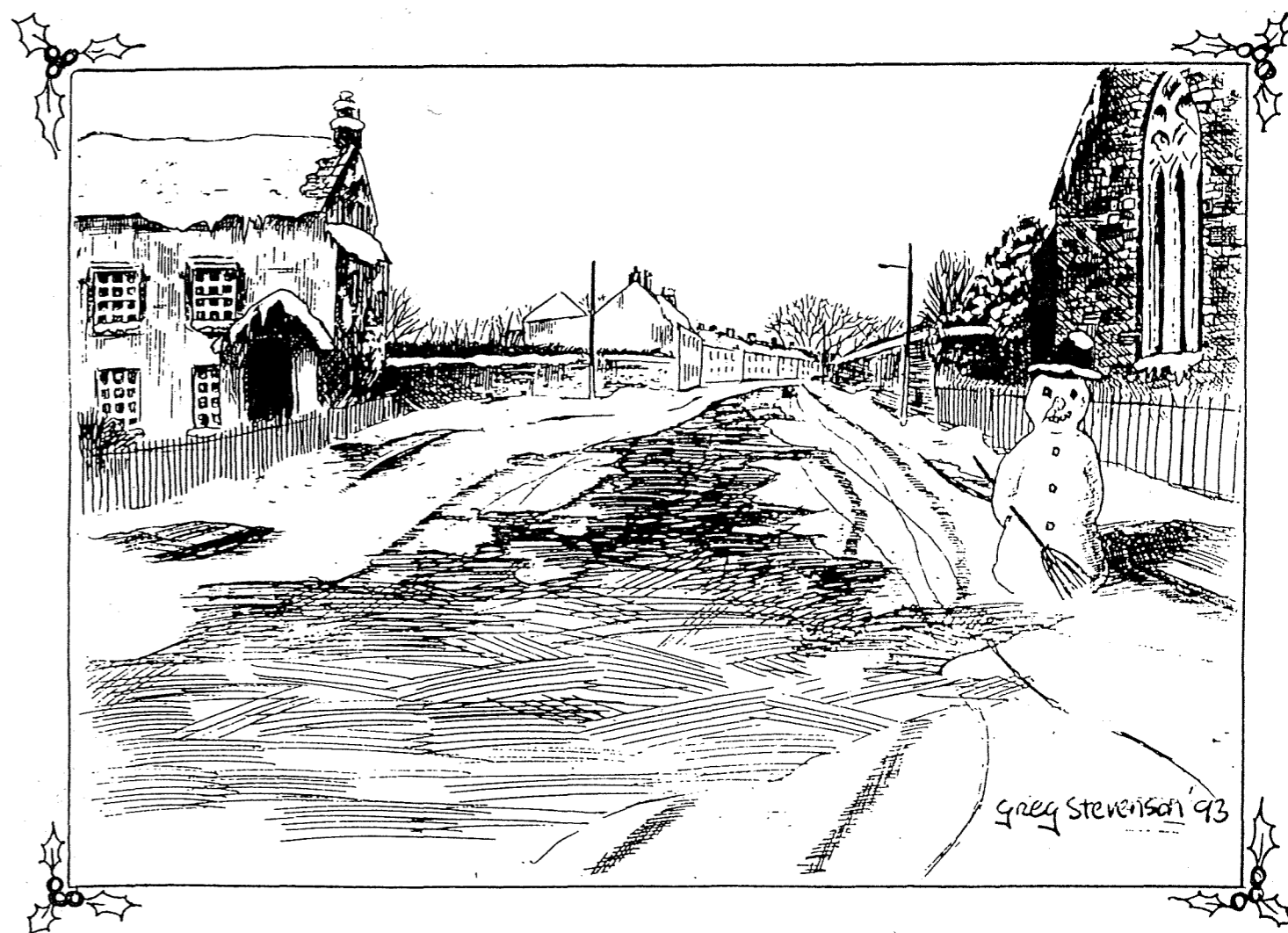
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Letter to our Readers: This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

Yours sincerely

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Editorial

Cultural Tourism

Traditionally, our Christmas issue is a bumper edition, with pages of features and advertisements. Among the features this year is an article by Maynooth graduate, and SES worker, John Drennan, who puts forward some interesting ideas on how Maynooth might develop its cultural heritage and create employment at the same time. The latest wisdom is that cultural tourism offers great potential for local development, although as we know from controversies about interpretive centres in Clare and Wicklow these developments are not universally welcomed. While not all will agree with the ideas put forward in this issue, we hope this feature will spark off ideas and debate about the best way for Maynooth to benefit from its rich cultural heritage, while preserving it for future generations.

Support local business

Another feature in this issue takes readers on a tour of the local shops in the search for reasonably priced Christmas presents, and finds a multitude of good value. Why battle your way into town, paying for transport and parking, and increasing your blood pressure, when you can shop in comfort here in Maynooth. Support your local businesses, and in particular our advertisers, without whose support, the Newsletter itself would be out of business!

1993 and all that

It wasn't the best of years - with unemployment rising everywhere, economies in the doldrums, wars in many parts of the world, including our own, and Kildare still no closer to the Sam Maguire. Still there are some encouraging signs of things to look forward to in 1994 - the completion of the Maynooth bypass, the start of the College's bicentennial celebrations, Kildare for Sam, and of course, all eyes on America. The Newsletter wishes all its readers and advertisers a happy Christmas, and hopes that Santa Claus will include a ticket to America in our Christmas stockings this year.

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Dear Editor,

With reference to the unsigned article which you published in the October issue of Maynooth Newsletter concerning Kleen Jeans, I wish to point out the inaccuracies contained within it.

My launderette does not have a monopoly as stated by your writer. Regarding prices charged, the writer stated that in Ranelagh the price charged per wash is £4.50, the price charged per wash in Kleen Jeans is £4.40 with a discount for students and O.A.P.s. Regarding the mixing of colours, any housewife can tell you that it is not advisable to mix whites with dark colours in a wash, because of the danger of dyes running. I would imagine your correspondent would not be too pleased if some of his/her white clothes were returned with a red or blue hue.

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Maynooth Community Council has re-applied for Town Commission Status.

The Festival Committee of the Community Council is reforming. Some meetings have already been held. Suggestions on the form and content of the Festival are as follows:-

1. The Festival should have a theme such as the Heritage of Maynooth, including the Castle, College, Canal and Carton estate or some other theme, any suggestions?
2. More community involvement should be encouraged - perhaps by having a Maynooth Person of The Year to be proposed by groups or societies or individuals. Community involvement could also be encouraged by including the schools, i.e. essay competition on History or Heritage of Maynooth.
3. The Festival should perhaps be shorter - five days rather than the ten days at present.
4. All events during Festival week are to be organized by a previously elected or volunteer group of two or three. Thus responsibility will not fall on the same shoulders all the time.
5. Different venues will be necessary for various events, such as Bachelor of The Year and perhaps the Talent Contest, as the venues at present are slightly small.
6. It has been proposed that a Rock Concert for the young people be held in the Harbour Field.

Any interested parties should get in touch with the Community Council Offices 6285922.

Background

The Community Council was set up in 1981 to bring together associations, societies and the people of Maynooth. It is a totally voluntary body consisting of a council and an elected executive of five people. The broad aims of the Council as set out in its Founding Constitution are to promote through a common effort, the well being of the inhabitants of the Maynooth area, without distinction as to the age, sex, race, colour, religion or political opinion.

The Community Council, through co-operation with F.A.S. has set up S.E.S. schemes over the last nine years. Two supervisors, Norah McDermott and Eileen Dunne, are employed directly in the Council office. Under its umbrella two other sub-committees of the Community Council employ two supervisors and workers. The Community Council schemes running at the moment deal with general office work, computer training and the setting out and writing of the *Newsletter*, Directory and a history of Maynooth. There are at present thirty workers on the Schemes.

The Community Council is extremely grateful to F.A.S. for their continuing support in financing and granting these schemes. F.A.S.'s generous support has made it possible to provide training for over two hundred workers in the past nine years. Maynooth Community Council schemes also have a very good record in placing their workers in employment.

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We had a very interesting and we hope fruitful meeting with Emmet Stagg T.D., Minister for State at the Department of the Environment and local councillors of Kildare County Council to update them on our work to date, in November. Our thanks to them for attending.

We are looking for people to help with tidying up Maynooth, especially at weekends. If you have a few hours to spare, please contact me c/o Community Council Office. On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee may we wish the editorial staff of the newsletter, the staff of the Community Council Office, Planning and Development, S.E.S. workers, all of our readers and supporters a very Happy Christmas.

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All-Ireland Multi Events, Belfield

Athletes from Maynooth took part in the All-Ireland Juvenile Multi Events held in Belfield on September 19th last. The results are as follows:

U-10 Triathlon:

Philip Campbell 45 points - 12th place.
Alan Baxter 41 points - 15th place.

U-11 Quadrathlon:

David Campbell 99 points - 4th place.

U-12 Quadrathlon:

Conor Diggins 105 points - 9th place.

U-13 Quadrathlon:

Declan O'Rourke 161 points - 2nd place.

Maynooth Athletic Club A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the above association took place on Thursday, October 7th. The meeting was chaired by Mick Gleeson. After the readings and approving of the Chairman's report, Secretary's and Treasurer's report, elections for the new committee took place.

The following were elected:

President, Paddy Lynch; Chairman-Mick Gleeson; Vice-Chairman-John Campbell; Secretary-David Jolly; Treasurer-Dan Commene; Registrar-John O'Rourke; Competition Secretary- Marie Gleeson; P.R.O.- E. O'Rourke.

Committee members: Margaret Gillick, Bernie King, Pat King, Maree Carr, Maire Adderley, Aidan Synott, Derry O'Hurley. Trainers: John Campbell, John O'Rourke, Mick Gleeson, Dan Commene and Pat King.

The club wished a speedy recovery to Peg Lynch and Noelle McTernan who were ill at the time.

Congratulations to John and Bernie Campbell on the birth of their baby girl.

Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. New members welcome.

Cross-Country

The cross-country season began this year with the first race meeting held on Sunday, 10th October in Carton against tough opposition, bringing home an individual Gold Medal, Silver and Bronze.

The results are as follows:

Girls Under 10 - P. Byrne (7), G. O'Hurley (9), L. Bruton (17).

Boys U/10 - P. O'Rourke (3rd Bronze), D. Connellan (4), G. Connellan (20), C. Rooney (21), S. Moriarty (23).

Girls U/12 - M. O'Sullivan (2nd Silver), A. McTernan (20), A. Murphy (24), N. Moriarty (25), Maynooth 5th Team!

Boys U/12 - C. Diggins (1st Gold Medal).

Boys U/16 - M. Cunningham (2nd Silver medal).

Carbury Race Meeting, 31st October, 1993:

There was a good turnout from Maynooth A.C. for this second cross-country meeting of the season. Once again the runners did their club very proud by bringing home individual Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. The Campbell family recorded a unique treble by taking home Gold medals. continued



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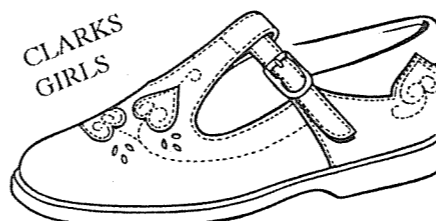
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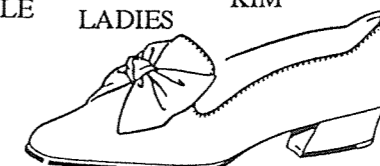


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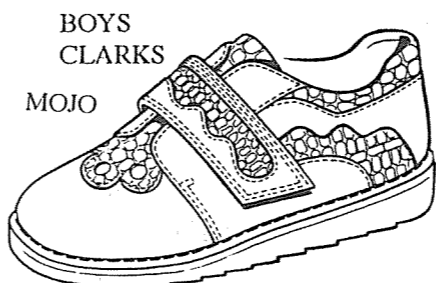
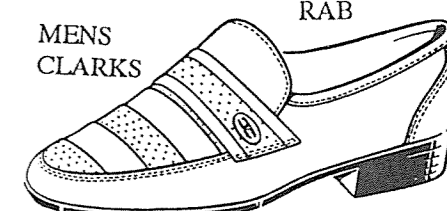
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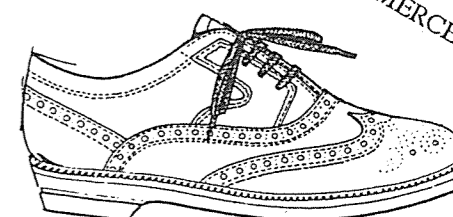
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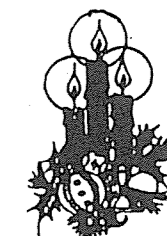
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Boys U/9: Philip Campbell (1st Gold medal), Enda Diggins (5th), David Baxter (14th).

Boys U/11: David Campbell (1st Gold medal), Patrick King (7th), Ciaran Rooney (21st).

Girls U/13: Niamh Moriarty (16).

Boys U/13: Declan O'Rourke (3rd Bronze medal), Conor Diggins (4).

