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Thank you to the people of Maynooth for your kindness to me during my recent mishap with Caustic Soda.

I would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes and get well cards and those who called to my house. I have tried to serve you all well for the past 17 years in Maynooth and I hope to continue to do so in the future. All I ask is your support to do so.

*Thank you,
Tom Geraghty*

SYMPATHIES

Brother-in-law, nieces, nephews of the Marsh and Murtagh families, relatives and friends, staff and students at Maynooth, bishops and priests of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore of Rev. Thomas Marsh D.D., Maynooth College and Ardfinnan.

Sister, nieces, relatives, nephews and friends of Mary (Minnie) Dunne, Moyglare Nursing Home.

Son, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Mary (Molly) O'Rafferty (nee Whelan), Moyglare, Maynooth.

ANNIVERSARIES

First Anniversary - Remembrance (R.I.P.). In loving memory of our baby son Kevin Finlay whose first anniversary occurred on November 12th 1994. All our love, mammy, daddy and your sister Rachel.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The wife and family of the late Maurice Lawless, of 861 Greenfield, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with and supported them in their recent sad bereavement, all those who called to our home, attended the removal, Mass and funeral. All those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes. To Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Dr. Maurice Cowhey, the Ambulance Staff, Maynooth Gardaí and the doctors and nurses of the Meath Hospital. A special word of thanks to all our wonderful neighbours, friends and relatives for their much needed help and support. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

James Canny, Killeen, Corofin, Co. Clare. The tragic death of James Canny, brother of '94 Sergeant Joe Canny, took place on the 2nd November, 1994, following an accident. The brothers, sisters and relatives of the deceased wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their sad bereavement, those who made the long journey to Co. Clare and attended the removal, the funeral Mass and burial and all those who sent mass cards, wreaths and floral tributes. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

The wife and daughter of the late Vincent Burchell wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, those who attended the removal and funeral, those who sent flowers and Mass bouquets, doctors and nursing staff of JCM Blanchardstown. Fr. Reilly, the Lucan Pitch and Putt Club, past members of Celbridge Boxing Club, Leixlip Golfing Society, Celbridge Golfing Society, Leixlip G.A.A., Gardener Merchant Intel, Cedar Park residents, relatives, friends and neighbours. As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all in grateful appreciation.

The wife, son and daughter of the late Joe (Dodo) Murray, O'Neill Park, Maynooth wish to thank all who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. To those who attended removal Mass and funeral, those who sent mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Cogan, Fr. Monahan and Fr. McGrail, Mrs. Ita McCormack and the organist, Padraig Carney and the ambulance crew, the staff of the Hitchin' Post, the Catering Manager, supervisors and staff of the Catering Department, Maynooth College, Maynooth Golfing Society, G.A.A and Soccer clubs. To Marie's friends who did Trojan work over the three days and continue to be so supportive. To Olive's friends and colleagues in Télémecanique, Derek's friends who helped in so many ways, the neighbours in O'Neill Park, especially the Murphys and McLoughlins. To all our friends and extended family who travelled long distances to be with us on those dark days. Trusting this will be accepted by all as a token of our grateful appreciation, Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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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

Maynooth - A Year of Muck but no Money

Maynooth for the next year will have all the appearance of a city like Cardiff in England or Dresden in Germany, being rebuilt after the last war.

Don't go out in your best gear, especially if you live on the Straffan/Celbridge Road and you have to cross Mullen Bridge. Great care will need to be taken that you are not covered from head to toe by a bus or a lorry sending mud all over you. Be it going to Mass, or you have a date, you would be well advised to give yourself extra time. . . the single line traffic will hold you up over the coming year.

As the saying goes, "it's an ill wind that blows no good". Garages with car wash units plus launderettes will "Clean Up".

It is a pity that with all this work going on around us, with millions being invested, there is no reduction in the dole queue in Maynooth. This surely highlights how massive European investment in an area can have very little benefit for locals.

Dangerous Toys

Christmas is such a special time for children. We must all be on the alert for dangerous toys which have sharp edges or small detachable parts which could be swallowed by a child. Caps off colouring markers, wheels or hard sweets all pose a danger.

Fire Safety

Every Christmas, unfortunately, fires claim lives due to poor connections or overloaded sockets. Christmas lights can be dangerous if they come into contact with decorations or tinsel or if they do not meet safety standards. Always plug out appliances before going to bed. A fire alarm makes a very suitable gift.

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of the Community Council, the office staff and the editorial team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. This year we hope you have enjoyed reading the Newsletter as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you. Thanks for your support and **special thanks to all our contributors and advertisers.** This Christmas we all join in celebrating the new found peace in our land. Long may it continue.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wish to put forward the following letter to all Citizens of Maynooth.

Calling all Post-box connoisseurs! What has happened to our cultural integrity? Where have our fine Post-boxes of yore disappeared to? Has no one any interest in the aesthetics of Post-boxes any more? It's not that long ago that myself and my fellow enthusiasts scoured the length and breadth of the nation in search of the great 19th century free standing pillar box. I can not help but vent my anger at the eye sore which stands awkwardly outside our Post-Office. Such a creation would not be found gracing the pages of Felicity Shouldice's "Great Irish Post-boxes (1871-1926) - The Complete Collection".

Even allowing for the ravages of time this "Post-Box" would appear in Colonel Trevellion Oakeshot's "Modern Irish Post-boxes (1948-1973) - A Post Modern Enigma"; and rightly so! The ignorance of some people towards the beauty and heritage attached to one of our most beautiful structures never ceases to amaze me. The thrill of back-packing into remote country villages and the exhilaration of locating a never before seen type of box, and then the sheer joy of hoisting the lid and logging the box number and maker's stamp - pure perfection. It makes all the pressures of life tolerable just to see the Wilsonian 1892 semi-erect box. The pleasures of the far more documented train spotting are only secondary luxuries in comparison with measuring the dimensions of a Nicolbite wall box (known to lay people as the post box embodied in stone walls). We collectors (humorously) refer to this particular model as the 'Post-link' in comparison with the modern-day cash link machines.

It's time the people of Maynooth got together and campaigned for the removal of this so called 'Post-box'. It would appear, that if action is not taken, this monstrosity could take the place of the soon to be destroyed public toilets as the local eyesore. So come on all citizens of Maynooth, we can do it if we stick together. Happy logging to young and old.

Yours collectingly
Walter Cooper-Kehoe.

Dear Editor,

To all the people of Maynooth

My recent retirement from An Garda Síochána was marked by a magnificent function at Westmanstown Garda Sports Centre on the 12th October. Myself, Carmel and my family were very honoured and privileged to be recipients of such an outpouring of spontaneous generosity of friendship, kindness and goodwill from all sections, interest groups and organisations of the Maynooth Community in a very public forum. Only too well am I aware that this momentous occasion in my lifetime was the result and culmination of organisational hard work and commitment involving the combined, unified skills of my ex-garda colleagues and the fine people of the locality. Through your columns I am grateful to avail of this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to my successor Sergeant Peter Kearney and his Garda comrades at

Maynooth Station and the various people who organised the event and of course a very special word of appreciation to all the people who supported the function by attending in such large numbers. I wish to assure everyone associated in any way with this unforgettable night that I will forever be indebted for such a public display of loyalty, comradeship and affinity.

Slán and God's blessing on you all for the future.

Yours sincerely,
Joe Canny

Dear Editor,

Last month you kindly published my letter announcing that the Maynooth Miscarriages of Justice Group was hosting a meeting to discuss ways for the local community to make a contribution to the peace process. I am now pleased to report that an extended group has agreed to submit a paper to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. This paper will cover issues of removal of emergency legislation, language, culture, education and community affairs and jobs, justice and inequality in the North. We hope, with your permission to publish some details of our contribution in next month's issue of the Newsletter.

Michael Quinn

Bollards

Did you hear about the Kerryman who built a £50,000 bridge across a river on his land to get to the other side?

No!

He put a fence up to stop himself from crossing.

The above is a Kerryman's joke and is not based on reality but Kildare County Council went one step further than the Kerryman and actually spent public money and built a bridge and immediately placed bollards to prevent traffic from crossing.

As a result, the Ambulance, the Fire Brigade and Gardaí are now compelled to go through traffic-jammed Maynooth to an emergency in Old Greenfield. Where minutes, indeed seconds, may be vital to save a life, Kildare County Council, in their wisdom and on the advice of a few people have put the lives of the rest of the residents living in Old Greenfield in a life and death situation. Coalmen, milkmen, insurance people and all other business people serving this area are also inconvenienced. Furthermore, this situation will be compounded with the work on the railway bridge where there now exists single-line traffic.

Is it too late for common sense to prevail? At least remove the bollards during the work on the bridge.

Leo Armstrong.
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The work includes almost a mile of new road, two new bridges - one across the railway and one across the canal - and substantial refurbishment to the town square.

Unfortunately, there will be unavoidable disruption of traffic during the construction period which is expected to be completed by Christmas 1995.

The present single lane traffic in force on Mullen Bridge will be required until Autumn 1995.

Additionally, there will be unavoidable traffic restrictions while drainage pipes are being laid through the town square and while the square is being refurbished.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

We held an open meeting on the 10th of November in the Maynooth Post Primary School.

The object of this meeting was to discuss the 1994 Tidy Towns Progress Report and our plans for 1995.

We welcomed and were very appreciative of the advice given by deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D., Cllr's John McGinley and Catherine Murphy. Apology received from Gerry Brady.

Also present were Senan Griffin, Chairperson Maynooth Community Council, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary Maynooth Community Council, and Tony Bean, Chairperson Planning and Development Committee.

We were very disappointed at this attendance and feel Maynooth Residents would have benefited from seeing a video charting the work done and what is necessary for 1995.

A major concern is because of the delay in the Straffan Road development and the removal of 'The Thing' (Toilet Block). The work of the Tidy Towns will be severely limited due to the ongoing civil engineering work on the Straffan Road.

We will try to ensure that this work will have a minimum effect on our work next year.

Finally, may I thank the Maynooth's **Newsletter** Editorial Staff, County Council Staff, Officers for their support during the past year, those who helped in any way to make Maynooth a tidier and better place to live during 1994.

We wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

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MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

Press Release : Sheltered Housing

A unique statutory and voluntary partnership has been evident in Co. Kildare in recent years. The latest development is an ambitious project undertaken by the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club working with other statutory and voluntary agencies. They have come together to build a scheme of sheltered houses for the elderly in Maynooth, Celbridge and Clane. The Presentation Sisters, the Eastern Health Board and Kildare County Council have generously donated sites for the houses and day centre and the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club have undertaken to raise a substantial sum of money to complement the generous allocation from the Department of the Environment. The Eastern Health Board is fully supportive of the project, as sheltered housing is one of the key elements in the care of the elderly and will provide an important link in the provision of Community Services for this group of people. The provision of a day centre will be warmly welcomed by the local voluntary groups looking after the elderly, the co-ordinator of these services for the elderly being Dr. Grogan, of the Eastern Health Board. Our senior citizens will be facilitated to live with pride and dignity in the community, contributing as functionally active members of our society.

Co-operation is the key stone to the success for a venture such as this. Dr. Rosaleen Corcoran, Director of Community Care and Medical officer of Health for Kildare who co-ordinated this project paid tribute to all involved for their generosity and time. Denis Cogan, architect for Kildare County Council, is responsible for the design. She paid particular tribute to Sr. Aquinas and the Sisters of the Presentation Order, Maynooth, for their generosity, patience and support in the last few years; the Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Health Board, Mr. Kieran Hickey, for his support; the County Manager, Mr. Kavanagh and his predecessor, Mr. Ward; the Department of the Environment and Minister Stagg for his help.

Her final tribute was to Lion President Gerald O'Sullivan and the members of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club for their foresight in undertaking this project, maintaining their tradition of voluntary activity to the community, that has come to be synonymous with this Lions Club.

In response to Dr. Corcoran, Lion President Gerald O'Sullivan pointed out the object of Lionism is to serve the community in their designated areas. I don't think we can promote this principle in any better way than by undertaking the task as set out above. The members of Maynooth/Kilcock have taken this project on board with great enthusiasm and look forward to its completion with the help and generosity of you the people.

The fund raising effort has already started with over £10,000 being contributed to date. On Sunday 18th of December next our campaign goes into **overdrive** when we host a **Monster Sponsored Walk** on the new Maynooth/Kilcock by-pass. We expect to raise £20,000 on the day. The Dublin and Kildare senior Gaelic football teams are lending their support and will walk with their fans from opposing ends of the carriageway to meet over the river Liffey where it divides the two counties. Great fun and craic will be had by all. The proceedings will be set in train by our own Minister at the Department of the Environment, Emmet Stagg, T.D. As the walk gets under way

to the sounds of the Maynooth Brass and Reid Band striking up the Radetsky March.

We expect to obtain the support of many of our celebrity friends who will join us on the day. Names to be announced on our next bulletin.

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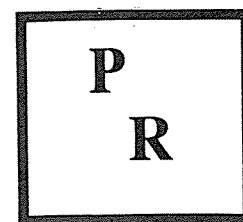
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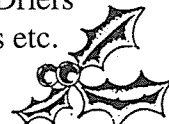
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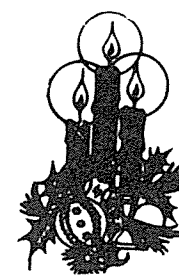
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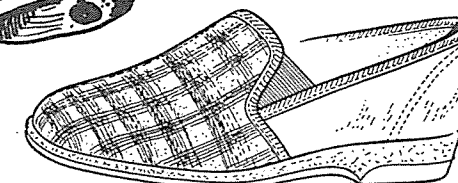
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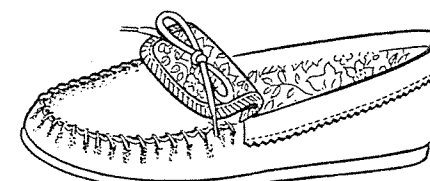
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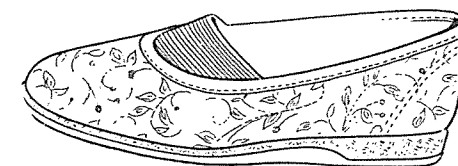
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Band Mass

Our Mass this year was once again something to remember with our younger members playing a very important role in the readings, the Offertory procession and the music. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple for all his kind words and, in particular, for the imparting of his knowledge of the band's history to the congregation. This helps a great deal to impress on the people of the town the importance of St. Mary's Band to the town of Maynooth, the part we have played in local and national history and, not least, the part we have played in giving the children of the town and the surrounding areas a social outlet in times when there was very little else for them to do. We helped to give them a musical education while keeping them "off the streets", thereby providing a very necessary social service. We sincerely hope that the tradition of the Band Mass and the band itself will continue in Maynooth for many, many years.

Race Night

Friday the 18th was our Race Night and once again our gallant supporters turned up in force, found parking eventually among the 120 horse boxes and had a little wager, a little lager (or whatever) and loads of craic. A special word of thanks to Paddy Desmond, our M.C. Race Reader and auctioneer all rolled into one, who sometimes toiled manfully in the darkness as did a lot of the racegoers when it came to picking a winner. All in all, a great night was had by all and our bank debt has almost ridden off into the sunset. We're nearly there at last.

Christmas

Christmas in Maynooth means carols for the band, and this year, with the rapid expansion of the town, it's going to be a mammoth task to call to see everyone in the few nights allotted to us. We will be hopefully calling on your estate sometime on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 22nd or 23rd December, while we will be in Quinnsworth Shopping Mall on Christmas Eve morning. Please try to be as generous as Santa allows you and then we can have our Christmas Present — a clean sheet with our bank manager.

Christmas Morning

Don't forget another of our traditions, our Christmas morning parade after 11 a.m. Mass. We have "for more years than I care to remember" braved snow, frost, rain and the odd sunny morning to preserve this tradition and we hope to see as many of you there as possible to whet your appetite for the Christmas dinner. Don't forget, our New Year's Eve ringing in the New Year in the Square. This is where locals mingle with

"tourists" from Leixlip, Kilcock and Celbridge to say hello to 1995 — and this year to say good bye to the Square as we have known it for many, many years.

Reunion Dance

We have at last set the date for our 40 years Reunion Dance. It's on Saturday, 11th February, 1995, in Harry's, Kinnegad. During the past 39 years many men and women have passed through the Bandroom door and we would like to see how many on 11th February. There is limited accommodation on the night so we would like you to contact any band member to put your name down as soon as possible. Tickets will be available shortly after Christmas and prices, phone numbers, etc., will all appear in our January Bulletin.

Finally, could we thank all who have given us so much support, financially and otherwise, in 1994. It has been a difficult year and we really appreciated your help. Can we wish you all a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and lots of happiness, prosperity and success in 1995.

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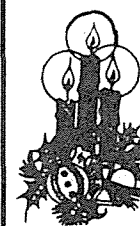
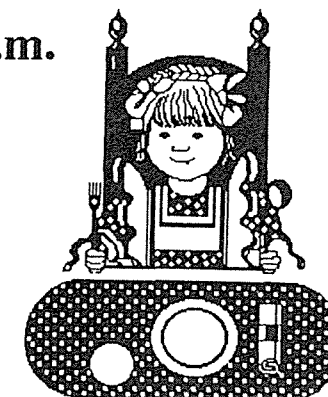
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The sponsored cycle ride on behalf of St. Mary's Boys' National School, which took place on Sunday, October 16th, was a great success. £3,695.00 was raised for the school. The Board of Management would like to extend their thanks to the Stewards, the Gardaí, the Civil Defence, the cyclists and all who helped to make the event a success.

A particular word of thanks is due to the sponsors:

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ST. MARY'S B.N.S. PARENTS ASSOC.

A new committee has been elected for the forth coming year. Ms. Evelyn Cooper gave a talk to sixth class boys on "Personal hygiene and basic facts of life" which was very informative and will hopefully become an annual event. The Annual subscription envelopes will be sent out this side of Christmas and our Annual Fund-raiser will be held sometime in the Spring. More news to follow.

M. Quane P.R.O.

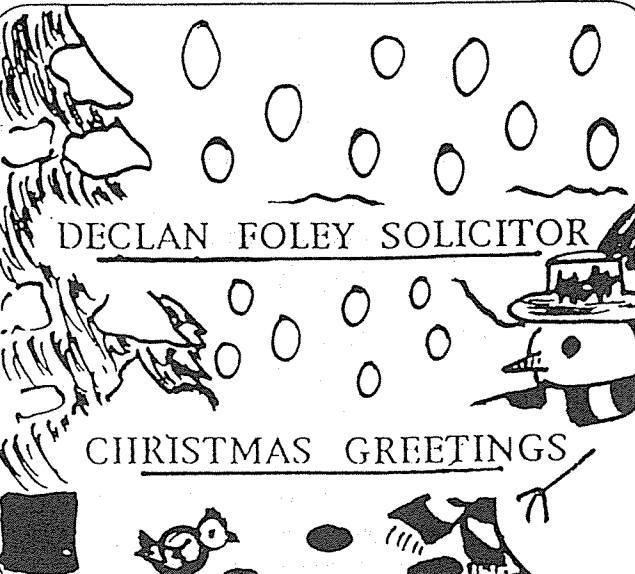
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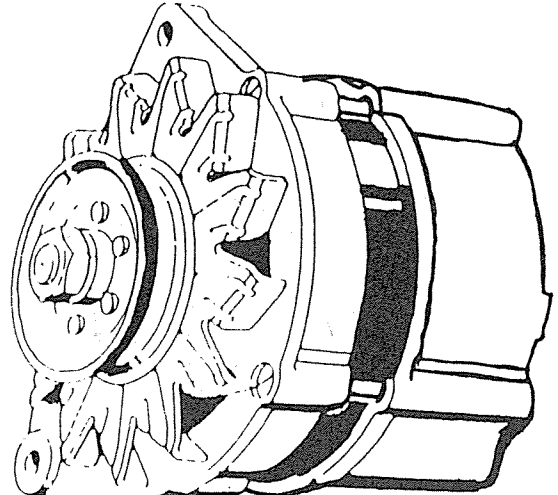

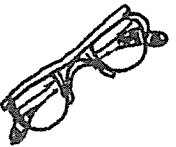
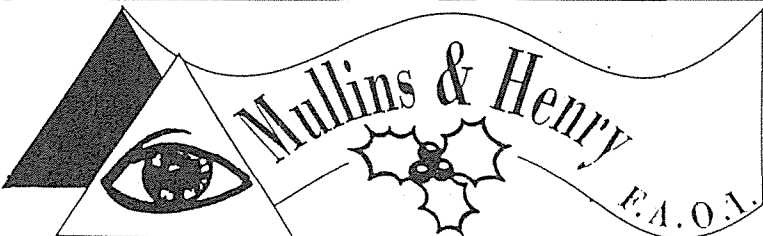

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The course covers all aspects of Social Welfare, Health, Family Law, Taxation and Part-time Employment. Members attending this course will receive their certificates before Christmas.

The centre is open to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm; Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm; and in the Library on Tuesday from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. We expect to be open full time early in the New Year.

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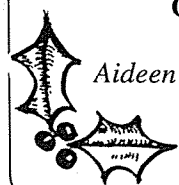
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I.C.A. NOTES

November was a wonderful month for the Maynooth Guild of the ICA. The ladies in our Drama Group did us all proud in the ICA Drama Competition on Wednesday 9th in the Killeel Hall. Our group took home two of the top awards with a production of the one act play 'Slander' by Seamus Burke. May Haren beat very strong and experienced opposition to take the coveted "Best Actress" award and the play also won the prize for "Best Set". Congratulations to May on her award and to our producer, Marion, and to everyone else involved in the production. Well done, ladies.

Crafts

Wednesday 16th November saw the start of the morning craft sessions in the ICA Hall. Crafts promotor, Mary O'Gorman, hopes this time may suit ladies who are unable to get to our Monday night classes. The new sessions are on each Wednesday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 and the Monday night group meets at 8.00 p.m. Members are welcome to attend one or both classes and, of course, new members are always welcome.

Mary tells me that the outfit to be made for the National Make and Model Competition '95 is an "Outfit suitable for a Visit to Aras an Uachtaráin".

Badminton

The badminton group meets each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10.45 in the parish hall. I was delighted to see two new members there when I dropped in on Marion and the girls in early November. I look forward to meeting all new members and anyone else interested in joining our very active Guild at our December Guild meeting.

Bilingual Competition

Bord na Gaeilge together with the ICA have organised a bilingual competition, closing date for which is 15th December. The competition is for a bilingual plan 'for the development of culture and crafts in your own area'. Please limit entry to 800 words. Pictures and sketches can be included. Prize for the overall winner is a scholarship to Seachtain na Gaeilge in An Grianán.

Further details available from Veva.

Rent of ICA hall

Any person or group interested in renting our hall should contact our secretary, Madeleine Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth. Madeleine holds the keys to the hall and she can be contacted by 'phone at 6286443.

November Meeting

At our November meeting each year we take a little time out to remember and pray for our deceased members. This year our Ecumenical Service was conducted by Rev. Gavin Williamson and Fr. John Dunne. Our thanks to both for a lovely service.

As well as prayer we also had entertainment at this meeting. The entertainment was provided by our very talented Drama Group, who put on their one act comedy play 'Slander'.



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Next Meeting

Our next Guild meeting will be on Thursday 1st December at 8.00p.m. in the ICA Hall. The competition for that night will be a 'Homemade Christmas Card'. The new I.C.A. Handbook and Constitution are now available and can be ordered at this meeting. Ladies, you are reminded that the Federation meeting is on in the Curragh on Saturday 3rd December at 3.00p.m.

I look forward to seeing a large attendance at our Christmas (December) Guild meeting and I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members, families and friends a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Connie Harpur, P.R.O.

MATURE STUDENT SOCIETY PRESIDENT

For the first time and on the bi-centenary of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, a Mature Students' Society has been formed.

The new president, Leo Armstrong, an ex-member of our staff and still a member of the editorial board of the **Maynooth Newsletter**, was elected with a landslide victory.

Having approximately three hundred mature students attending the college and numbers growing each year, Leo felt there was a real need for a mature students' society. Many mature students are married with families of their own and unlike the younger students face greater demands on their time and energy. For this reason and many others, such as adjusting to academic life, helping with grant problems and forming study-groups plus of course entertainment, Leo hopes that life for mature students will be a happy one in St. Patrick's and therefore much more rewarding.

We wish Leo every success in his year as president of the Mature Students' Society.

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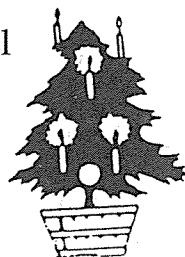
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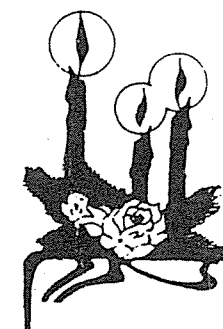


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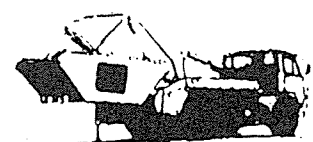
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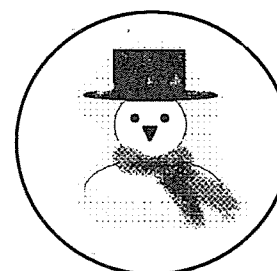
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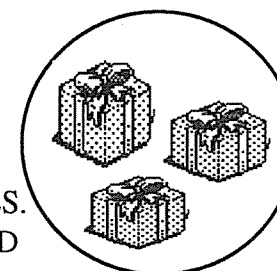
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MAYNOOTH CASTLE COMMITTEE

On Wednesday the 9th November 1994 an informal meeting was held. This meeting was to introduce Mr. Shane de Boacam to representatives of the town of Maynooth. The firm of architects, Shane de Boacam and Maher, were commissioned by the Office of Public Works to prepare a plan for Maynooth Castle.

Mr. de Boacam informed the meeting that his proposals were almost ready for printing and then the proposals would be presented to the Commissioners for their consideration. He then proceeded to outline his thinking on Maynooth Castle. He felt, as we all did, that the Castle could not be taken in isolation, but in context of the whole town of Maynooth. He introduced a whole new thinking on Maynooth town which would truly make the town an integrated and exciting place to live! The expectation is that the proposals will be printed and with the Office of Public Works in early December.

When we have printed proposals we will publish a resumé in the **Newsletter** for everyone to read. It is hoped that not later than the end of January the Office of Public Works will then present us with their thinking on these proposals. When all parties have had time to assimilate the plans an open seminar will be held and attended by National Monuments Director, The Commissioners of Public Works, Maynooth Town, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Kildare County Council and all interested parties.

Any enquiries to Gerald Howard-Williams, Administrator, 6289239.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

At the committee meeting after the A.G.M. the following Officers were elected: - Chairperson - Maureen Stevens, Vice-Chairperson - Noeleen O'Brien, Secretary - Felicity Satchwell, Assistant Secretary - Sarah Angel, Treasurer - Margaret Howe, Assistant Treasurer - Annette Carroll. The remainder of the committee are, PRO. - Toni Read, A.O.I.F.A. Representative - Imelda Desmond, Competition Secretary - Mary Doyle, Sales Table Personnel - Moira Baxter & Amanda Harris, Hostesses - Carmel O'Leary & Betty Farrell, Charity Table Organiser - Mary Cleary.

November Meeting

This was held on Tuesday 15th and was well attended. A demonstration was given by Imelda O'Reilly on "Ideas for Christmas" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. She also judged the Club Competition based on the theme "Peace" - a petite exhibit. The winners in each class were:-

Class A. First - Mary Doyle, Second - Mary Cleary, Third - Mary Costelloe, very highly commended - Sarah Angel and highly commended - Betty Farrell.

Class B. First - Maureen Stevens, Second - Moira Baxter, Third - Kitty Corr and very highly commended - Annette Carroll.

Class C. First - Toni Read and Second - Phyllis Reid.

December Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 13th at 8pm in the Divine Word Hostel. The demonstrator will be Teresa Collins and her theme "Christmas". The December meeting is party night and promises to be a great evening. There will also be a "Bring & Buy for Charity".

The club competition will be "A Christmas Scene" - an exhibit to include a home-made figurine. Class A & B space 30" and Class C space 24". The plant competition is for a potted plant.

The admission for non-members who will be especially welcome is £3.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas and a Very Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

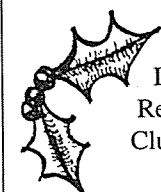
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MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK NO-NAME CLUB

Welcome to our new hosts and hostesses and welcome back to those who are returning for a second term as hosts and hostesses. Special training was undertaken by these young people on Saturday 12th November in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The club wishes to thank all the outgoing hosts and hostesses for their contribution to the running of the club. We expect to run our Christmas Disco on 17th December. The club extends a warm welcome to our new Committee members and new helpers, and hope we will see even more adults joining us. Anyone interested can contact Melanie Oliver at 01-6285918, or Garda Martin Caine at 01-6286234. Club Dances are held once a month at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for those youths who are over fifteen years of age. The Chairman and Committee, wish each and everyone Peace and Happiness this Christmas.

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A sincere thanks also to our sponsors, without whom there would be no prizes for the Book Festival, to Maynooth Post Office, Maynooth Bookshop and the A.I.B., Maynooth.

There was a very high standard among the entries: the General Knowledge Quiz was won by Paula O'Donoghue, the Pictorial Quiz was won by Stephen Conneely. There were four winners in the Colouring Competition: Lydia Farrell, Fiona Canning, Matthew O'Gorman and Adrian Harpur.

The Writers' Workshop has commenced its second year in existence. It will be run by Sheila O'Hagan and will cover poetry, fiction, drama, feature and humour writing. It will run until February, 1995.

Some new titles added to stock include the following: Judith Krantz, *Lovers*; Olivia Goldsmith, *Fashionably Late*; Anne Rice, *The Queen of the Damned*; Brendan O'Carroll, *The Mammy*; Len Deighton, *Faith*; Sidney Sheldon, *Nothing Lasts Forever*; Thomas Walsh, *Favourite Poems we Learned at School*; Anna Pasternak, *Princess in Love*; Tim Heald, *A Life of Love*; Barbara Cartland; Paddy O'Gorman, *Queueing for a Living*. There have also been many additions to the children's library.