Boys U/17: Martin Cunningham (2nd Silver medal).

Veteran Men, O/35: John Campbell (1st Gold medal).

O/45: Liam McNamee (2nd Silver medal).

Maynooth 1st Team: J. Campbell, L. McNamee, D. Jolly.

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

Once again the badminton season is in full swing. We have this year three mixed teams and one ladies team. It is still not too late to join our club, we would welcome all. If you have any league experience it would be a help as you would be ready for the Tallaght League, which usually begins around March.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Teams and Club Members a very Happy Christmas and lots of joy for the New Year.

Phil Mc Loughlin,
Secretary.

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My parents have recently retired and are considering returning here to live. My father has worked in Ireland and the U.K. They are not sure what benefits or entitlements they will have. Can you give me any information which I could send them?

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MAYNOOTH COLLEGE STUDENT DRAMA SOCIETY

The Drama Society will produce Brian Friel's play "Faith Healer" in the College Aula Maxima on Monday 6th December and Tuesday 7th December at 8p.m. sharp. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

'Faith Healer' by Brian Friel is the story of Frank Hardy, his wife/mistress Grace, and his manager Teddy, and 'ramshackle caravan' touring the remote villages of Scotland and Wales offering to the ill, the prospect of a miracle cure. The story is told in four monologues, the first and last by Frank, the second and third spoken by Grace and Teddy in turn.

From the opening incantation to the final home-coming of Frank Hardy, Faith Healer, we are to be enchanted by language, by the art of story telling. The play suggests a subtle metaphor of the artist, who is possessed of a gift over which he has no control. In this drama however, Brian Friel succeeds in creating a work which unsettles sensibility and understanding while engaging the imagination.



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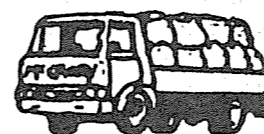
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MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

Defeated by the Deadline!

Publication deadlines do not allow me, as promised last month, to report in this edition on our annual AGM. As well as that, in the course of preparing for that meeting, I realised that it would be a good idea to give credit publicly to some of the people whose work makes possible the existence and operation of our branch.

Mile Buiochas, a Chairde!

In October, our call for volunteer tellers gave some idea of how those members contribute, each week, to the service we make available to the community. Each of the 24 tellers who served over the last year gave several hours of their time each month so that the business of accepting lodgements and repayments could be done. The Directors, on behalf of all the members, - and especially of those who use this service - would like to take this opportunity to say a public "Thank you" to each of them.

Then there are the **Directors and Supervisors**, most of whose work goes on when the ordinary members are not using the office. Without the commitment and dedication of these officers, it would not be possible to have a Credit Union branch in Maynooth. They work for hours each week, behind the scenes, and it is important that their contribution does not go unrecognised all the time.

Michael Mooney, Chairman, and **Ann (Lima) Higgins, Vice-Chairperson and Credit Committee**, will continue to serve on next year's Board of Directors. **Catherine Mulready and John Reid**, who have both served as **Treasurer** at different times in the past year, will stand for re-election at our AGM. So too will **Ken Loane, Secretary** and **Pat Harney, Membership and Insurance officer**. These members, if re-elected, along with Michael and Ann, will create continuity between last and next year's Board of Directors.

Then there are some Board members who have decided that they will stand down: **Caroline Dunne, Computers Officer**, with responsibility for rostering and training tellers (and sometimes Directors); **Catherine Rosney, Credit Committee**; and **Mary McInerney, Delinquency Officer**; and **Lily Cannon and Jim McMahon**, ordinary Members of the Board. The members who will be elected to replace these Members of the Board will create change alongside the continuity mentioned earlier. This mix and balance is what keeps the branch from getting into a rut and stagnating.

An Effort that is its Own Reward

What does any of these volunteers get for their trouble? I presume that their idealism finds an outlet in contributing to a self-help community organisation. I am sure that they enjoy - at least some of the time - working with their peers. I hope that some of them will be able to turn their Credit Union experience to their advantage when applying for a job. Meanwhile, maybe we can express our appreciation of their work a little more often. I'm sure it will help on the bad days and give an extra glow to the good ones. And next month, I really will report on the outcome of our AGM!

P.R.O.

Emer Mc Dermott

GREENFIELD ACTION GROUP

Fundraiser in G.A.A. HALL

A great night was had by one and all who attended. Everyone boogied away to the sounds of Kevin McGovern with Time Out. What a great band! Congratulations to Patty Birmingham who won 1st prize, which was very kindly sponsored by C.P.L. and also congratulations to all our prize winners. A special thanks to the G.A.A. for the venue and also to our local shops for their donation of gifts for spot prizes, which we will list next month.

Christmas Disco

All Old Greenfield residents will be notified regarding Great Free Xmas Disco, which will be held in Parish Hall. We'll be expecting a visit from Santa Claus, so children watch out! Hope to see you all there.

Previous Meeting

At our last meeting Kevin McGovern was elected our new treasurer. Any money outstanding can be given directly to Kevin.

The bollards issue, we were assured, was on the agenda for the October meeting but as of yet we haven't received any official word from our local T.D.'s or County Councillors. Residents will be notified regarding our next meeting, when this matter will be discussed.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

P.R.O.

Ann Birchall

I.C.A. NOTES

The November meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday, 4th November. Imelda Delaney, our president, welcomed the ladies to the meeting and congratulated all the members who took part in the Allied Irish Banks competition. Maynooth was placed 3rd in the competition, Naas was 2nd and the ladies from Kill were the overall winners.

On a more sombre note, Imelda spoke of her sadness at the passing of Mrs. Margaret Gee. She said that Mrs. Gee had contributed an enormous amount to the I.C.A. over her 30 years of membership, especially in the area of crafts. Mrs. Gee had also been the main driving force behind Maynooth Annual Show. She will be greatly missed.

Competitions

The Navan carpets "Designer '94" competition is coming up in early March next year. Entry forms are available now from Betty Moore. There are competitions for tweed pictures and hand-sewn patchwork cushions in December. Marion Souhan is looking for members interested in drama to take part in a competition for a short sketch entitled the "Matchmaker", which will be held in February, 1994. Mary O'Gorman entered the Raytex Baking Competition on 8th November. Mary did very well with her Christmas cake and was placed 4th in the Kildare heat.

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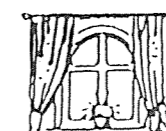
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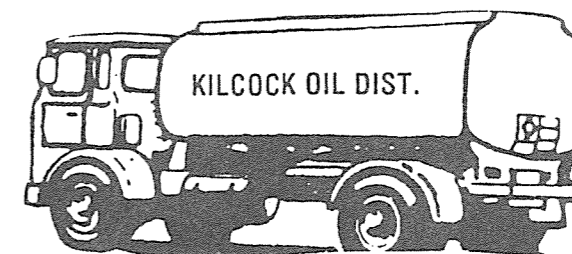
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Activities

Craft nights continue as usual on Mondays in the I.C.A. hall at 8.00 pm. Badminton is on in the Parish hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (10.30 - 12.00). Three of our members have joined the Kildare County I.C.A. Golfing Society. If you are interested in joining this Society contact May Haren. Rosemary informed us that the Bránnaire tests have been postponed until the Spring. Marion is trying to get new members for the I.C.A. choir. Imelda is organising a course on "stress, assertiveness and general health". The six week course, which will start after Christmas, will be conducted by Ms. Fionnuala Hayden. Any I.C.A. member interested in attending this course should contact Imelda or Rosemary, as soon as possible, as places are limited.

An Grianán Scholarships

As a result of money raised at last month's Bring and Buy, we were able to have a draw for two part-scholarships to An Grianán. The lucky recipients were I. Matthews and B. Duffy.

Ecumenical Service

Our ecumenical service was conducted by Mrs. Sheila Jolley and Fr. John Dunne, S.M.A. During the service we remembered and prayed for our deceased I.C.A. members.

Raffle and Competition

Raffle results were: 1st F. Satchwell, 2nd U. Walsh and 3rd I. Delaney. The competition was an English/Irish quiz and the winning team was:- R. Hanley, M. Souhan and M. Stynes. Second place went to I. Delaney, H. Finn and E. M. Curran, while in third place were U. Walsh, T. Corcoran and J. O'Connell.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd December at 8.00 pm. As this will be our Christmas meeting the competition at the meeting will be for a 'Christmas Decoration'. I was delighted to see some new members at our November meeting. Anyone interested in joining our guild can contact me at the number below or can come along to our next meeting.

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For Appointment

Mrs Margaret Gee - The members of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association were deeply saddened by the death of Mrs Margaret Gee, on Tuesday, 19th October. Margaret was a very dedicated member of the guild for over 30 years. She served as a committee member on several occasions, holding various positions. As treasurer, she did an excellent job looking after our financial affairs.

Margaret was a very talented craftswoman in such areas as knitting (especially Aran knitting), dressmaking, rug making, lampshades, patchwork and baking to name but a few. She was always willing to pass on her skills to new-comers.

Margaret will be very much missed at our monthly guild meetings, as she was extremely knowledgeable in I.C.A. procedure.

In July each year, Margaret was always very involved in our Annual Show. It will be hard to imagine the show without her, as she gave a lot of her time and energy to ensuring its success.

In a quiet way, Margaret encouraged willing workers to do their bit for the I.C.A. She always gave of her best and we all feel the richer for having known her. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Henry, and to her family. May she rest in peace.

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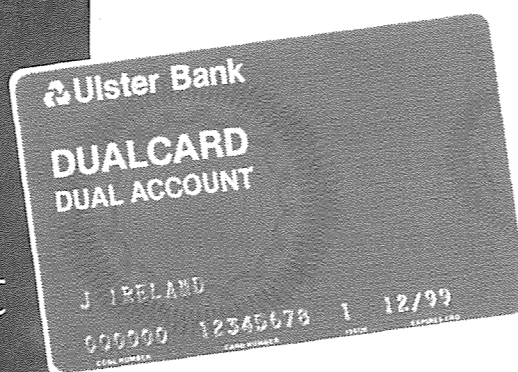
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MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all who won a prize during Children's Book Festival, and thanks first of all to all who participated, and, secondly, thanks to all who encouraged such participation.

A big thank you also to our sponsors - Maynooth Post Office, Maynooth A.I.B., Maynooth Bank of Ireland, Maynooth Book Shop, Maynooth Office Supplies and Joe Buckley.

Karen Nolan, of Little Angels Day Care Centre, must also be applauded for the excellent manner in which she entertained all the pre-schoolers at the Peter Rabbit Nursery Rhyme Time.

Hundreds of entries were received for the various competitions, and as usual, standards were very high. There follows a list of the lucky children who won some of the fabulous prizes:

Quiz Competition - Rachel Watson

Crossword Competition - Eoin Hardiman

Mask Competition - Paula O'Donoghue

Drawing Competition - Thérèse O'Donoghue
Anne O'Donoghue

Colouring Competition (under 7)

1. Sean Whelan
2. Tara Smith
3. Mark Cummins

Highly Commended

Elaine Carruthers
Casey Healy

Fancy Dress

Nora McGlinchey
Thérèse Nic An Airchinnigh
Martin O'Neill
Patrick Tolan

All in all, Children's Book Festival proved a big success, and all winning entries are on display in the library for another few weeks.

There have been some new additions to stock in the Children's Library also including the following titles:

Anne Fine - Flour Babies
Eamon Kelly - The Enchanted Cake
Joan Lingard - Night Fires
Jacqueline Wilson - The Suitcase Kid.

Some new titles in the Adult Library include:

Virginia Andrews - Twilight's Child
Barbara Taylor Bradford - Angel
Patricia Cornwell - Body of Evidence
Roddy Doyle - Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha
John Le Carré - The Night Manager
Joanna Trollope - The Men and the Girls
Robert James Waller - Bridges of Madison County

As part of Kildare Library Services, we are pleased to announce the launch of a Writer-in-Residence scheme for the County. Award-winning poet Sheila O'Hagan from Dublin will be taking up her residency this December. Over a four-month period she will hold a series of writing workshops at three public libraries in Kildare - Athy, Naas and Maynooth. There will be a limited number of places for participation in these workshops which are free of charge, so interested people should contact Arts Officer, Monica Corcoran as soon as possible, to enrol. Sheila will also be holding writing clinics and will host a number of literary events in the county. Please contact Monica at (0507) 31424 for further details.

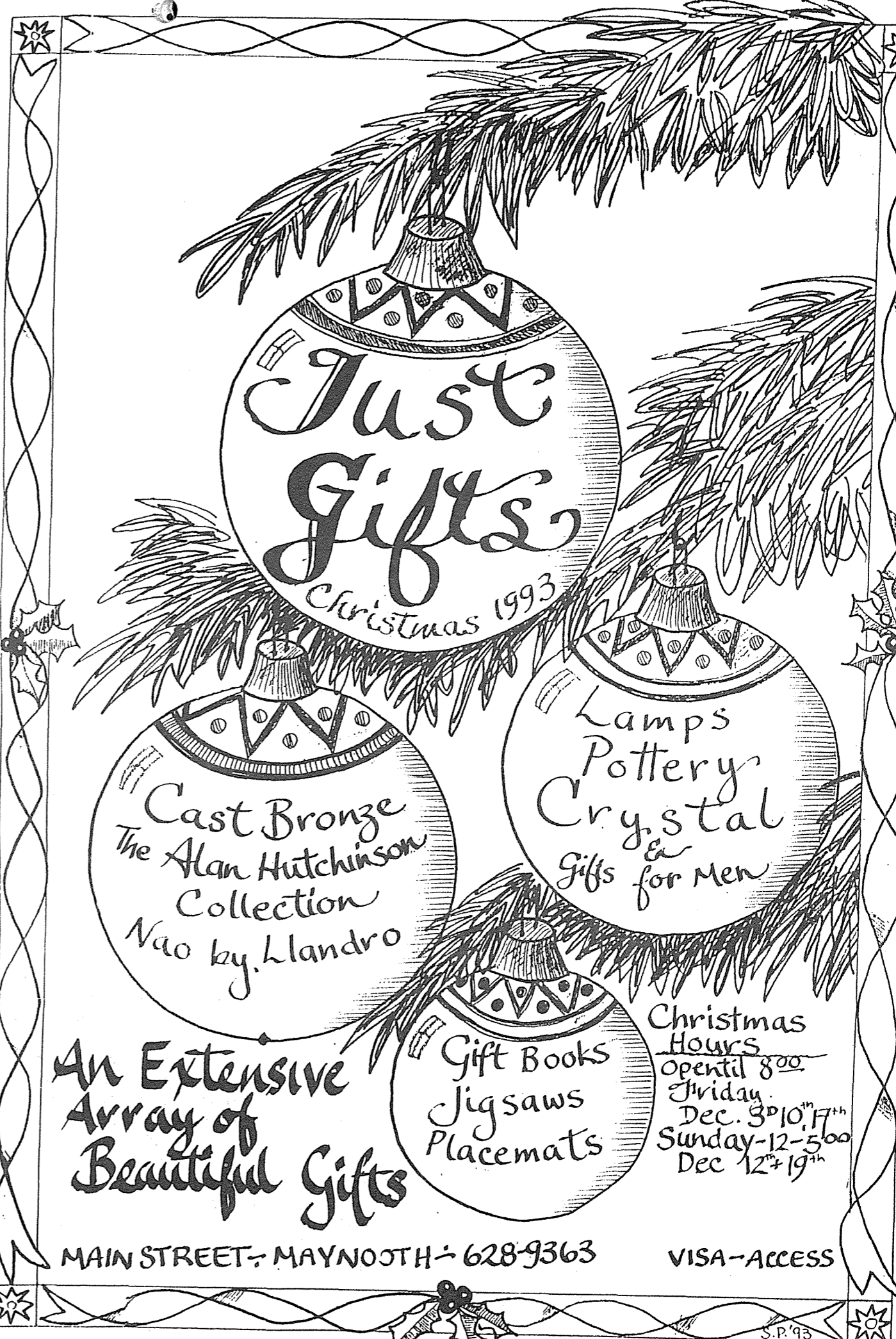
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Some of the Children who took part in Childrens Books Festival with John Byrne of Maynooth Book Shop.



Nora McGlinchey, winner of fancy dress



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We would like to thank all those who supported our flag weekend, to Quinnsworth and all the publicans and staff who allowed us to collect and play in their premises. Also to our band members for providing the music and all those who helped in any way. Thanks for your generosity.

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BAND BULLETIN

Band Mass

The highlight of last month was our Annual Mass for deceased members which is always our most important event of the year. Weather conditions were not too favourable as we made our way to the Church and it rained quite heavily as we played The Dead March from Saul outside before Mass began. The Mass, which was celebrated by Fr. Supple, was very moving and brought to mind all the band members who have gone to their eternal reward. It had particular significance for the more senior members of today's band who hope that the strong tradition of Maynooth Band will be continued when they too have passed on. I would like to extend sincere thanks to Fr. Supple for acquainting the congregation with the history of the Band and its importance to the town of Maynooth. He has spent a great deal of his time familiarising himself with the background to the Band and we are indeed grateful for his continued interest and support. Thankfully the rain cleared away after Mass and we were able to give a short recital on the Square after our parade and this gave our Junior Members an opportunity to join us for some of our more popular numbers. These juniors, who will become seniors in the very near future, are a great asset to the Band and we hope to have them fitted out with proper uniforms as soon as possible.

Race Night

Speaking of uniforms, we ran our Annual Race Night in the GAA Club on the 18th of November to raise funds to clear our debt on the uniforms and I hope to report on this in the January Bulletin but at this point I would like to pay a tribute to all who have sponsored Races and Horses or helped in any way towards the success of the night. We know you have many demands on your generosity and believe me we really dislike having to keep asking for funds but hopefully by this time next year we will have cleared our debt. In the meantime we hope you will continue to support us in all our endeavours.

Christmas

It's hard to believe that Christmas is here again. It seems no length since frostbitten fingers fingered frozen flutes and everyone else suffered similar symptoms, all in the cause of continuing our Traditional Christmas Carol Tour of Maynooth, something the Band has done for more years than we care to remember. We hope to visit as many areas as possible, weather permitting, but now that Maynooth has grown to such an extent we can only do our best so if your area is not called on this year we will certainly repair that error in 1994. One of the longest standing traditions in the Band has been our visit to the nuns in the convent on Christmas Eve to play some carols and to extend warmest Christmas wishes to them. We looked forward to this visit as much as the nuns themselves. Sadly, times change and with the sale of the Convent these visits will be a thing of the past. At the time of writing we do not have any plans as to how we can continue the tradition but perhaps Sister Aquinas will come up with some bright ideas before Christmas Eve. We would love to be able to share the carols with them under any circumstances.

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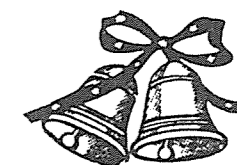
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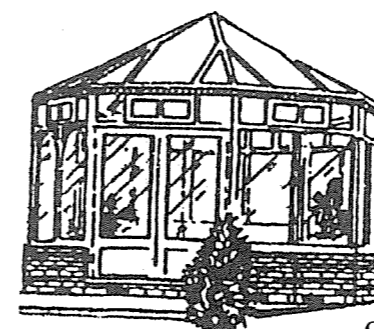
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Christmas Morning

One tradition which will most definitely be maintained will be our Christmas Day Parade after 11 o'clock Mass. Hail, rain or snow has never interfered with this Parade and this year will be no exception and we hope the elements will be kind to us this year and allow us to give a short recital of popular and Christmas music in the Square. Will this be our last Christmas morning to play beneath the "Thing"? We look forward to seeing a crowd there for the send off.

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To conclude 1993 we would like to wish all our friends and supporters a happy and holy Christmas with sincere wishes for a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your wonderful support, financial and otherwise, throughout the year which we hope you will continue in 1994.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES' COMMITTEE

As I write this report we are up to our eyes in preparation for our "Sale of Work", but as you read it, all will be over and hopefully a huge success. We will have a full report in the January issue.

Our Hallowe'en Party took place on October 31st in the Post Primary School. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dunne from S.M.A. Hs. In his homily he reminded us of the true meaning of Hallowe'en which we celebrated before the advent of "Bangers and Bonfires". He also took us on a trip down memory lane to the delight of every one there. Our guests for the evening were a talented group from the "Golden Years Club" in Leixlip, whose contribution to the entertainment helped make the evening a huge success. Maureen and Pat Malone celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary and they danced the evening away as if it were only yesterday. Rose McDermot was 80 years young in October also. The highlight of the evening was of course Mrs Anne Daly from O'Neill Park celebrating her 97th Birthday. Yes 97 it's not a misprint. Many many congratulations, Anne, and we'll do it all again next year. P.G. Our next event will be our Christmas Party in S.V.D. House, Moyglare Road, on Sunday December 12th at 3.30pm.

Our club continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and a special welcome to our new members. We will close for Christmas recess on Thursday December 16th and reopen on Tuesday January 11th.

With winter now on our doorstep many of our Senior Citizens can't get out as much as they might like. Our organisation caters for the vast majority, but there may be one or two we do not know about. Food and heating is very important at this time of year as hypothermia can be a real threat to older people. If you live near an older person, why not drop in! Perhaps they can't get out to shop because of the weather. Perhaps you have a young person in your home who can run to the shops or carry in fuel!. Maybe you haven't seen them for a day or two?. Why not knock and say hello? If you are concerned about an older person in your area you can phone me at 6285206 or contact any committee member and we will do the rest. Remember our Senior Citizens, like our young people are all our concern. Reach out to someone this winter and let's hope that 'European Year of Older People' will not be just a faded memory in the years ahead.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all our Senior Citizens and indeed all of you out there a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Remember our organisation works because you respond so generously. On behalf of our Committee and Senior Citizens we thank you most sincerely and wish you all the best for '94

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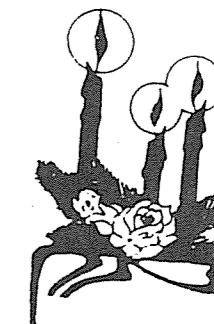
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBS' DANCE

The debs' dance for students of Maynooth Post Primary School was held in the Keadeen Hotel on Friday, 15th of October. Several bus loads of students, their partners and parents were transported to the hotel for the event. Approximately 120 students were involved. After a nice meal, the ceremony of presenting scrolls took place. A photograph was then taken of the entire group. The teachers, pupils and parents then danced the night away. There was a very good attendance of parents and staff and an enjoyable night was had by all.

Maynooth Post Primary Match against Banagher

Maynooth Post Primary School went down to a strong and skillful Banagher side in this Leinster under sixteen quarter-final against Banagher Vocational School. Maynooth started well with a goal by Carol Cassidy midway through the first half but by half-time they were two points down. Banagher, with the aid of a breeze in the second half, got through for some vital scores. Maynooth tried hard to get back in contention again and had two good chances cleared off the line by a strong Banagher side. At the end of a very exciting game Banagher were victorious. The final score was as follows: Maynooth Post Primary School 1-2; Banagher Vocational School 2-6.

All of the Maynooth side played well but Aisling Kelly, Una Burke and Michelle Gillick were outstanding. Our thanks to Mr. Tommy Carew for his help in training the teams each Friday afternoon. We are also grateful to Mr. Sean Coyne, who presented the school with a football.

Maynooth Swimming Club

Saturday 27th November sees the start of our second term, this term continues until the 12th February '94. There won't be a swim on the 25th of December or the 1st of January '94. The Committee regrets that there will be a small increase in fees this term as Stewarts Sports Centre have raised their prices.

Please have all fees paid by the 11th of December. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members past and present also our swimming instructors and bus drivers, a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

P.R.O. Claire O'Rourke
Margaret O'Neill

THE FRIENDLY BROTHERS OF THE MORTALITY SOCIETY OF MAYNOOTH

The Committee have had a full financial report from the Society's auditors, Donnelly Associates, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin and once again we are glad to report to members that the financial affairs of the Society are still solvent. (Members can inspect same any Sunday morning at the Society's Registered Office).

The Committee would like to point out that there are still some members who have not paid their annual subscription. Over the next few weeks we shall be notifying such members as to the amount of their arrears and would very much appreciate if those members would make an effort to keep their annual subscription up to date.

The Committee have also took into consideration that some members, through unemployment, sickness, or some unforeseen circumstance, have been unable to pay their annual sub. We are prepared to discuss the merits of each case. So perhaps a visit down to the Society any Sunday morning could be in your own interest.

We will be accepting new members in the New Year, and hope to hold Public Meetings during the month of January to explain the Aims and Ideals of the Society to those wishing to become members.

We are over one hundred and fifty-six years in existence in Maynooth, so perhaps with the help of old and new members we can keep it going for as many more years to come.

The Committee have asked me to convey their sincere thanks to the Editorial Staff of Maynooth Newsletter for their wonderful help during the year, and also in wishing all members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

P. Nolan Secretary
K. Murphy Asst. Secretary

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES Nótaí Cómhairle Aisinteachta an Chanáil Ríoga Cumann Maigh Nuadh

Fashion Show

At the time of going to press the fashion show/selection of Miss Royal Canal has not yet taken place. Thirteen contestants are vying for this coveted title and the excellent prize fund attached to it. However, by the time your Newsletter reaches the shops the competition will be over and the winner known. We therefore extend good wishes to all the contestants and congratulate the winner in anticipation. Because of modern technology and a very understanding editorial board, photos of the proceedings should appear elsewhere in this very issue.

The committee extends sincere thanks to all those who sponsored contestants, to all who sponsored prizes, to all who contributed in any way to the running of the event and a very special word of thanks to the contestants for kindly agreeing to take part despite the many pressures on their valuable time. Full acknowledgments will appear in the next issue of your Newsletter.