And don't forget it's still only £5 per year for an adult to join; £10 for a family; £2 for a senior citizen and £1 for a child.

We sincerely wish all our borrowers and browsers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Margaret Walshe-Gannon

MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The Committee would like to remind members that the Society will sit every Sunday morning during December from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Band Hall for members wishing to pay their annual subscription.

The Committee wish all their members a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Gearóid Mac Teigrnáin, Chairman.

P. Nolan, Secretary.

K. Murphy, Assistant Secretary.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Once again I'm happy to report on a very successful Sale of Work. Our profit for the day including our ticket sales was £4,096.39. This is an event of which you can all be proud. Without the support and generosity of the community as a whole, all our efforts would be futile. So, many thanks to all who bought tickets, contributed in the house-to-house collection or came on the day. A special word of thanks to all those who gave their time to help on the stalls and, indeed, all the young people, scouts and scout leaders who eased the burden on our committee. Congratulations to the winners in the various draws (on opposite page).

Our Christmas party will take place in S.V.D. House, Moyglare Road, on Sunday, December 11th, at 3 p.m.

Our club will close for Christmas on Thursday, December 15th, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 10th, and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a peaceful Christmas and all the best for 1995.

Finally, we extend our sincere sympathy to the O'Rafferty family on the death of their mother, Mary, and to Mrs. Lily O'Connor on the death of her sister, Mary Dunne. May they rest in peace.

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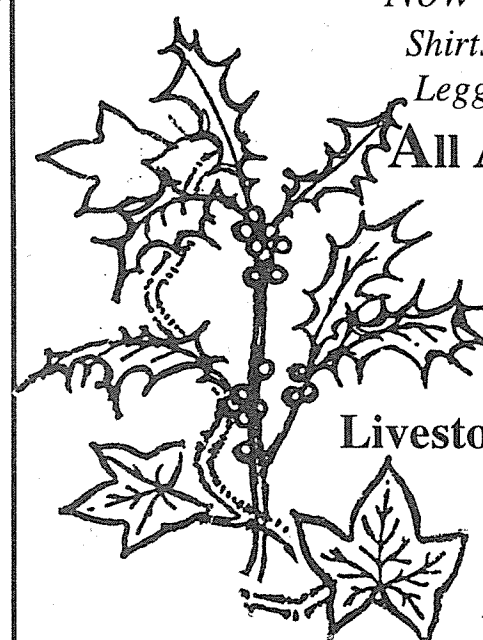
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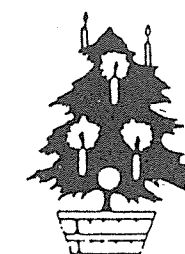
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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Just a gentle reminder that we have started our agenda for the 1995 Project, thanks to all interested persons.

Your continued support is again required this year and we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on December 8th in the Boys' National School, Maynooth. Doors open 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Every Wednesday morning 10-12 in the M.A.D.E. Centre Moyglare Road, we have our little get together. Our group is up and running only a few weeks, but already is quite a success.

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Our Christmas party for the kids is on Wednesday 14th December 10-12 noon. Santa will have a little gift and there will be goodies. Tickets £1 each, available now.

Does any of the above interest you? If so, please contact me. All new faces welcome.

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Our most recent fundraiser was a Cake Sale held in the school on October 28th. A cake sale is one of those events that involves parents, teachers and pupils and we would like to thank one and all for making it such a success.

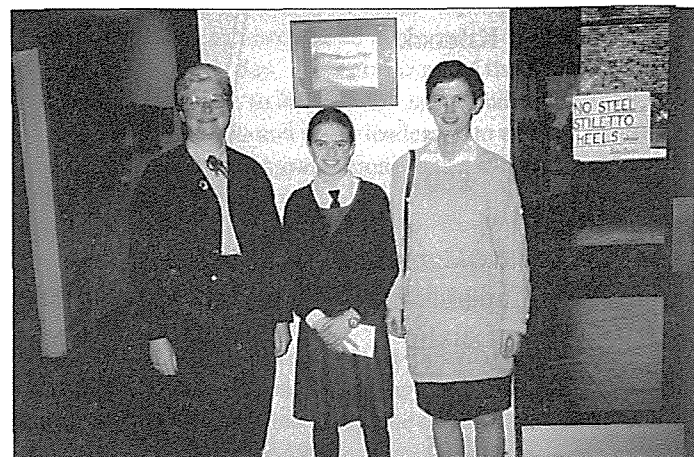
Also during October each 6th class student was asked to design a Christmas card. Two designs were to be chosen for printing and sold to raise funds for the school. The winners of the competition, Ciara O'Neill and Laura Noone, each received a book token for their trouble.

Thanks to all the 6th class girls for their entries, which were of a very high standard indeed. The two designs are now printed as Christmas cards, courtesy of the Cardinal Press and are on sale in the school at £1 per pack of eight cards.

Our AGM will take place on November 22nd and so we, the outgoing committee, would like to say THANK YOU to all

who helped and supported us during the past year. We hope that support will continue in the future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



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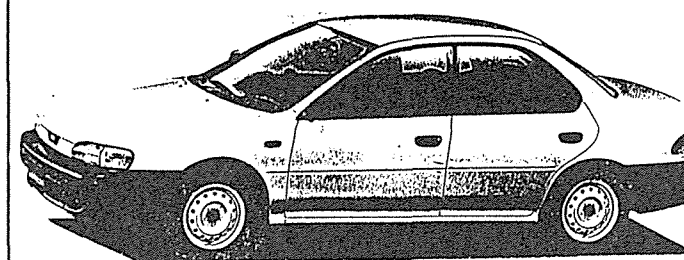
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This year Kilcock Musical and Dramatic Society are to stage the pantomime "Dick Whittington" in St. Joseph's Hall, Kilcock, from Wednesday, 7th December, to Saturday, 10th December, nightly at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday, 10th December, at 3p.m.

This is the club's seventh pantomime to date. We hope this pantomime will be as big a success as our previous productions.

Dick Whittington is played by Brian O'Rourke, this is Brian's first year with the club. Tommy the Cat is played by Lorraine Murphy. Some of our cast include: King Rat: Olivia Murphy; Mr. Fitzwarren: Ian Murphy; Alice: Sharon Murphy; Sarah (the cook): Caroline Corbett; Jack: Willie Bermingham; Captain: Bernie Byrne; Mr. Mussell: Carol Ryan; Fairy: Ann Mallon; Sam Seaweed: David McTiernan; Sultan: Maurice Nolan; Town Crier: Peter Brady.

Our chorus, including our junior chorus are: Michelle Groarke, Ann-Marie Phelan, Evita Teelin, Aoife Dunne, Catherine Kieran, Orla O'Rourke, Laoise Cassidy, Yvonne Lynch, Denise and Yvonne Brady, Jenny and Mark Seery, Sally-Ann O'Brien, Laura Geoghan, Sarah Cusack, Deirdre Anglin, Gillian McTiernan, Nuala Lynam and Serena Nolan.

We are pleased to have Brian Brady as our director again this year. Brian, from Naas, is married with one daughter. This is Brian's third production with the society.

Helping us with music this year is Kevin Walshe. Kevin, from Maynooth, is no stranger to the stage as he has worked for clubs to as high a level as "Tops of the Town".

Tickets are priced at £2 for children and £4 for adults. Family rates and group bookings are available. For further information, please contact: Bríd Anglin, (01) 6287767; Sharon Murphy, (01) 6287828; Oonagh Brien, (01) 6287097.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We had our Annual Estate Winter and skip clean up on Saturday, 19th November. This was primarily organised to clear the estate of leaves, broken branches etc. - not for residents to clear their garages of rubbish, broken furniture, etc. That said, we thank those residents who helped committee members clear the pathways and roadways of leaves and pruned trees, etc. We welcome new families who have moved to the estate and also our student residents.

We sympathise with those families who have been bereaved in the recent past.

Finally, on behalf of the Greenfield Estate Residents' Association we wish our members, residents, Newsletter editorial board, Community Council officers, staff and members a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are looking forward to a happy Christmas this year when at long last we hope to get the Christmas present we have waited for over so many years - our Ramps. The signs at the time of writing are looking good and they should be there in time for Christmas.

At our last open meeting the job of Hon. Secretary was "inherited" by Barney Boyd from his brother Paddy. Paddy originally accepted this tough post "by default" as there were no other takers but found that his heavy commitments with the band did not allow him to do the job as well as he would have liked. Barney has in turn taken the position "by default" and hopes he can keep things going until the AGM in June.

His first task will be to organise the second annual social outing to Harry's in Kinnegad on Friday, 16th December. Tickets are £14.95 each and a bus is being provided free by the association. If you intend going please contact Barney or Elaine Bean without delay as numbers are strictly limited.

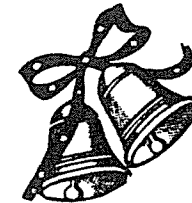
Finally, may we wish all our residents a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

MEADOWBROOK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

There was a good turn-out at the Meadowbrook Residents' Association Annual General Meeting in the G.A.A. hall on Monday 24th October. The outgoing committee, many of whom served since the associations' founding three years ago, provided an up-date on their activity during the past year and with items on the agenda such as the proposed Link Road it proved to be a profitable meeting.

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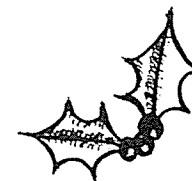
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John Cleary, Treasurer, provided a statement of income, mostly through subscriptions and expenditure. He suggested that as more households than the 28 subscribers were asking for the Association's equipment, the new committee might consider a membership card for use when hiring. Following this, Maria Lynch, Secretary, spoke on the first year's operation of the neighbourhood watch. Winter was found to be the worst time for vandalism and the main problem was that offenders were difficult to "Catch in the Act". Better lighting on the drive and common sense security were some of the solutions given to the problem. Colm Horan, Chairman, noted the decline in break-ins since neighbour-hood watch began. However, vandalism, especially in the drive had not abated. A petition between Meadowbrook, Beaufield and Kingsbry was suggested to get full-time gardai in Maynooth. On the subject of broken trees, Colm noted that no one area, age or sex was responsible....girls from Straffan Way had been caught vandalising within the estate. The final feeling was that if residents report all incidents to the guards and the Neighbourhood Watch as well as petitioning Kildare County Council, security in Meadowbrook may improve.