Works Update

Work is continuing at a steady pace despite some inclement weather in the recent past. The new wall which is being built will extend from the "Fairy Tree", adjacent to the entrance gates, along the boundary on the fire station side of the harbour joining up with the existing wall near the wooden footbridge. This is just one of a number of projects, designed to enhance the

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Sailing enthusiasts are reminded that sailing on the canal is subject to the usual permit which one acquires from the Office of Public Works (Inland Waterways Division) for a nominal fee. Since the Royal Canal is not fully operational (some areas are still under repair), harbours are maintained in the closed mode. Those, however, who apply for and obtain permits will also receive details of how to gain access and where lock gate keys can be acquired. It should also be pointed out that under recent legislation all craft on both external and internal waterways must pass present standards of seaworthiness, so have your craft checked before sailing. Meanwhile, one can enjoy the amenity between Blanchardstown and Mullingar for the present but this will extend to the Liffey basin in the near future.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets will soon go on sale for our bumper Christmas raffle. Prizes include: food hamper, fruit hamper, walkman stereo, turkey, whiskey, wine and many more. The draw will take place at The Roost Lounge Bar on Monday, 20th December, starting at 8.30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided. *Ol agus ceoil! Cain agus craic!*

Christmas Greetings

As this will be the final publication of your favourite monthly "mag" for this year the chairman and committee would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and good health to enjoy whatever the New Year may bring. Thanks to all who supported or helped us in any way during the year, especially the business community who as usual were most supportive. Special thanks to all the Newsletter staff for their kindness and understanding and also to the editorial board for all their help.

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TUG-O'-WAR

"Even the victors are by their victories undone", wrote Dryden, and so it is with tug-o'-war.

No sooner than George Gallagher had won the Hitchin' Post Cup and brought it back to Brady's did malicious words begin to fly.

The Lamb Tribunal

It all began with Johnny Lavin's unfounded insinuation that our untainted referee, P.J. Bennett, had received gifts of legs of lamb from George - a well known local sheep farmer. This accusation is particularly reprehensible especially in the run up to Christmas. Horrifying images of The Lamb Tribunal and Lambgate spring to mind. If that wasn't enough Bill Costello from Moyglare said "there is no skill in tug-o'-war".

This gives local tug-o'-war buffs plenty to contemplate as they munch their way through lamb cutlets etc. None the less they can look back on the year with nostalgia.

The Beginning

It all began in early May when three local teams began to build up for the Summer Festival on June 13th. There was the Middleshop, Bradys and the Leinster Arms (A) in contention. The day was won by the Leinster Arms (B) team of Larry McEvoy, Mark McEvoy, Mick Bergin, Peter Dignam and Jim Heffernan to name a few.

The Leinster Arms (A) team well served by Jimmy Doyle, Frank Barron, Mick Harrington, Mick Cummins, Mick O'Rourke and Seamie Ryan, soon disbanded and amalgamated with Bradys in mid August. Meanwhile the Middleshop merged with Lucan Sarsfields and had a successful year in the affiliated League. Sean Hyland and his team mates will especially recall pulling an exhausting 29 times on a hot afternoon in one meet.

Bradys, too, were earning respect on the circuit down country with vital contacts and invitations being established.

Then we brought it all back home on October 17th, for the Hitchin Post Cup, which was a great day for local tug-o-war. Bradys emerged worthy victors and the year was crowned with success.

Women's Wing

Tug-O-War has a women's wing as was evident in the Summer Festival. They provided an excellent display and showed the true spirit of the sport. Spokeswoman Hillary Donovan has rightly reprimanded officials for their omission from the Hitchin' Post Cup. In future they shall be included in all local events, in so far as possible. Helens Hair Affair team won the women's section in the Summer Festival.

Local Base

Our greatest achievement of the year was to set up a local base for tug-o'-war. In attaining this we have to thank the Community Council and in particular, Carol Clifford, Tom McMullon, Eileen Dunne and Norah McDermott. The significance of this

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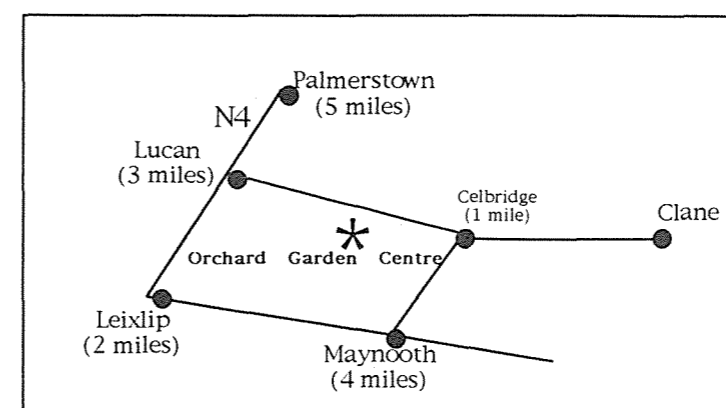
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"Right I'd best get started" he said, putting his breakfast dishes in the sink...

He went out to the shed and called out to the reindeer one by one.

"Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph, we're going for a run".

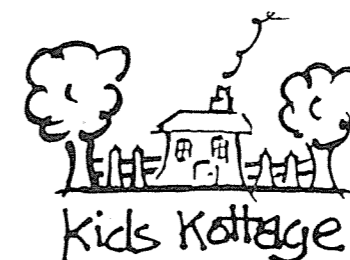
Santa was nearly knocked over in the reindeers' excitement, they couldn't wait to go out for a practice run. The reindeer were soon hitched up and ready to go. "Up up and away" Santa roared as they climbed towards the sky.

"Where are we heading" said Rudolph. Santa thought for a moment, "lets go over to Maynooth and see what's happening". "Okay", said Rudolph, "Left at the next set of clouds". Within a short while they were flying over Maynooth and looking down over the town. Santa Claus saw that all the children in Maynooth were being very good, and he knew that they would be very happy this Christmas.

"Lets head for home", said Santa and they returned to the North pole, tired and weary from their long journey.

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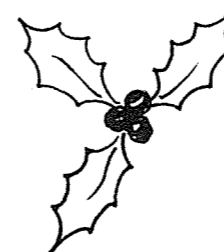
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Saltimbocca Alla Romana (*Pork & Parma ham cooked in a white wine & sage sauce*)

Pasta Primavera (*Pasta cooked with mushrooms, broccoli, peppers and fresh cream
sauce*)

Trota Alla Mugnana (*Sea trout and capers in white wine sauce*)

All served with mixed vegetables

Dessert: Christmas Pudding or Tote della casa (Italian style gateau).
Cream Caramel.

Menu 2

£16.95

Starters: Soup of the Day
Stuffed Tomatoes
Tiger Prawns Vesuvio
Crepes alla Val d'Ostana (*Crepes cooked in a delicious cheese,
mushroom and ham sauce*)

Scaloppina al funghi (*Escalopes of Pork, cooked in mushroom
and white wine sauce*).

Cannelloni alla Donatello's

Bistecca alla Tirolese (*Sirloin steak cooked in red wine and beer*)

Filletto di Sogliola al Cartoccio (*Sole in a mushroom, tomato and cream sauce*)

All served with mixed vegetables.

Dessert: Christmas Pudding or Sorbet al limone or Tiramisa.

Menu 3

£19.95

Starters: Cocktail di Gamberoni (*Prawn Cocktail*)
Prosciutto Melon (*Melon with Parma ham*)
Smoked Salmon
Mozzarella Tricolore (*Slices of avocado on a bed of lettuce, tomato and
Mozzarella cheese*)

Filetto al Pepe

Tagliatelle All Salmone (*Strips of smoked salmon cooked in fresh cream*)

Pheasant in red wine sauce.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Prior to Halloween we hired a skip for the estate. Great use was made of it, but some residents just threw their material beside the skip and expected other people to put it in. If the skip is full, leaving it beside the skip will not mean that it is taken away. Members of the committee have had to clean up the mess left.

Last month notes in relation to Laurence Avenue should have read Kildare County Council not Maynooth County Council. We have written to Kildare County requesting a traffic census to be taken on Laurence Avenue to determine the volume of traffic using Laurence Avenue.

We wish all our residents and readers a Happy Christmas.

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On Friday 12th November Medujorge came to Maynooth. Yes, on that day we had a Miracle in Maynooth when that unmentionable four letter word "RAMP" appeared no less than three times on Pound Street. Okay, it was only actually written on the road but maybe the County Council intend giving us the real thing as a Christmas present. We still have some work to do yet, though, because in our view the proposed locations will not completely solve the speeding problem. We are meeting the Area Engineer to solve this problem and we sincerely hope that we will live happily ever after from the end of this year.

Our November open meeting was very well attended and we managed to get through a great deal of business. The leader of the "Green Team", Anne Cotter, graciously came along at our invitation to discuss some suggested improvements to the Green. These were the provision of stone seats to replace the steel ones which did not appear to be vandal proof and the possibility of putting down suitable shrubs in a couple of areas around the Green. We will keep you informed on both of these projects which should help to make it the nicest open space in Maynooth. We again extend sincere thanks to Anne Cotter and her team for their wonderful work.

We also discussed a social night out and at time of writing we hope to travel to a Christmas Dinner Dance in Harry's of Kinnegad on 17th December. We hope all goes well and that it could even turn out to be a Ramps Celebration Dinner.

There have been quite a number of "incidents" and thefts in the area recently and we hope to organise a Neighbourhood Watch meeting as soon as possible in addition to writing to the Students' Union to express our dissatisfaction with the appalling behaviour of some of the students in the recent past.

As this is our last Newsletter for 1993 we would like to wish all our residents a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. See you all in 1994.

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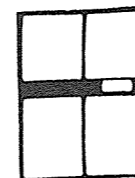
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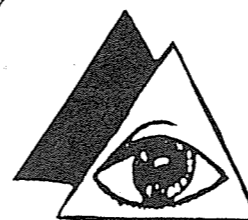
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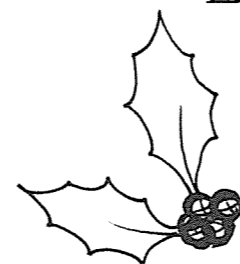
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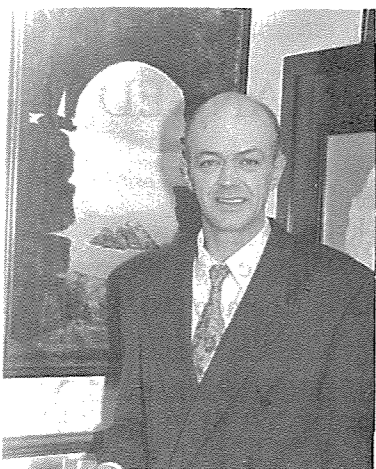
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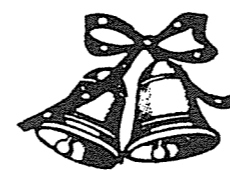
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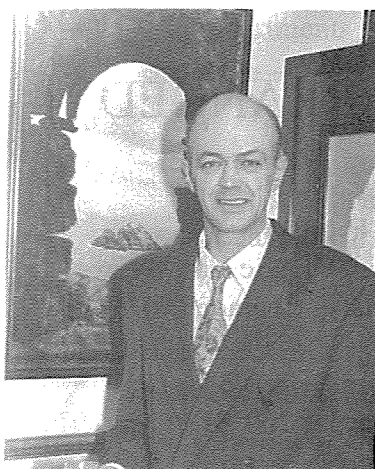
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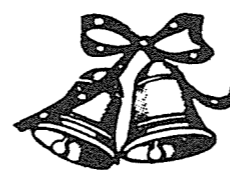
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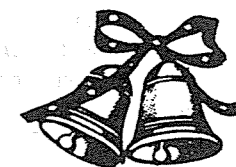
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For it was Sean Molloy, did this image denote.
When he pulled out his 'pistol' I thought I was dead
But he just grinned and with it lit up a cigar instead.

III

In the Roost there was a peaceful hush,
Things were pleasant and there was no rush.
There was George Gallagher, Peter Riordan and Jo.
As Mick Sheils gravelly voice did lyrically flow.
Ken Tracey in his pivot place so grand
A spontaneous wit he did so command.
Tom McMullon, the big Scotsman,
Was forgetting about his development plan.
Andy Graham was having a pint nice and snug,
And all his troubles away he did shrug.
Judie Burke was in his element,
For all these folks the night was content.
Mel Farrell the barman of the year,
Kept things going with crack and cheer.

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With rings of Guinness around every mouth.
They were keeping in touch with their country roots
I saw straw and feathers stuck to their boots.
Big Noel Kerin was manning the ship
With Ken and the lads at either hip.
Padraig Kearney, he sat there without sin,
He'd been to confession, a new leaf to begin.
Up here they have a love of bad singers
Except this man whose fame ever lingers
'Tis Mick Riordan the singing ex-fireman
Who had them eating out of his hand
He really set the house alight
Which is every fireman's delight
Kevin Connolly and Denis McDermott stood aside
Recalling the years achievements with pride.

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The underage teams won every Cup and Shield,
And the Seniors too won honour on the field.
The customers here are the best you will find
For community spirit and folks of a kind.