John Curran, road representative for the 'Close', spoke on the social activities for the year. The clean-up day and barbecue, given the weather, was seen to be a success. The table quiz raised £52 and was enjoyed by all. Some names were sought for next years 7-a-side football side and the hope Colm expressed that a ladies team might evolve wasn't exactly encouraged by the ladies in attendance. The treasurer appealed for more voluntary grass cutters...however, a consensus was reached that most would be prepared to pay more subs if a contractor would keep the common areas. It was agreed to cost it, get quotes when the difficult issue of the green areas completion was resolved.

A survey at the last A.G.M. revealed the stream, planning permission for a pub/hotel and the Link Road as the salient issues for the Association. The stream was considered unsightly and dangerous. Either landscaping of banks or piping in of the river, which Kildare County Council said would be too costly, were suggested. Colm pointed out that the Council were called out to exterminate rats last year.

The concern of certain householders for their foundations due to flooding, it was suggested, would be worsened by the half-mile of motorway draining into the stream. The Council stated that last year's severe floods were due to a blockage at Greenfields Lane. If this occurred again, with the streams extra load, there may be serious problems. The planning permission for the pub/hotel was objected to by the Association after 70% of householders objected. Kildare County Council agreed on the grounds of the extra traffic, unsociable hours, noise and a possible devaluation of local property. The builder, Lark Developments, appeal lodged with An Bord Pleanála was rejected. Objections to the builder's work included the finish on the stream, vandalised trees, broken walkways and the poorly finished green areas.

On the subject of the Link Road, joining the Meadowbrook Road, to the Straffan Road, the last survey revealed that over

65% of residents were against it. Although the road was included as a proposal in the original site map, all residents, including the 35% in favour, expressed concerns as to its impact on the area. Firstly, it was felt that the Meadowbrook Road, being the only link to the motorway on that side of town, and considering a seven year old plan to pedestrianize the town centre, would take not only all the commuting traffic from the adjoining estates but possibly commercial traffic also. Not only would this heavy traffic bisect and illegally split-up the estate, an objection the Kildare County Council responded to by citing how this had also been done to Palmerstown and Lucan, the extra traffic was also felt to be a safety hazard among the growing number of children in the estate. Considering the evidence in favour of the roads construction - the site exists for the road, the foundations of the Meadowbrook Road were built to hold the slip traffic (it's 7' deep - all others are 3') and it's proposed on the original plans - many Resident Association members felt their time would be better spent concentrating on the safety rather than the prevention of the road. A great amount of debate ensued on all the issues and it was agreed to meet again to decide a plan of action.

'Student's' were the sole issue in any other business. The football and hurling played on the Avenue was considered dangerous, noisy and played too late. Colm was keen that the situation didn't develop into an "us and them" scene, however, a great deal of frustration was evident as residents felt themselves powerless to stop the noise. It was agreed that another meeting was needed to further discuss the issue. Finally, Colm requested names for the committee members 1994/1995. Unfortunately, there was a reticence or, more likely, a cautious reserve in view of the work to be done from those listening and the election had to be postponed. Whoever is elected, it must be said that if the enthusiasm displayed in A.G.M. is anything to go by, then the incoming committee can be relied on to spearhead another challenging and productive year for the association.

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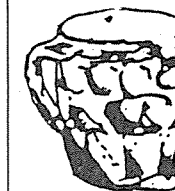


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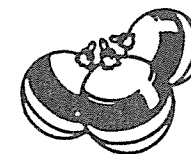


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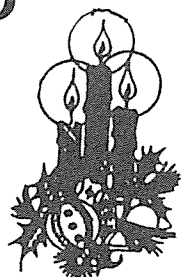
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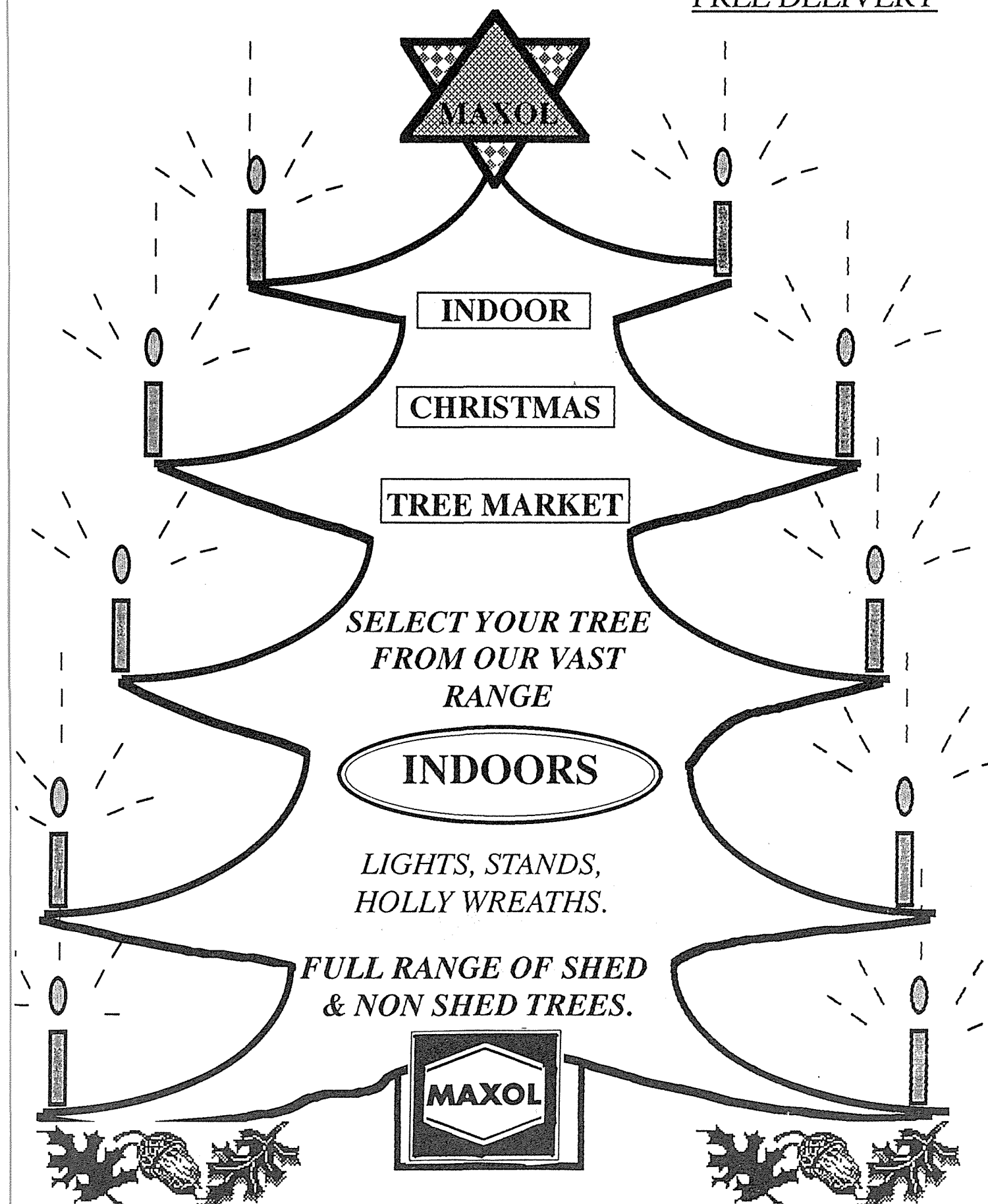
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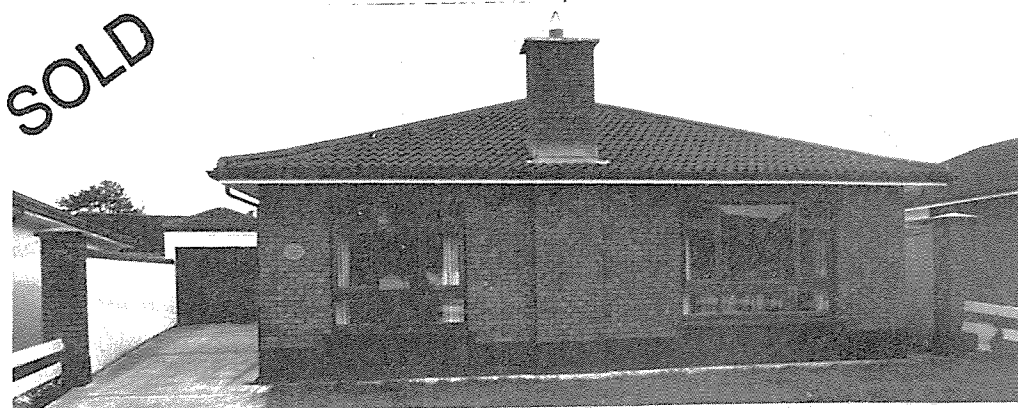
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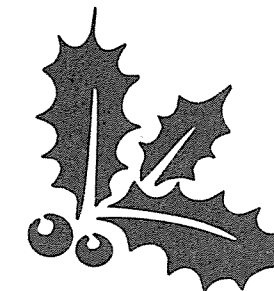


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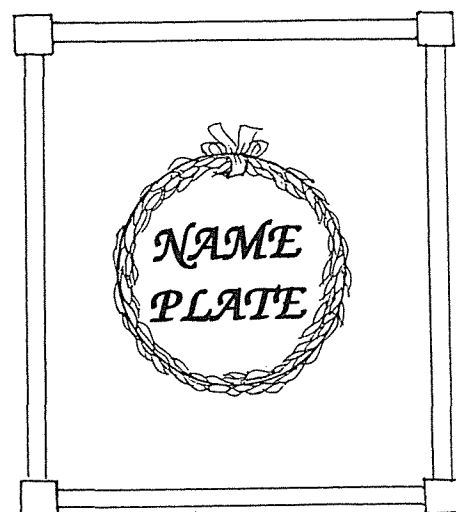
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BORD GAIS LAUNCH

Bord Gáis were promising to improve the way we cook, heat and live in Maynooth at the launch of their service in this area on Tuesday, 8th November. The start was delayed to wait for the end of the parent teachers' meeting, then Pat Walsh, General Sales Manager, introduced his colleagues; Mark Houlihan, provision of gas to new houses - Jimmy Farrell, provision of gas to existing houses and the first speaker, Michael Boyle the Sales Liaison Manager.

Talking us through the slide show, Mr. Boyle went through the background of Bord Gáis. Things had come a long way from when Daniel O'Connell was the first manager of Dublin Gas and all gas was dirty and dear, as it was manufactured from coal. Discovery of the Kinsale Head Gas Field in 1971 by Marathon Petroleum led to the foundation of Bord Gáis - the state's natural gas authority. 140 miles of pipeline, built at a rate of 1 mile per day - took Gas to Dublin at a time of severe smog. The rapid uptake of natural gas from 180,000 in 1987 to 240,000 in 1994 - concurred with the massive falls in smog and winter smoke levels. Thus, said Mr. Boyle, we see how natural gas is both an economical and natural product.

Speaking on natural gas's uses, Pat Walsh showed us slides of efficient and stylish cookers (a showroom will be opening on the Main Street). "Heating your home shouldn't cost the earth"

went the slogan and we were shown numerous gas boilers, both cupboard and floor types, all having greater outputs than their oil counterparts. On fires, we were shown three main types. The first, an open real flame fire that behaves exactly like a coal fire; like a coal fire it loses a lot of heat up the chimney. Then two real flame fires which hold on to the chimney heat by either a convection box or by covering the entire effect with glass. Considering also the gas tumble drier and immersion (1/3 the cost of their electric counterparts), he said the running costs of cooking and heating with gas were much less than with other fuels.

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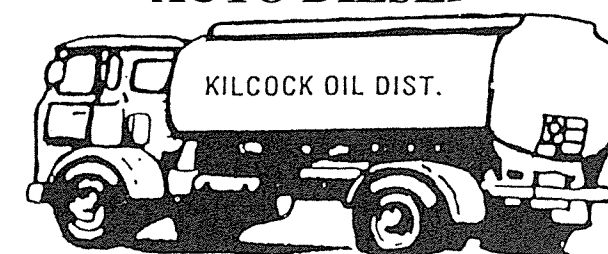
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Presently, gas is being brought from the Straffan Road and will be installed in and around Rail Pk., Laurence Ave., Maynooth Pk., Carton Court, Beaufield, Newtown Court, College Green and Cluain Aoibhinn in the coming weeks. Other estates such as Rockfield, Kingsbry, Meadowbrook, Woodlands, Ashleigh Court and Moyglare are phase 2. At the moment they cannot be connected as control hasn't yet passed from the builder to the Kildare Council. Sales people will be calling to these areas with details and prices - Bord Gáis expects a high uptake following the earlier canvass of Maynooth. As regards the work of installation Cllr. John McGinley has been heard saying the people of old Greenfield seemed happy enough with the temporary disturbances. So we can all look forward to these "Mole hills" appearing here and there over the Christmas. Finishing the meeting, Bord Gáis held a draw for the "50/50 cash-back teddy" clocks and plates. Mrs. Martina Finnan was the lucky winner of the big prize, the entire bear family. Let's hope the rest of Maynooth comes out as well as no doubt the children will this Christmas thanks to Bord Gáis!

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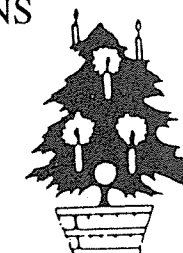
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Features

LAUNCH OF "CAMPUS WATCH"

Crime was the issue in St. Patrick's College on the 20th October with the launch of **Campus Watch**, a new effort to combat crime both on and off college grounds. Mr John Lamb, the college's head of security, introducing the scheme, spoke of the need for co-operation between all students in combating crime. Originally conceived at Dublin City University as a 'College Neighbourhood Watch' and currently up and running in U.C.C., U.C.D. and U.C.G., **Campus Watch** hopes to involve the entire student body in preventing attacks and vandalism by generating participation and improving communication in all groups.

The foundations for **Campus Watch** were laid by a cross-section of college staff. Three to four years ago, following a spate of serious attacks on female students, the Students' Union began the **S.C.A.R.E.D.** (Students Concerned About Rape) group to raise student awareness and urge safety. Following the appointment of Mr Lamb, a framework of security cameras were installed in the new campus. Their worth was shown on their first night of operation last February, when three people were detained for stealing bicycles. Currently the staff are investigating car thefts revealed on the new cameras.

During the launch Mr Lamb noted the important work done by Mrs Marie Kelly, Residents Officer, and the valuable co-operation of the local guards, in particular Garda Martin Caine, the out-going sergeant Joe Canny and his successor Peter Kearney, in setting up **Campus Watch**. Following this, Superintendent Walsh (Naas) congratulated all those involved, noting how **Campus Watch** would "consolidate the relationship between Gardaí, students, clerics and security staff." The scheme's main aim is "to prevent crime of all sorts.....violence against property and persons.....within and outside of the campus." Wishing all those involved the best of luck with the endeavour he jokingly offered one word of warning to Garda Caine. "don't be telling all the students to put their bikes in the station!"

Launching **Campus Watch**, the newly elected Master of the college, Dr. Smyth, welcomed those present - Chief Superintendent Faughan, Superintendent Walsh, Garda Arthur Reilly (Juvenile Liaison Officer), Sergeant Bill White (Crime Prevention Unit) and singled out Garda Martin Caine for praise saying how in his close liaison, he was almost a "resident on campus". He welcomed "**Campus Watch** as fundamental to the basic idea of collegiate well-being".... "Essential to the growing college of now four thousand students, five hundred full-time and five hundred part-time staff was caring for other students". In this he hoped for a **Campus Watch** "that's more than a sign.... it must be an active thing", generating participation and improving communication in all groups.

John Lamb now expects that in addition to the college's eighteen security officers, there will be an extra eight thousand eyes on the look out thanks to **Campus Watch**. The rule from now on will be "if you see it tell us!". Speaking to students after the launch the reaction was very positive. If not victims themselves, they had friends who had suffered theft, assault or violence. In addition to using internal security's number (3929) if they saw any suspicious activity on campus, they would take precautions regarding their personal safety and the security of their property. Hopefully, **Campus Watch** will have a

visible impact deterring crime against students both inside and outside of college grounds and as part of the **Neighbourhood Watch** network in Maynooth as a whole. The immediate affects of **Campus Watch** may be summed up in the words of Dennis Clohessey, the Students' Union's ex-vice president, "I think we've seen the end of fear on campus which was very apparent two or three years ago. There's now a comfortable atmosphere for students on campus thanks to **Campus Watch**."

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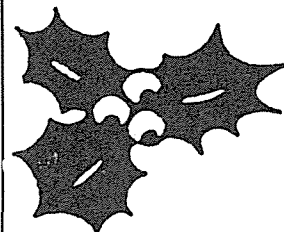
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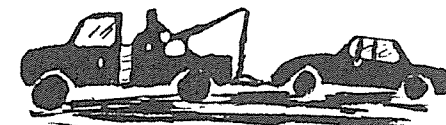
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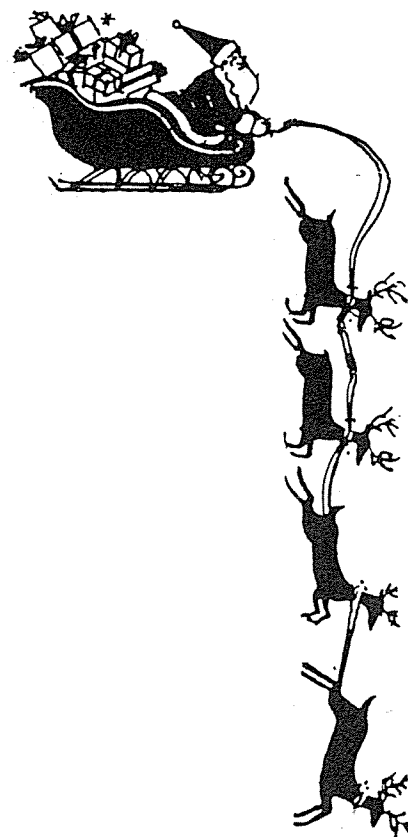
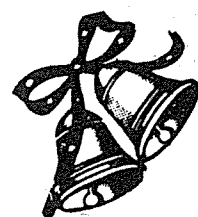
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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING (AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW!)

Panic! Panic! It's only x amount of shopping days to Christmas (insert your own value for x depending on when you are reading this!). You know that you've forgotten *someone*. Is it Auntie Concepta's pink leg warmers? Uncle Fred's Swiss Army knife (with the tweezers, naturally!)? Or is it that gorgeous set of cream silk lingerie for that ever so special person; yourself? (Unless of course, you are male, but we won't talk about that, will we?)

You've made your list! You've checked it twice. (That phrase is quickly becoming a cliché). You've decided on your naughty or nice presents but there is still something missing. You have purchased all of the alcohol that you could possibly consume over the holiday season plus two extra bottles of whiskey. You've taken all of the figurines off the mantelpiece and stuck the 'phone in the hall cupboard (for safety's sake, when the party really gets up!). You've welded the fridge door open for easy access to the alcohol contained within but, STOP!!! There are no crisps!! "Aaargh", you scream! You kick into over-drive! Panic! Panic! Crisps! Crisps! Car! Start! Misfire! Start! Misfire! Curse! Kick! Scream! Run! Shops! Closed! Curse (again)! Bus! Late! Swear (at bus driver)! Thrown off! Slip (on ice)! Pain! Hobble! Supermarket! Search! Frantic! Panic! Abuse! Push! Shove! Pass the Turkeys! Hams! Puddings! Almond Santas! Faint! Trample! Crush! Find! One packet left! Reach! Gone! Murder the thief! Kick! Punch! Scrape! Arrested! Gardai! Station! Cell! Cold! Plead! Apologise! Release! Run! Find crisps in press at home where you put them two weeks ago! Curse! Relax! Drink! Sleep!

Then in the morning you wake up and realise that there's nobody partying, yet! You 'phone your parents to wish them a happy Christmas and they quietly inform you that it's only November! So, you silently kick yourself on the shin and sit down and watch some t.v. . . but! You realise you've forgotten the cat's present . . . !