I was broke and drunk and out of tune,
As I walked home neath the crescent moon.
On the canal's cold waters, I cast a weary eye,
As I decked a few people were standing nearby.
A voice said, "You fell in last year coming from town
And regretfully we missed your big splash down.
I was sure they wouldn't want that to happen again
But they picked me up and threw me right in.
After a while I got used to it
And felt that the water quality had improved a bit
Suddenly I thought I was nearly gone,
When I was attacked by a giant white swan.
And I began to realise, without a doubt,
That drink is not what its all about.
Torn and tattered to my door I did fall.
Saying, "Merry Christmas - home is best after all"

Willie Healy

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Hearty Turkey Vegetable Soup (Serves 6-8)

75 g (3 oz) red lentils, soaked overnight
450 g (1 lb) potatoes, peeled and chopped
450 g-675 g (1 lb - 1 1/2 lb) chopped mixed root vegetables,
(carrot, turnip or swede, parsnip)
1 large onion, peeled and chopped
3 sticks celery, chopped
Salt and pepper
5 ml (1 tsp) dried mixed herbs
1.5 ltr (2 1/2) pints turkey or chicken stock

1. Drain lentils and place in large saucepan with potatoes,
mixed vegetables, onion and celery, seasoning and herbs.

2. Add stock, bring to boil, cover and cook for about 3/4 - 1 hour
or until lentils are soft. Liquidise until thick.

3. Adjust seasoning if necessary, add some chopped leftover
turkey meat if preferred, and serve with crusty bread.

Chestnut and Sausage Stuffing

450 g (1 lb) sausagemeat
450 g (1 lb) chestnuts
25 g (1 oz) butter (melted)
1 cup fine breadcrumbs
Salt and pepper

1. Make slit in each chestnut, cover with boiling water and cook
till tender.

2. Remove skins and chop finely, or pass through coarse sieve.

3. Mix with sausagemeat, add melted butter, breadcrumbs and
seasoning.

4. Use to stuff turkey or chicken.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cost: £1. Makes 12.
Preparation: 15 min
Cooking: 20 min
Freeze: up to 6 months.

4 oz (100 g) butter
1 (size 3) egg, lightly beaten
5 oz (125 g) self-raising flour, sieved
4 oz (100 g) plain chocolate

1. Set oven 400°F, 200°C (Mark 6). Lightly grease two baking
sheets.

2. Beat butter and sugar together until soft. Beat in the egg with
1 tbs (14 ml) of the flour.

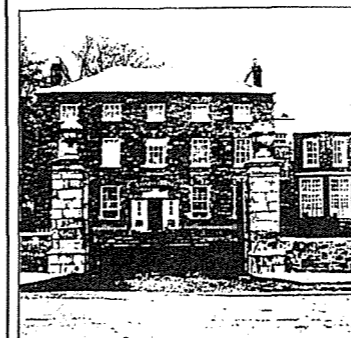
3. Gradually stir in rest of flour until you have a fairly stiff
mixture.

4. With a sharp knife, cut chocolate into pieces about the size
of a pea.

Stir chocolate into mixture making sure it is evenly distributed.
5. Take spoonfuls of the mixture about the size of a walnut and
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tops down lightly with the back of a fork.

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6. Bake for 20 minutes until firm and golden brown. Remove from baking sheets with a palette knife and cool on a wire rack.
7. Store in an airtight container when cold.

Cook's Tip:

Try adding 1 tbsp (15 ml) cocoa to the mixture (in place of 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the flour) for double choc cookies. Alternatively, use milk or white chocolate or both.

Whiskey Sauce

- 1/2 oz. flour
- 1/2 oz. margarine
- 1/2 pint milk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- A tablespoon whiskey

Melt the margarine, add the flour and cook, stirring well until the mixture is dry and sandy. Do not brown. Remove from heat and gradually stir in the milk. Add the sugar. Return to heat. Bring to boil stirring all the time and boil for 5 minutes. Flavour with whiskey.

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Snippet of Advice - Larceny of Quantity of Oil

We are in the heart of Winter, that time of year when heat in the home is so central to our comfort. Incidents of quantities of oil being taken from oil tanks at the rear or side of houses in estates have been reported to us recently. Home heating oil is expensive enough not to be leaving it to the criminal opportunist to deprive you of it and your home of such an essential comfort. Please ensure that there is a secure lock on your tank.

Garda Check-points/Prevention of Drunk Driving

"Tis the season to be Jolly" - very appropriate for Christmas season, but not to be falling in/out of cars with drink consumed. Again we advise our community of the dangers of driving vehicles after drinking. Just stop and think for a moment - serious accident - loss of licence for 12 months; a heavy fine and/or imprisonment. These are the realities which you should consider before going out for a night intending to drive home with a few jars in you. The Gardai will be operating checkpoints, and the drink-driving laws will be rigidly enforced. Don't push drink on drivers; the "one for the road" era is long gone.

Approach to Christmas

Everybody should take extra care of their property over the next few weeks, particularly those of us who intend travelling to Dublin for the shopping. Park your car in a supervised car park (its worth the few bob), mind your cash/cheque book. Don't show large sums of money - remember somebody else is also watching. Business people should also note that this is also a busy time for our criminal fraternity - they also will be stocking up for Santa. Be vigilant.

Traffic/Parking

I'm sure that everybody living in Maynooth and our friends who pass through must have noticed how heavy traffic is becoming. Until our by-pass is completed we will have to do our best. I must say that the Co. Council are keeping the situation under constant review, and anything that can be done will be done. It is the indiscriminate parking that causes the Main St. to be blocked, so please park your vehicle properly.

Dinner Dance

Yes, Maynooth Gardai are holding their 4th Dinner Dance in March, 1994. We are looking forward to it, and everybody is welcome. More details on that in next month's issue.

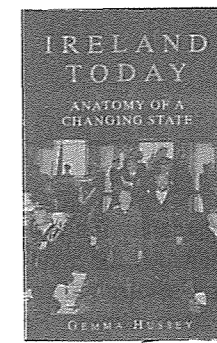
And finally to each and everyone of you, the people of Maynooth, may we wish you a peaceful Christmas and the season's blessings. Thank you for your help and co-operation during 1993; it was much appreciated and may that spirit of harmony and good will between the Garda Siochana and the Community continue.



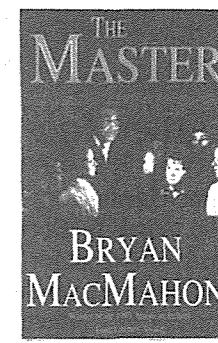
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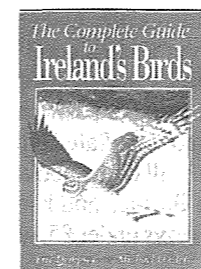
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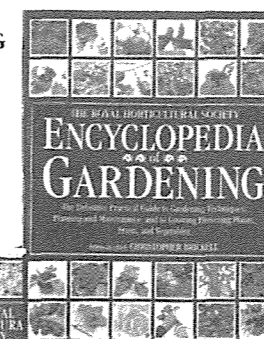
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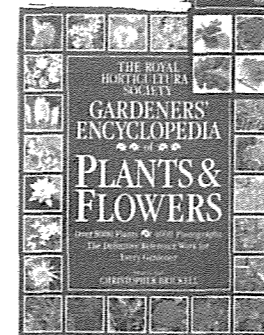


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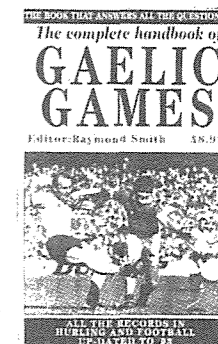
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GARDENING HINTS

Flower Garden

In the month of December the gardener is allowed a well-earned rest except for some small jobs. In the first fortnight or so, for instance, planting of shrubs, trees, fruit and roses can be continued or finished as the weather allows. Pruning and spraying of fruit can continue; digging and manuring of borders and vegetable plots can finish. If you have the time and energy this is a good time, while the bones of the garden show, to re-design unsatisfactory parts of it and carry out new constructions.

The true Christmas rose (*Helleborus niger*) has a never-failing appeal and is one of the flowers usually available in the garden for picking for Christmas celebrations (although sometimes it does not bloom until after Christmas). Winter jasmine, mahonia, Erica cinerea and its varieties, primroses and violets in sheltered places, sedums, and pansies will also be in bloom. Plants in pots, both flowering and foliage can go into the home for the time being for extra decoration, and all sorts of berrying shrubs will add to their colour. The evergreens will retain their leaves, especially the conifers, if left to soak overnight in the bath.

Vegetable Garden

Manure, dig and trench ground in dry weather. Early sown peas and beans showing should have the soil lightly drawn up on each side of the rows for protection. Force rhubarb and seakale.

Pot Plants

Often, sadly, one of December's disasters is the death of expensive pot plants, acquired as Christmas presents. Such plants include the azaleas, poinsettias, cyclamen and the Christmas cactus, at the height of their flowering season, covered in bloom and apparently in the best of health. They are in fact extremely fit, but the change from nursery greenhouse conditions to those of the home, particularly at Christmas time, is often too much for them. In no time, buds and flowers have dropped, leaves withered and fallen, and a few stark bare stems are all that is left of a once beautiful plant.

Smoky, dry atmosphere often predominate in the home, the temperature may well be up too high near radiators, electric or coal fires. Conversely, window-sills behind drawn curtains where pot plants are often put, can be death traps of freezing air, as the outside temperature drops swiftly to or below freezing, as it can easily do at this time.

In all the excitement nothing is more likely to be overlooked than watering and an azalea in full bloom will want a big drink at least every day; cyclamen also flag extremely quickly with their leaves turning yellow. Plants may also suffer from being given liquids other than water at this time of the year! Draughts are a further menace as doors constantly open with the arrival and departure of guests and family; one way or another, all pot plants have a hard time of it.

Try to remember at any rate, to review the water needs every day; bring the plants in from the window-sills when the curtains are drawn. Spray them lavishly every day with clear water, or pack really damp peat around the container and keep it damp. Keep them somewhere out of the line of draughts and away from the fierce heat.

Then leave the garden alone, but make sure wild birds are well fed particularly in frosty weather. Enjoy Christmas, hibernate a little as all sensible animals do in the short dark days and come back to it with a refreshed mind in the New Year when the days begin to lengthen.

GIFTS GALORE AT YOUR LOCAL STORE

"Christmas is coming, your purse is getting thinner, There's lots more to purchase besides your Christmas dinner."

Ah! yes, it's that time of the year again, a time of hustle and bustle, unlike any other time of the year. People crowd the buses all week every week in the run up to Christmas, searching for bargains all over the city. Well this year, maybe we should stop and take note, look around locally to see what can be bought for Christmas presents. Our recent survey proved quite an eye-opener. Looking for presents under £5 may seem a daunting task but Maynooth has more to offer than many realise.

Our window shopping spree began on Main Street where we found ideas plentiful. Katie's Flowers, offer dried flower arrangements and flowering plants for £5 and over as do The Flower Pot, in the Square along with fresh posie arrangements. Soft toys are a great part of Christmas and these can be bought at reasonable prices at many outlets throughout Maynooth. These include on Main Street Barry's Newsagents, Nuzstop and Donovans in Maynooth Shopping Centre and Greenfield Shopping Centre. These stores also provide a good selection of toys for under £5, e.g. Donovans sell a great set of dinosaurs for just £2.99, Nuzstop sell a lace & frame tapestry maker for £3.99 and Barry's sell a Rainbow Repeater Safe Ball Shooter at £2.99. For those with a sweet tooth, all of the above provide a selection of chocolates along with Bartons and Kiemans on the Main Street, who also sell kiddies toys under £5, well worth checking out folks.

Stocking fillers can be a tiresome task but look no further than your local retailers. The Bookshop for example sells a great range of items besides books. They have jigsaws, packs of educational cards (e.g. cards displaying dinosaurs giving information on each type), music tapes, colouring posters and the old reliable book tokens. Keely's Corner offer a selection of Russ Character mugs for £4.99 and cuddly dinos for £3.99.

For the more practically minded one might venture into Ua Buachalla's on Main Street to purchase a bicycle light for £3.95, a torch for £2.15 or a set of glasses for £1.95. On the same street and still for the practically minded there is Maynooth Cycle Centre where a complete rain suit, jacket pull-ups, hood and bag costs only £5. Incidentally this shop also sells toys for under £5, e.g. Play & Learn Funhouse for £2.20 or a Princess Mermaid for £3.95.

Buying for teenagers can be quite daunting. We tend to slip money into a card rather than buy something which could be totally unsuitable.

Why not play safe this year and buy a Parker pen-set for £5.25 or a diary under £5 at Maynooth Office Supplies on the Dublin Road. For sporty teenagers one might find something suitable in Caddyshack on Main Street. There are a selection of items for under £5 like a set of golf balls from £2.50, mugs £4.99,

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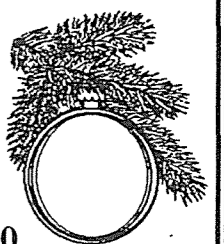
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Presents for the men in the family might be purchased at C.P.L. Motor Factors where you can get a Two Tray Tool Box for £4.95 or a Wheel Glove for £4.50, or you could pop into Caddyshack and get one of our previously listed gifts. An ideal present for the women in the family would be a gift voucher for Cameo Beauty Clinic situated on Main Street or for Vanity Fayre in the Town Centre Mall where you could get a voucher for an eye lash tint, a cleanse and make-up or a manicure for £5 or under.

For a variety of gifts for family and friends there is a shop aptly named in the Main Street. This is Just Gifts which offer a great selection such as silver flowered jewellery from £3.75, children's rings from £2.50, material covered spectacle case £4.50, guest towels £4.25, wine bags £2.00 and even purses from £3.75. The list is endless and the variety is great. So if it's a gift you're after, this is the shop for you. The garden centre in the Square offers a nice selection of pottery and flowering plants.

Value isn't confined to the main stretch of the town. Outlying shops such as Greenfield Supermarket and Newtown Stores also offer great value in the build-up to Christmas. In Greenfield Supermarket doll's dresses at £3.95, musical clock £1.99, large torch £4.95, vases in boxes £4.95, twelve piece tea-set £4.95, kitchen clocks £3.99 and assorted ornaments under £5 are among the plentiful bargains to be had in this big shop. Newtown Stores situated in Beafield has a good selection of children's toys including children's umbrellas, bag and purse set £4.69, xylophone £2.39, jumbo jet £3.99, set of three trolls £4.99. Also available here are boxes of chocolates for the adults.

Last but not least on our shopping trail we come to Maynooth Photo Centre, what's Christmas without memories. No better way to store your memories than to put them in a photo album, which can be bought from £1.99 or a photo frame for £3.60. Or for those with a video how about a 3hr. video tape for £3.99

*"Well Christmas is coming, your purse is getting thinner, But shopping in Maynooth is sure to be a winner."*

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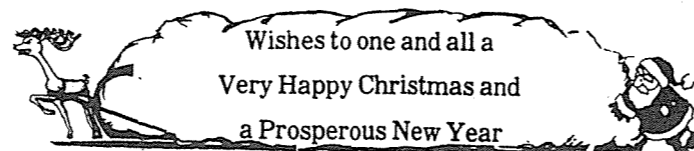
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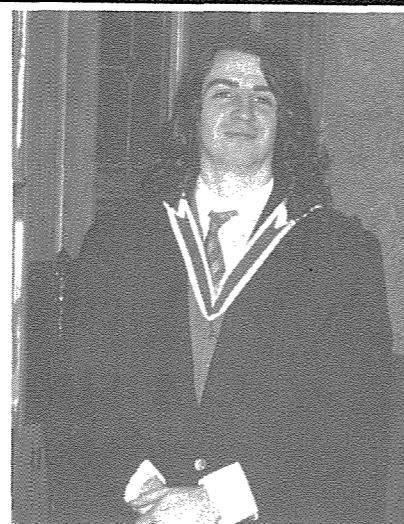
The 1993 Graduation Ceremonies were held in Maynooth College on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November. Approximately 1,000 students were conferred over 2 days. Diplomas and degrees were presented by Msgr. Ledwith, the President of the College who gave a speech following the presentation. He mentioned how the youth are our richest resource. Our greatest task is the education we gave them. Nearly 1/3 of Ireland is engaged in full time education and far from graduation being the end of this education, it is a new beginning.

There were three ceremonies on the first Friday afternoon, the second on Saturday morning and the last on Saturday evening. The Graduation Ball gave a nice finishing touch, as the students headed out to the Country Club Hotel, Portmarnock, for a night on the town.

The best of luck to all of the students who graduated and may this be the beginning of a great future.



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Cluain Aoibhinn,  
now working with  
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who graduated  
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### GREAT WIN FOR "RUNNIN' SCARED"

The band "Runnin' Scared", in their first appearance live since June, came back in full steam to win their heat at a talent competition in Dowlings of Prosperous on Thursday, 4th November.

This four-piece band has been together for two years now. It is comprised of Kevin Breslin (vocals), Enda Breslin (lead guitar and vocals), both from Leinster Park, Declan Noonan (bass and backing vocals) and Thomas Murphy (drums) who hails from Straffan.

Bands who have influenced Runnin' Scared include Jimmy Hendrix, U2, Thin Lizzy, The Cult, Extreme and The Doors, a lot of whose music they play as covers. As well as the covers they have also written a lot of their own songs, including "Real Disguise", "Life Illusions", "You Let Me Die" and "Taken".

Last November the band brought out a demo tape in Poppyhill Studios, Naas, on which they had two songs - "In This Land" and "Nikki" (lyrics by Kevin Breslin). This demo was sent to a record company called "Break Records", who were quite interested in the band. This company are planning to bring out a CD which will be a compilation of new bands. The man who discovered the band for this venture is Paul Ashford. Details of the CD aren't available yet but, don't worry, you'll be kept posted.

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John Drennan,  
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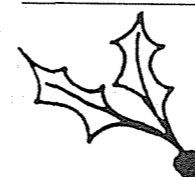
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### The National Development Plan Cultural Tourism and Maynooth

One feature of the Government's National Development Plan is the importance it places on the promotion of Cultural Tourism. Arts and Cultural industries show one of the fastest growth rates in European industry, particularly in Germany and Britain. In the U.K. the Arts and Culture section including Cultural Tourism employs over 550,000 people with an annual turnover of well in excess of £10 billion.

In Ireland Cultural Tourism is a growing market. Over 40% of overseas tourists are influenced in their choice of destinations by the cultural/heritage attractions of the Republic. This added to the need of the tourist industry to diversify and offer attractions beyond scenic beauty and the natural friendliness of the people explains the government's new emphasis on Cultural Tourism.

This growth contains significant implications for Maynooth. The unique combination of factors which has resulted in the presence of Carton, the Geraldine Castle, Maynooth College and the Grand Canal within this area suggests the logic of a major government investment in the heritage of Maynooth leading to the town and its environs becoming a centre of cultural tourism.

This potential has already been identified by the local community. The Community Council, together with its Planning and Development sub-committee, are in the process of putting forward proposals to Kildare County Council which, if implemented, would significantly improve the physical environment of the town.

Such investment is needed. Despite the appearance of affluence a serious unemployment crisis and its attendant social problems exist in the town. Both the Minister for Arts Culture and the Gaeltacht and the Minister for Tourism should seriously examine the economic potential of the following proposals, suggested by John Drennan, Maynooth Graduate.

**I** Carton should be developed into a national heritage centre and the demesne into a national park. The latter should not preclude the use of the demesne for activities such as Golf, Angling, Adventure Sports and Equestrian.

**II** The Castle should be rebuilt and roofed. This should be done in a manner which does not take away from the integrity of the existing remains. It should become a heritage centre based around the theme of Gaelic/Norman/Anglo/Irish Ireland.

**III** Redevelopment of the surrounding environment, particularly the canal and streetscape of Maynooth so as to harmonize with developments in Carton and the Castle. The ultimate aim would be the restoration of Maynooth to its former status as a model town. Such a major development can be justified on the following grounds.

**I** Carton Estate is a unique heritage feature. It represents of the few 18th century ascendancy estates where both demesne and estate have survived intact.

**II** Similarly, Maynooth Castle has played a seminal role in Irish History, housing the greatest of the old Anglo-Irish nobility and 7 Lord Deputies. It was also the centre of a major rebellion against English rule.

**III** The canal also deserves upgrading. Minister Higgins has committed £39 million to the enhancement of our National Parks and Waterways in the National Development Plan. It should be indicated to the Minister that canals and waterways exist East as well as west of the Shannon.

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**IV** Redevelopment of Maynooth as a heritage centre could be closely linked to the government's commitment to create a conference centre. This will cost £50 million, generate 30,000 visitors, £29 million per annum and 1,500 jobs. It would be asking too much of the imaginative capacity of the present government to perceive the suitability of Carton as a venue for such a development but Carton could serve the cultural interests of conference attendees.

**V** The physical location of Maynooth also suggests the viability of heritage centres in both the Castle and Carton and the presence of a leisure park in the latter. As well as serving international tourists they would service the leisure/cultural needs and interests of the Dublin region in a manner similar to Blessington.

**VI** Business in Maynooth is highly seasonal and over-dependent on the student trade. The growth of a tourist infrastructure would end this dependency.

**VII** The previous National Plan spent over £140 million in the promotion of Golf, Adventure, Equestrian, Culture/Heritage, Language, Angling and activity based holidays. The present Plan also cites the fostering of such holidays as being most important to the further growth of the tourist industry. Carton/Maynooth possesses the unique potential to cater for all these interests, whilst the presence of the College offers a unique opportunity for the creation of an International Language Centre.

**VIII** Within the broader economic context the development of Maynooth as a centre for Cultural Tourism possesses other benefits. Arts and Culture plays a major role in persuading (and just as significantly retaining) high-tech white collar industries such as the Intel plant at Collinstown, originally proposed for Carton. The development of Maynooth as a heritage area possesses major advantages over the Gleneagles plan. Jobs created by Cultural Tourism are more highly skilled and not as dependent on seasonality as other tourist posts. The concept of a heritage centre preserves the required balance between conservation and commercial development. It should be noted that not only do centres/museums possess a strong multiplier effect on the local economy in the creation of jobs/wealth and ancillary spending but that unlike other industries most of these benefits are retained in the local economy.

The future of Maynooth lies in its cultural heritage. The development of Carton and the Castle as heritage centres will ensure that these places created by the labour of the people will return into their possession and that of the nation. These assets have been disgracefully neglected. The historically low level of Structural/Lottery funds received by Maynooth has contributed to this. It is up to Ministers McCreavy and Stagg to ensure this pattern will not be repeated.

John Drennan

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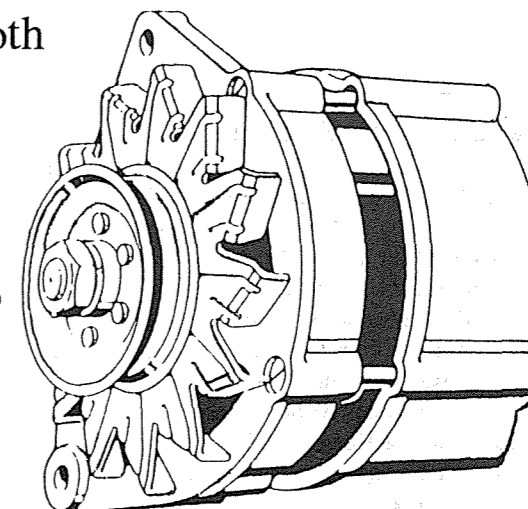
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Willie Coonan of Coonan's Estate Agents, Maynooth and Athy, Co. Kildare specialists in the sale of agricultural properties and stud farms has noted a sustained trend in land prices in Co. Kildare over the last few months.

The total acreage involved in these sales was 488 acres and the total purchase prices amounted to £1,000,000 giving an average of £2,015 per acre. One farm of 68 acres in Maynooth was with drawn at £135,000 and sold subsequently at a higher figure; and 18 acres at Clonaugh, sold for £47,500.

Willie Coonan commented that he was extremely satisfied with the level of interest in farm land in recent months. Each property offered for sale had produced an excellent level of interest from a wide variety of clients and a feature of all auctions was the active bidding and satisfactory outcome to the sales for all concerned. He is optimistic regarding the outlook for the future and mentioned such positive factors as the low interest rates, the general scarcity of land on offer and the optimistic note in farming, particularly in the dairy sector.

### Launch of Miss Royal Canal and Fashion Show

The launch of the Miss Royal Canal Fashion Show 1993 took place on Friday 5th November in the G.A.A. hall. All of the contestants were present at this function, where the judges had a few words with each of them, to get a general idea of their personality. It was a very relaxed occasion where all of the girls met up with one another in a contestant capacity and swapped notes on past and present experiences as some of the girls had been contestants in the Miss Royal Canal before. Amongst these was Sinéad O'Neill, representing Nuzstop. Sinéad was a contestant two years ago, and as her name was put in again she decided to give it a go. "I enjoyed it before", she said "so I'm not so nervous this time". Another entrant Grace Kelly (with a name like that, she can't go wrong) represented Cameo, Beauty Clinic in the Main Street. She said she was nervous but the judges were very nice and she was enjoying it. M.C.L. Cabs were well represented by the lovely Hazel Walshe. Hazel works part-time in Top of the Crop and one must say that all of the entrants for the Miss Royal Canal are definitely the Pick of the Crop.

Last year's winner, Emily Jennings, who represented Donovan's Newsagents, made a guest appearance at this launch. She put her feelings on the past year into her own words: "I had a great year it was well worth it!". Emily will hand over her trophy on Thursday 18th November to this year's winner, whoever the lucky girl may be.

Michelle Dempsey, a judge for the past two years, commented on the fact that it would be a hard job to judge the contestants. She did not find them nervous and found that the launch was a great way of meeting them for the first time.

Looking very well also on the night were some of the models who will be displaying the latest fashion during the Miss Royal

Canal competition, on 18th November in Setanta Hotel, Celbridge. These fashions will be from such outlets as Private Collections, Libra, Traffic Fashions and Bridal Hire. Presenting the fashion show on the night will be Joan Howard-Williams who has always done a superb job in the past. There will be male and female models on the night and it promises to be a great part of the evening.