COFFEE MORNING FOR ST. BRIGID'S HOSPICE

The North Kildare branch of the Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh, Kildare would like to thank all those who held coffee mornings in the Maynooth and Kilcock areas on 6th October 1994. There was a fantastic response and the total collected was £1,435.08.

Thanks also to Quinnsnorth, Maynooth, for their contribution towards this worthy cause.

As with any other cause this would not have been so successful without such great public support so thanks to all those who attended the various coffee mornings in the Kildare area.

COONAN PRESS RELEASE

£7,000,000 Development for Maynooth.

Glenkerrin Homes Ltd., who recently developed Charter House, Maynooth, a conversion of the old Presentation Convent to a luxury Apartment Development, have lodged an application with Kildare County Council for the development of a 6.4 acre site at Straffan Road, Maynooth.

The application includes a shopping centre comprising 12,000 sq. ft. supermarket, shopping mall with 9 shop units and seven offices; a nineteen bedroom hotel with restaurant, function room, bar and lounge and 72 one and two bedroom apartments.

Ray Grehan speaking on behalf of Glenkerrin Homes Ltd. said he was delighted to bring a second prestigious development to the town within such a short period and hopes to start the development of the supermarket and shopping complex in Spring '95 and have it completed by September to coincide with the completion of the Straffan Road link to the new motorway.

The site is located in a strategic position in the town beside the Main Street and both rail and bus stations. It is also within half a mile of the intersection to the Lucan/Kilcock motorway which will by-pass the town and is scheduled to open before Christmas.

The last substantial urban site in Maynooth is certain to become the focal point of the town and will link the existing Main Street with many new residential developments which are combining to make the town one of the fastest growing presently west of Dublin.

Paul O'Loughlin & Associates, 38 Upr. Clanbrassil Street, Dublin 8 are architects to the development.

Willie Coonan, Coonan Estate Agents, Maynooth, who have been appointed sole agents for the development commented that he was extremely positive about the prospects for same - taking into account the location of the site, the attractiveness of the development and the fact that Maynooth is becoming the premier town within 20 minutes of the city centre - combining as it does an expanding University, excellent work prospects with Intel 2 miles away and a first class communication system to the city with its motorway, rail and bus services serving same.

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DAVID JOLLEY DEFIED INJURY IN NEW YORK MARATHON



Dave Jolley led the New York Marathon for the first five miles and if he had suddenly recovered from injury he could have won it, now read on.

Local man, David Jolley faced a daunting task in the run up to the New York Marathon, which took place on November 6th last. As well as raising £3,000 for Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin,

Dave was plagued by a serious injury to his left ankle. On investigation the injury turned out to be a stress fracture caused by an accumulation of two heavy years' mileage and racing, indoor and outdoor without getting a proper break. It could not have happened at a worse time for David who needs running as a fish needs water.

Eamonn Coughlan Team

Nonetheless, as part of the Eamonn Coughlan team, David and a party of 45 runners and fundraisers left Ireland on Wednesday 2nd November, bound for the U.S.A. That night they checked into Fitzpatrick's Hotel, New York.

On Thursday November 3rd they attended a reception and dinner hosted by the Chemical Bank, main sponsors of the Marathon. The event was attended by Ireland's leading athletes, Sonya O'Sullivan, Marcus O'Sullivan, Ray Flynn, John Tracey and also Greta Weitz. On Friday morning they enjoyed a breakfast sponsored by McCann Irish Oatmeal (so instead of caviar, David got the biggest bowl of porridge he ever saw).

That same day, Dave and his team-mates had the arresting experience of being taken away in three Police Vans. However, they were not being detained (so he claims) but were being taken on a tour of the famed city, courtesy of the New York Police Department. They were shown the massive Command and Control centre of the N.Y.P.D. Later they boarded two police launches for a tour up river past the Statue of Liberty. With temperatures of 78°F this proved to be a brilliant trip.

Heavily Plastered

On Sunday November 6th, the morning of the race, Dave got up early. Due to injury, his leg was heavily bandaged and strapped tight. He had to walk around the room to get used to the strapping. All through the trip, Dave and his team-mates received V.I.P. status. At 7.30 a.m. they were brought by bus to the Sheraton Hotel and from there by convoy out to the start of the race, at Verrozano Bridge, which joins Staten Island and the mainland.

Special Permission

Due to Dave's injury, Eamonn Coughlan used his influence to get special permission for Dave and a team-mate to walk the race and more especially to start the race 50 minutes ahead of

the field. So the Maynooth man led the race for the first five miles, albeit walking, before being caught by the pack. The first three athletes home were of Mexican origin. Dave completed the race in just over 6 hours.

Special award

Back at the Fitzpatrick Hotel there was an award ceremony and meal. Eamonn Coughlan presented Dave with a special award for his brave effort in the face of adversity. Later the happy throng went on a New York pub crawl, entertained by Dave's renowned vocal and guitar skills. As there is no closing time in New York it was 4.30 a.m. when they staggered home.

Customary breakfast

Dave touched down at Dublin Airport at 6.20 a.m. on Tuesday morning 8th November where he was greeted by his wife Sheila. Later that morning they enjoyed a customary hearty Irish breakfast in Kehoes Restaurant, Main Street. His long journey was over.

Looking back, if Dave had suddenly recovered from his injury, with a 50 minute head start he could have caused a major upset in the New York Marathon - think about it! I know Mick Gleeson will.

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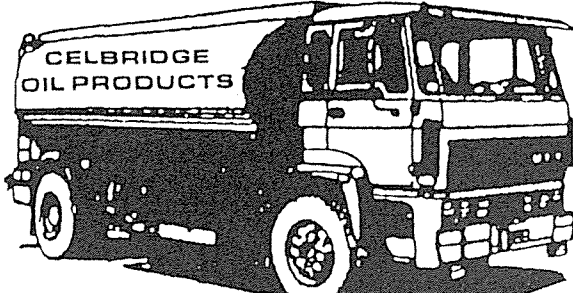
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#### Top Gun

Maynooth has its own "Top Gun" in the person of young 19-year-old Micheal Meally, of Rail Park. Micheal, who is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps, was presented with his Pilot Wings at a passing-out ceremony held at Baldonnel on November 7th last. He was one of eight recruits specially selected two years ago. He has already flown an Italian single-engine plane and a Fuga jet in training. He is son of proud parents Micheal and Delma Meally. So, when you hear a jet fly over, it's just Micheal checking out the home place. P.S. Permission for a low fly-by denied.

#### Political Activist

Young Brid Hanniffy of Kingsbry, who is in second year studying Arts and Politics at UCD, is becoming quite a political activist of late. She travelled to Cork for two weeks to assist the local branch of Fine Gael during the recent by-election. Her mission was a success with the election of Hugh Coveney.

#### No De-fence

What hope has Maynooth of ever doing well in the Tidy Towns with youngsters going around destroying ever-green hedges. Once attacked these hedges are ruined. Maybe it has something to do with the hit song "Don't fence me in".

### GARDA TALK

Christmas is almost with us again, and we appeal to motorists not to drink and drive. Drink driving and excessive speed are all factors in serious injury traffic accidents. The Gardai will operate random checkpoints to enforce the road traffic code. Ensure that your actions will not bring tragedy to others. 'Safe Motoring'.

#### Crime Prevention

A good neighbour is someone who will look after your property while you are away and report suspicious callers before waiting to see that in fact they were burglars. No person is better positioned to spot something unusual or out of place in a neighbourhood than one of its residents. Be a good neighbour, and in this season of goodwill pay special attention to the elderly living among us. Drop in for a chat. Make sure they have basic needs of food, heat and comfort.

#### By-Pass

At the time of writing, the new by-pass is scheduled to open on the 19th December 1994. A welcome relief to Maynooth and its residents and the Gardai. Hopefully the parking cones can enjoy a rest also. A special word of thanks to Kildare County Council, contractors and all concerned with this project for their kind assistance to us.

#### Business Premises

In the run up to Christmas, we make a special appeal to the business community to take extra precautions. Remember the criminals will also do their shopping. Report suspicious activity to the Gardai immediately. It is better than passing such

information after an event. The prevention of crime through a process of community involvement is paramount, if we are to succeed.

#### Thank you

And finally a sincere thank you to each and every resident of Maynooth, for the assistance and co-operation afforded to the Gardai for 1994, and we look forward to the excellent relationship between Gardai and the community for 1995.

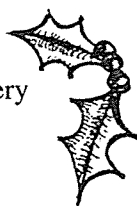
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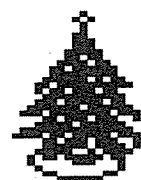
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However, what has been outlined above is one thing, another is to be on a bicycle behind a livestock lorry continuously discharging liquid manure along the length and breadth of our Main Street. As a result of this discharge shoppers are left trying to step across this smelly effluent and must be wary of every car and lorry that it does not send this liquid flying all over them.

Over the past couple of months livestock lorries passing through Maynooth have discharged the effluent on the Main Street. Please, we do not need it on our street - better on the land.

*Leo Armstrong*

## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

### First Year Mass

The first year mass at Maynooth Post Primary School was celebrated on Thursday 6th October 1994. The celebrant was Fr. David Boylan and the liturgy of the word was carried out by first year students representing all five first year classes. This is an excellent way to begin the academic year. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and vice versa.

It was a very successful evening which was rounded off with refreshments and light conversation. Our thanks to Fr. Boylan and to the teachers of religion for their excellent organisation and hard work. Credit is also due to the students who participated in the readings, prayers of the faithful and offering of the gifts. The ceremony as enhanced throughout by the wonderful singing of the choir. Our congratulations to all of the students whose behaviour was exemplary.

Finally, we must thank the Home Economics Department and their assistants for providing refreshments, the caretakers for their co-operation and the parents for their large attendance.

### Success in Leinster Vocational Schools Ladies Football

Maynooth Post Primary School's Ladies Gaelic Football team had a good win in their first outing of the year, defeating a good Longwood Vocational School by 1 goal-9 points to 2 goals. It was a good display overall with Ann Marie Snee, Emma Kilduff and Mary Maguire being the best for Maynooth on the day.

**Maynooth team:** L. Kearney, T. Kearney, U. Burke, P. Burke, C. Tolan, M. Maguire, C. Cassidy, P. Purcell, A. M. Snee, M. Flood, E. Kilduff, A. Fahy, E. Fahy, S. Weld, V. Breslin.