The interviewer for the competition is Liam Quigley of 98FM. Liam lives locally in Leixlip and is looking forward to being compere on the night. "I've always wanted to get into this side of entertainment" he said, "I have been a D.J. compere lots of times but this will be different. Liam also got a chance to talk to the girls in a relaxed atmosphere so he knows what's ahead of him on the night.

Our very own Bachelor of Maynooth, Eugene Fitzpatrick also made a guest appearance. Eugene is the comedian for the night of the competition. Judging on past appearances from Eugene, this promises to be an entertaining part of the evening.

The prizes for the winner of the Miss Royal Canal title include a weekend for two in London and lunch in Moyglare Manor amongst others, so good luck to all of the girls and may the night be very successful for all concerned.

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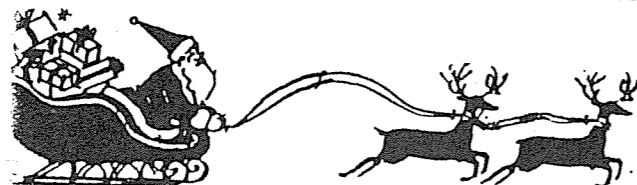
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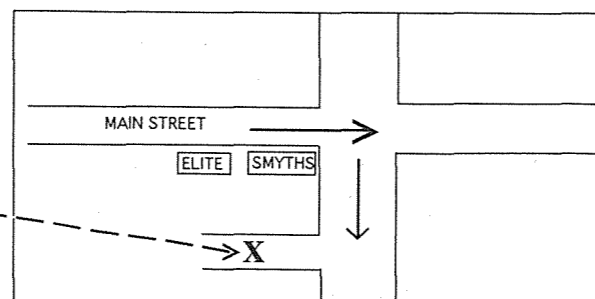
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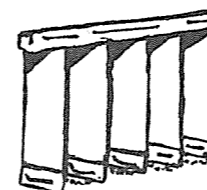
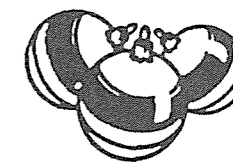
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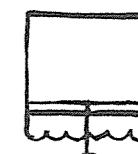


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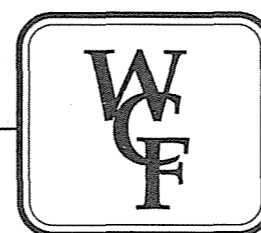


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## Features

### TRAVELLING HER WAY IN A NEW BOOK

Maynooth author and radio presenter Mary O'Donnell, has a new poetry book out at the moment.

The book entitled "Spiderwoman's Third Avenue Rhapsody" is a collection of Mary's poetry over the past three years. This, her second poetry collection, 'journeys through the landscapes of the physical world and the mysterious terrain of the mind', (Publisher's note).

One section of the book focuses around Maynooth and its sense of place developed through local odyssey. The title of one of the poems in this section '53.23° North' happens to be the geographical location of Maynooth and is about Mary's life here.

The title poem is a response to, and celebration of Manhattan. When Mary wrote the poem, her intention was that the words be put to music, the type of music she had in mind was that of Gershwin. This is evident from the layout of the poem. Her style for this poem is so aptly summed up in the publisher's note which says - 'the sureness of her insight never falters; the stunning title poem skilfully mingles narrative gift with poetic revelation'.

Her creative style of writing encaptures images which you can almost see before your eyes. This became most evident to me in her poem 'Maynooth College Chapel Altar, viewed from the Gallery', which was inspired by Mary's attendance at Brahm's Requiem. If any of you have been in the College Chapel and pictured its beauty you'd understand what I mean when saying that Mary's use of words encaptures that very same atmosphere.

This is Mary's fourth publication in four years. Her first in 1990, another poetry collection entitled 'Reading the Sunflowers in September', was nominated for an Irish Times/Aer Lingus Literary Award in 1991. As well as her poetry collections she is also author of the best-selling novel, 'The Light-Makers' and a much-praised collection of short stories, 'Strong Pagans'.

We often hear the saying "support your local business". My feelings, from reading the book, is that this should extend to supporting local authors too. The book is published by Salmon Publishing, an imprint of Poolbeg Publications, and is available in all good bookshops at £5.99. Definitely something for the Christmas Stocking!

John McLoughlin.



Mary O'Donnell

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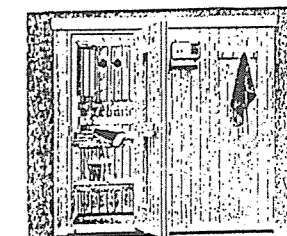
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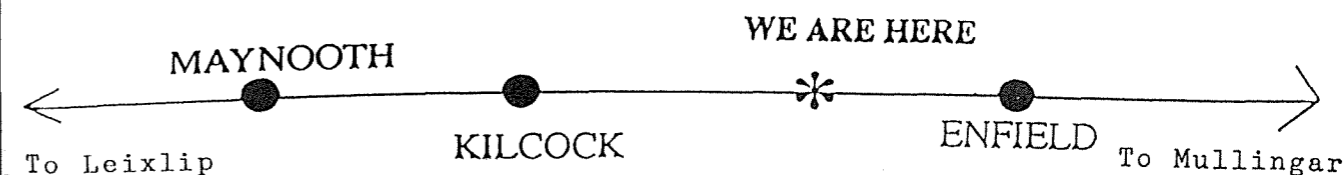
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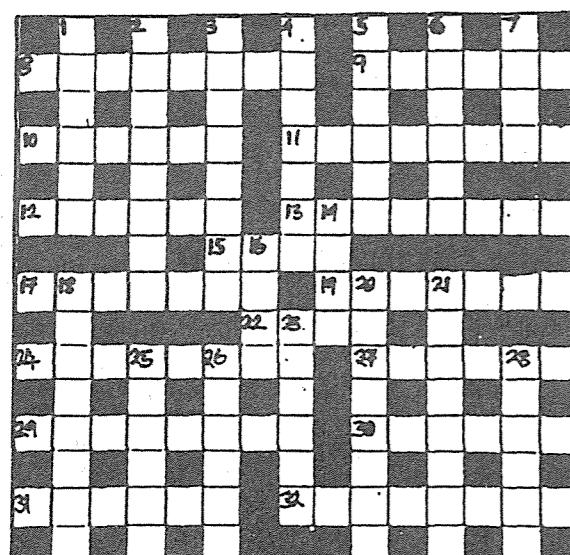
For those who missed the T.V. Premier of Roddy Doyle's, "The Snapper" (15), the video will be available to rent from November 29th. The movie focuses on the madness and mayhem surrounding the family when the eldest daughter Sharon realises she's pregnant but refuses to name the father of her expected child. It's a must for all lovers of "The Commitments".

"Falling Down", stars Michael Douglas, who through pure frustration is pushed over the top and takes matters into his own hands. He goes on the rampage, dealing with situations as they crop up, as some of us would secretly dream of doing. While not one of Douglas' best, as it becomes slightly repetitive, the movie is still one of the better video releases for this month. Available at your local video outlets from 15th December.

"Cliff Hanger" (15), stars Sylvester Stallone, of whom I'm not a great fan, but full marks for the nail-biting mountaineering in this movie. This action-packed adventure will keep you on the edge of your seat, not to be missed.

Other video releases to watch out for this month: "Groundhog Day" (PG) from 8th December. A light-hearted comedy romance starring Bill Murray who finds himself repeating the same day's events over and over again until he eventually gets it right. For the younger Turtle fans comes "Ninja Turtles 3" (PG), from 1st December. Although the popularity of Turtle movies has died off somewhat, "Turtles 3" has something that resembles a plot and on a day when you're very busy it will at least keep the under 12s occupied for one and a half hours.

### CROSSWORD NO. 73



Entries before 5.00 p.m. 10th December, 1993.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACROSS

8. The threatened naughty child finished his work (8)
9. Seems like the majority of monks are in the soups (6)
10. The company being present will make it whole (6)
11. Look for the certain type of clothing (8)
12. He's a covered dad (6)
13. Picture North for example at four 'e found (8)
15. The learner had the impulse to leave the gruel (4)
17. The model is not a learner anymore as she won a beauty pageant here (3,4)
19. Find religion when the animal is a thousand years old (7)
22. Fill up the medicine (4)
24. St. Den came and left the east behind to find himself near Wexford in Dublin (6,2)
27. This selection was made by a roam on the final end (6)
29. Put a dribbler on the French man who reads of the day before in this (3,5)
30. My male Christian friend said not to change at first for the meal (6)
31. Loser in the east may make you do something with condition (2,4)
32. Being tasteless on the 'phone could cause the doctor to come (4,4)

### DOWN

1. Cow talk in the south is soothing (6)
2. ——— of the faith in past tense is protected (8)
3. In advertisement Den turned mud for the thing to be added (8)
4. A different way of slimming the text (7)
5. Turn the girl who lost the sheep and yearn to find a rectangular off-shape (6)
6. See, or set the strings that pull this garment in (6)
7. A thundering heating system for the god (4)
14. Lee's fish (4)
16. Could these be embarrassed under the bed (4)
18. They hear the shrub's appearance (8)
20. Chocolate with a bubble twice sees and keeps one quite nimble for this (8)
21. The girl you once saw making an introduction (8)
23. Tea in the store for fish-eating animals (6)
25. Be bald to be amateur (6)
26. Sounds like prizes given to peers (6)
28. O, see, religious group is magic (6)

### Solution to Crossword No. 72

Across: 8, Applause; 9, At last; 10, Treats; 11, Fraction; 12, Assure; 13, Meanders; 15, Rhea; 17, Diverse; 19, Chilled; 22, Ache; 24, Tall tale; 27, Annuls; 29, Pictures; 30, Events; 31, Teller; 32, Silences.  
Down: 1, Sports; 2, Pleasure; 3, Questers; 4, Perfume; 5, Banana; 6, Slated; 7, Esso; 14, Each; 16, Heal; 18, Imagines; 20, Heavenly; 21, Lanterns; 23, Ceases; 25, Little; 26, Aurora; 28, Lathes.

### Winner of Crossword No. 72:

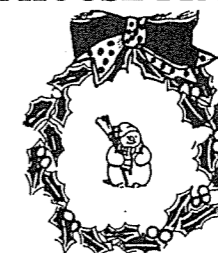
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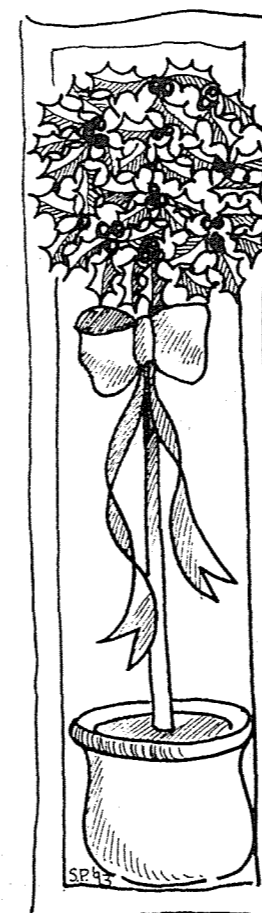
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High Degree Construction Ltd. c/o Horan Assoc. 127 Phibsboro Road, Dublin 7 - retention of garage conversion to bedroom at site 115.

#### Newtown Centre, Beaufield Road, Newtown, Maynooth

Lark Developments Ltd. Michael O'Meara Arch. 4 Eagle Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14 - retention of name sign to front and single storey extension to rear of existing units.

#### 159 Kingsbry, Maynooth

William Jennings, 159 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare - retention of garage and utility room to the side.

#### Rockfield, Railpark, Celbridge Road, Maynooth

High Degree Construction Ltd. c/o Horan Assoc. 127 Phibsboro Road, Dublin 7 - detached house at site between site number 63 and 134.

#### Dunboyne Road, Maynooth

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#### 515 Newtown, Maynooth

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#### Maynooth Road, Celbridge

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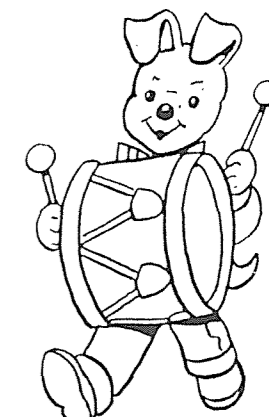
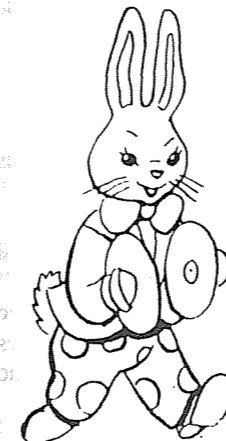
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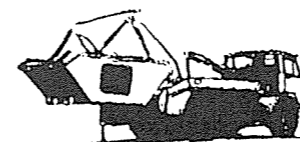
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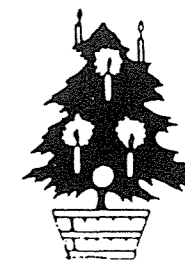
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### F.A.I. Junior Cup

#### Maynooth Town 3 Gracefield Athletic 2

Paul Byrne's classic goal provided us with a hard earned win in this typically dour cup tie. Gracefield were worthy opponents and battled right to the end to provide stern opposition. Maynooth missed a number of good early chances but Philip Doyle broke the deadlock when taken down in the penalty area and John Geoghegan converted the spot kick. Gracefield came into the game in the second half and raced into a 2-1 lead but Fergal Barton equalised in the 73rd minute. Martin McTernan provided the pass for Paul Byrne to secure the winner with five minutes remaining.

Gerry Thompson, Fergal Barton and Gerry Quinn were best.

### Div. 1

#### Yellowstone Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth exerted almost non-stop pressure throughout but found it difficult to break down a resolute Yellowstone defence. Yellowstone were always dangerous on the break and Maynooth's keeper had to be at his best to deny an opening goal. Fergal Barton put Maynooth in front ten minutes before half-time. Yellowstone drew level early in the second half when a deflected free kick deceived Maynooth's keeper. Best for Maynooth were Mark Murray, Martin McTernan and Joey Dempsey.

### Div. 1

#### Maynooth Town 1 Mountmellick 1

This was an evenly balanced contest between the two sides who always provide a close contest when in opposition. Early morning rain made playing conditions difficult and the game developed into a hard slog. Maynooth scored the opener in the tenth minute following good work down the left by John Geoghegan. His cross was backheeled by Fergal Barton into the path of Gerry Quinn who made no mistake. Even the outstanding form of Mark Murray could not deny Mountmellick their equalizer and their overall performance probably deserved it. Mark Murray, Gerry Thompson and Eamonn Dunne were best for Maynooth.

### Div. 3 Private Grounds

#### Newtown Park Celtic 3 Maynooth Town 5

Maynooth came out best in this high scoring game. A tough tackling home side made things difficult for Maynooth but an opening goal by Michael Murphy seemed to settle Maynooth and they began to play some inspired football. Goals by Mickey Kelly (2), Michael Kelly and Killian Fagan provided the platform for this win but some giveaway goals put a flattering look on the scoreboard for Newtown Park. Best for Maynooth were Mickey Kelly and Johnny Thompson.

### Div. 3 Private Grounds

#### Shangan Rovers 0 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth's defence had to show their true worth to hold out for this hard fought win. Shangan proved to be very strong and made scoring very difficult for Maynooth. Mickey Kelly marshalled the Maynooth defence in great style and Dave Faherty was equally commanding in goal. This win maintains the recent good form and helps push Maynooth up the League table. Goals by Barry Farrell and Killian Fagan proved enough for Maynooth.

### Ballymun Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth had to come from behind to secure both points in this game. After going behind in the fifteenth minute Maynooth tightened their defence after this and restricted Ballymun to long range efforts which were no trouble to keeper Dave Faherty. Mickey Kelly brought Maynooth level on the half hour. The game looked to be heading for a draw until Ronnie Thompson popped up with the winner with only five minutes remaining. Best for Maynooth were Killian Fagan and Ronnie Thompson.

### Maynooth Town 1 Moorefield Rangers 2

Maynooth have only themselves to blame for this defeat. Playing on a pitch which was not conducive to good football Maynooth paid the penalty. A heavy pitch allowed Moorefield to slow the game down and disrupt Maynooth's usual swash-buckling style of play. Maynooth conceded a penalty in the opening minutes, but Maynooth drew level on the stroke of half-time when Killian Fagan headed home Johnny Thompson's corner. Maynooth conceded a late goal to gift both points to Moorefield. In a disappointing performance, Killian Fagan, Barry Farrell and Mickey Kelly did most to retrieve the situation.

### D.D.S.L. U/15

Maynooth Town w.o. Beech Park scr.

### D.D.S.L. U/15

#### St. Paul's Artane 0 Maynooth Town 5

Maynooth avenged an earlier Cup defeat in no uncertain manner with this facile win over a strong St. Paul's side. Maynooth held a narrow half-time lead through a Fran Larkin goal and second-half goals by Aidan O'Brien, Alan Parle 2. A delightful chip by Fran Larkin completed Maynooth's scoring. A five-star show by keeper Niall Naughton was a feature of this win by Maynooth had other stars in Alan Parle and Alan Nugent.

### U/12 League

#### Maynooth Town 2 Tymon Bawn 3

Tymon Bawn were unbeaten before this game and gave early notice of why they are in such form by racing into an early two-goal lead. Maynooth buckled down to their task and came more into the game to take control. Andy Madden was a constant threat and gave a superb performance. Two goals by man of the match were not enough to cause a major upset and three goals by Tymon Bawn were just enough to secure both points. Charles Gallagher and Colm Cahill were others to shine for Maynooth.

### U/10 Deering Cup

#### St. Anthony's Boys 2 Maynooth Town 5

Maynooth booked their second round place with this good win over St. Anthony's. Gary McMahon opened the scoring for

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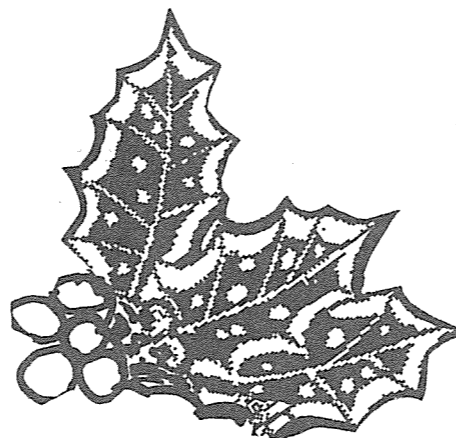


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## MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

### Ramps at Pound Lane

The Road Design Section of Kildare County Council have now provided standards relating to the location, lighting and signage for the proposed ramps to the Area Engineer. The Area Engineer will now consult residents on Pound Lane concerning the location of the ramps. Following this consultation construction work will proceed. Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will continue to press to have this process dealt with urgently.

### Resurfacing of Back Lane Leinster Cottages

Minister Stagg has made representations to Kildare County Council requesting that the resurfacing of Back Lane be included in the works to be undertaken in the Road Block Grants 1994.

He has also requested that "No Entry" be painted on the lane surface at the junction of Convent Lane/Dunboyne Road and Back Lane.

### Working Group on Charges

Cllr. John McGinley heads up a top-level working group drawn from Labour's National Executive to find alternative means of financing Local Authorities which will result in the abolition of Service Charges.

His preliminary report will go to the Party's Executive shortly and Labour will then press to have the abolition of the Charges brought in as a matter of priority.

### Extension to Post Primary School

Pressure is still being applied by Minister Stagg to have the extension to Maynooth Post Primary included in the Department of Education's estimates for 1994. We will keep you advised of progress in this matter.

### Straffan Road Sinking

Arising from complaints concerning the spot between Carton Court and Noone's, where the roadway is sinking, Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have taken up this matter with Kildare County Council. The annoying lip on the roadway at Moneycooley has also been raised with the Council.

### Maintenance of Council Houses

Cllr. McGinley and Minister Stagg have welcomed as an initial step the doubling of funds available for the maintenance of Council houses in the County Manager's Estimates for 1994. Labour Councillors will seek to have this figure increased further during the debate on the Estimates.

### Funds Available for the Upkeep of Open Spaces

The decision by the new County Manager to include a provision of £20,000 towards residents groups in the county involved in the upkeep of open spaces is to be welcomed. For far too long residents' groups have been carrying out the Council's work without any assistance from Kildare County Council. The Branch welcomes this as a first step towards rectifying this problem.

### Flag Day and Race Nite

We would like to thank all those who supported our recent fundraising activities. Our Flag Day was held on 31st October and the Celbridge/Clane Divisional Council held a Race Nite on 11th November.

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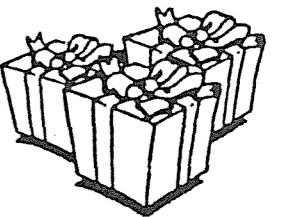
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## Political Party Notes

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The wife, sister, brother-in-law, nephews and niece of the late Robert Morrison, Hackney, London and late of 21 Laraghbryan, Maynooth would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and messages of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Father Brendan Supple, P.P. and to all our kind neighbours in Greenfield (phase two). A mass will be offered for their intentions.

### SYMPATHIES

Sister-in-Law, nieces, nephews, relatives, community and friends of the late Sr. Clare (Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul), St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Martin Whelan, Newtown Road, Maynooth, on the death of his mother in Palmerstown.

Sister, brother, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Noel J. Martin, Manor Court, Maynooth, late of Kilcock and Co. Tyrone.

Daughter, son, daughter-in-law, granddaughters, sister-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, large circle of friends of the late James (Jim) Mooney, Manor Court, Maynooth, late of Cappagh Enfield.

Daughter, sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Mary (May) Walshe (nee Kinsella), Greenfield, Maynooth.

Parents, sister of Kevin Finlay (age 5 weeks), Maynooth.

Sympathy to the parents, sister, relatives and friends of Aidan O'Donnell, Kilrague, Maynooth, who died recently. Aidan was son of Michael O'Donnell who teaches in the Post Primary School, Maynooth.

Sympathy to the husband, sons, daughter, relatives and friends of Mrs. Margaret Gee, Carton, Maynooth, who died recently.

Sympathy to the sister, relatives and friends of Robert Morrissey, who died in England recently. Robert, R.I.P., was brother of Eileen McGlynn, Greenfield, Maynooth.

Sympathy to the wife, family, father, mother, brother, sisters, relatives and friends of William (Billy) Newton, Rail Park, Maynooth, who died recently.

Sympathy to the son, daughters, relatives and friends of James (Jim) Mooney, Manor Court, Maynooth, who died recently.

Carton Court Residents' Association expresses its sympathy to John and Mary Fleming and family (no. 87) on the recent death of Mary's mother Ellen Blessington.

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Congratulations to Mary Casey and Michael Whelan, Wexford, on their recent marriage. From the family.

Congratulations to athlete David Jolly who completed the New York Marathon in a time of 3 hrs 25 mins. on November 14th. This time was wrought in the extreme conditions of a sweltering 70°F and a humidity of 70%; a record for November. You can read his story of the experience of a lifetime in the next edition.



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## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Siobhán O'Keefe, Johnstown, Enfield. December 10th. From the McGovern family in Greenfield, Maynooth.

Belated birthday greetings to Sandra O'Keefe, Johnstown, Enfield, who celebrated her 21st birthday on November 5th. Congratulations, Sandra. Hope you enjoyed your party in the Hamlet, from the McGovern family, Greenfield, Maynooth.

Happy Birthday, December 31st to Noel McGovern, Greenfield. Best wishes and love from your Mam, brothers Kevin and Michael, Eileen and girls.

Happy Birthday, December 31st to Noel McGovern, Greenfield. Love and best wishes from your wife Marie, sons Richard and Thomas. Also all at 739.

Happy Birthday December 31st to our Dad. From Richard and Thomas.

Happy Birthday December 31st to our uncle Noel. From your five nieces at 820.

Happy Birthday December 31st to Noel McGovern. From Joan and Tom.

Clare McTernan, who celebrates her 21st birthday December 12th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, brother Gerard, Grannies and Grandad. Belated greetings to Clodagh Farrelly, Kilcock Road, who celebrated her birthday October 25th, Clare.

Jim Smyth (butcher), Main Street, Maynooth, who celebrates his birthday December 16th. Best wishes from all his customers and friends.

Happy Birthday Ciss Waldron, O'Neill Park, 84 on Christmas Day.

Happy Birthday to Roisín Gorey, "Sura House", Main Street, Maynooth, who celebrated her 2nd birthday on November 15th. Love from her Daddy and Mammy.

Happy Birthday to Aisling Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrates her 8th birthday on December 14th. Lots of love from her Daddy, Mammy, brothers Brian and Conor. Also her grandparents and Uncle Thomas L.

Happy Birthday to Liam Bean, "Limar", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrates his birthday on December 16th, from his wife Margaret, sons Tony, Thomas, Mary Bean and grandchildren.

Happy belated birthday to Antoinette and congratulations on getting your 2nd Dan Black Belt. From all in 826 Greenfield.

## WELCOME HOME FROM AUSTRALIA

Welcome home to Dolores Rochford (nee Hand), Main Street, Maynooth, who has spent some weeks at home with her family and friends. She is now 18 years living in Australia, with her husband Dick, family, Mark and Joanne. She is looking very well and it was great to see her. Hope Dolores enjoyed her holidays. Her husband Dick was home in July and spent some of his holidays in Maynooth and Wexford. 'Dick is a native of Wexford'. He was looking very well and very happy in Australia. Looking forward to seeing them all again soon. From Liam, Margaret Bean and family Lemar, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

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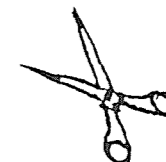
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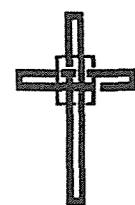
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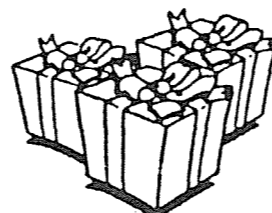
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