**Subs:** K. Furlong, E. Mahony, S. Healy

### Congratulations to Leaving Certificate Students.

We would like to wish our students who sat their leaving Cert in 1994 best wishes with their future studies. Best wishes also to our students who are repeating in order to accumulate more points and to those who have succeeded in getting employment and apprenticeships. To one and all we wish you well in the future.

**U.C.D.** Alison Barry, Catherine Cooke, Patricia Egan, Owen Creevey, Ben Creighton, Allen Gaffney, Senan Griffin, Stephen Kinsella, Niall Minogue, Barry O'Brien, Barry Ryan.

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**LSB** Orla Doran.

### Monster Draw.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make this Draw such a tremendous success. To those who bought and sold tickets and to those who helped to organise the Draw: as a result of your efforts, students of Maynooth Post Primary School will benefit from the extra facilities provided from the proceeds of this Draw. Well done one and all.

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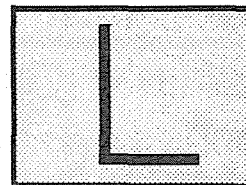
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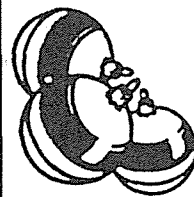
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## Features

### Success in Science Quiz

#### Kildare Regional I.S.T.A. - BAYER

The *Kildare Regional* final of the *I.S.T.A. - BAYER* Senior Schools Science Quiz was held in the Cross & Passion, Kilcullen on Friday, November 11th. Twenty six teams entered and it was a very enjoyable and exciting evening. The winning team from Maynooth Post Primary School (Elizabeth Whittaker, Morven Duffey and Jason Devine) was presented with a trophy, a framed certificate and cash by Mr. Philip Bergin from **BAYER LTD.**

#### Full Results and Prizes

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5. Cross & Passion College, Kilcullen - 3 X £10.

These five teams have qualified for the National Final in Trinity College Dublin on Saturday, November 26th 1994. All Ireland final took place on Saturday 26/11/1994 at 2.00p.m. in Trinity College.

### School Debs Ball

The 18th Annual Debs took Place in the Keadeen Hotel Newbridge on Friday 14th October. As usual, it was a splendid and glamorous occasion and as always, proved to be one of the highlights of student life in the Post Primary School.

Mr. Griffin, the year head, had everything organised to perfection and was presented with a gift from the students, to mark the special effort and attention which he has given them from their first year in the school.

### Debating Success

Three teams from Maynooth Post Primary School, competed in the first round of the Leinster Schools Debating competition.

Bryan Durkin and Hugh Denman, Elizabeth Whittaker and Clare Duke and Meadh Flood and Finola Griffin, debated with skill and fluency. Competition was stiff this year, with over 120 schools competing. Finola Griffin was chosen to compete in the second round which should take place before Christmas.

### School Tour

This years school tour was to Holland and London. The 76 students and ten teachers departed on Thursday 27th of October and arrived in Noordwijk in Holland. This was our base for our trips to Amsterdam, the Hague and Rotterdam. We had the experience of seeing Amsterdam from the canal boat trip. We visited Anne Frank's house, the Rijksmuseum, which houses famous paintings by Rembrandt. One of the highlights was the water park where both staff and students enjoyed slides and water falls, travelling at 60 kilometres per hour.

On our way home, we stopped over in London where we saw 'Starlight Express' the Lloyd Weber musical in the Apollo Theatre in Victoria.

*Michael J. Walsh.*

### REVEREND THOMAS MARSH R.I.P. - Teacher and Friend

It was nine thirty on Halloween night. Students and regular customers began to gather in 'The Roost'. Awaiting some young friends, Fr. Tom Marsh was in his usual seat. Before they arrived, he had a massive heart attack and quietly slipped, in the words of a friend, from "one heaven to another".

Tom Marsh was well known in the town of Maynooth, since he joined the staff of the College in 1976. A native of Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary, he was ordained at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny in 1957. After completing his doctorate in Maynooth in 1959, he worked for some years in England, before returning to teach theology at St. John's College, Waterford for fourteen years. In 1978 he was appointed Professor of Dogmatic Theology by the Pontifical University.

In 1979 the Pontifical University accepted the first intake for its Bachelor of Arts and Theology degree. Right from the beginning, Fr. Marsh took these students into his care. Mostly young and female, many found theology difficult, especially when combined with one or two Arts subjects.

Fr. Marsh was a brilliant teacher. He brought both clarity of thought and presentation to some of the most abstract areas of dogma. While he loved to push his more able students academically, he took a special interest in the weaker ones.

Outside of class hours, he was available as tutor, pastor and friend. Aware of the fragility of human nature, there was nothing they could not tell him. While he enjoyed a lively argument in class or 'The Roost', he appreciated honesty and confidentiality in personal matters. In this area his comments were always relevant and to the point.

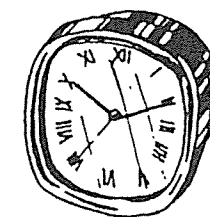
But the erring student could always return. All year round, he met them on and off campus. Over a pint, a cuppa or a cigarette, he always shared their dilemmas and enjoyed their company. While he always looked like the absent minded professor, he never spoke down to his listeners, be they students, staff or town's people.

Fr. Marsh's concern for his students did not end with Graduation. Aware of their difficulties in finding work mainly as catechists, he used his extensive network of contacts to find them jobs both in Ireland and in England. Even after fifteen years, he could recall who among his students were working and where.

Reflecting his love of Gaelic games, his coffin was draped in the colours of his local G.A.A. club. The shock and sadness that his sudden death brought permeated both the town and campus of Maynooth. At his funeral mass Bishop Lee of Waterford and Lismore recalled Fr. Marsh's help to him as a clerical student in Maynooth and in later life. He referred also to his scholarship and his last book, 'The Triun God': published just before his death.

It seemed fitting too, that the most beautiful wreath came from one of his 'Prodigal Daughters'. Along with hundreds of B.A. Theols past and present, she travelled many miles to see an old friend and teacher laid to rest close to all his favourite haunts.

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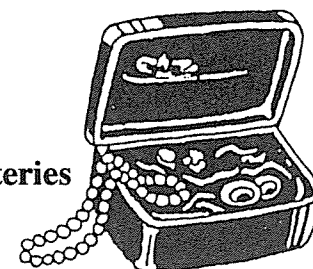
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### ROCKFIELD LODGE PATH

The Liffey Champion reports that the residents of Rockfield Lodge were threatening to block up a walkway into Rockfield Avenue. The issue of the 'ongoing bitter battle with the Council' seems somewhat confused. As the situation stands the builder, Patrick Mooney of High Degree Construction, has, in his own words, "done what I've planning permission for" and built a two metre path at the apex of the horse-shoe shaped estate.

After the completion of this path Mr. Mooney, at the request of some residents, put in two separate planning applications. Firstly, to build a house on the pathway site or to divide the site as gardens between the adjacent properties. The builder was not surprised when both these applications were refused and comments that a council official, Willie Hanegan, was recently out looking at the estate and was "pleased at how Rockfield has turned out". He feels that he's done the work according to original plans, points out that the lane is similar to two or three others in the estate and has even lodged the unsuccessful application in consideration of residents' wishes. On the closure of the lane, Mr. Mooney says that it's exactly as required, two metres wide, and that neither he nor residents have the right to block up open spaces.

Audrey Graham, speaking on behalf of the Rockfield residents, claims that originally a narrow path was to be built and that the existing two metre path is a menace: "it won't be long before motorbikes and cars begin to use the wide, grass verged path". Chief County Planning Officer, Philip Jones, comments that "it is a well lit piece of open space through which a lane goes and shortens the distance for people living in that particular area of the estate". Audrey complains that the area is very poorly lit; residents have to put on their own porch lights to brighten the dark cul-de-sac. She also complains of rowdy youths and speeding bicycles using the path. The shortcut, facilitating non-lodge residents walking to nearby shops, schools and public transport brings a more favourable response from those living behind the lodge, many of whom I found very glad of it. However, another Lodge resident, Caroline Youngson, said initially it was not a problem, but when her two young children Georgina and Elizabeth began using it to get on to the busy avenue, she saw it was a safety problem. Caroline's neighbour Geraldine Downing, also complains of the extra noise that the lane brings through the quiet cul-de-sac.

Councillor John McGinley felt that the issue may be resolved once Maynooth's development plan is adopted. However, it remains to be seen if the Council's policy to avoid pathways through housing estates, means pathways, with full planning permission, within housing estates. With some residents determined to block 'the path' and the builder unable to block 'the space' it seems that the issue may remain confused for some time to come.

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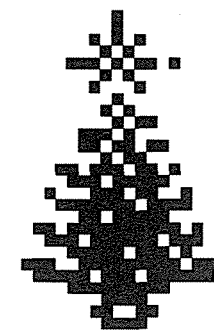
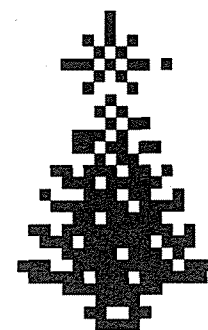
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### TIDY TOWNS MEETING (10th Oct 1994)

Under the menacing Liffey Champion headline "The dirtiest town in Kildare", the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee met to discuss the adjudicators' report in the Post Primary School on Thursday, 10th October. Although the marks were up 6 to 128 from the previous year we still scored the lowest marks in the county.

Richard Farrell (P.R.O.), discussing the abridged report printed in last month's **Newsletter**, pointed out the areas which had let the town down. Litter was a problem on the Straffan approach and outside T. Flood, Bookmakers. Mr. Farrell pointed out the fact that two new bins had been installed and at least another seven should be on the way. Shutters were mentioned as a problem on the Main Street. On amenities, unfortunately the playground near the Harbour Field was not under the committee's

control, but they have written to Bord Fáilte on the matter. The approach roads were bad entering from Dublin (Mart) and Kilcock.

On a positive note the new cobble-locking outside Katie's Flowers, the new canal wall and improvements in the Carton Walk were commended. The presentation of residential areas scored very well. 21 out of 30.

Presenting a video, the Chairman Bob O'Reilly and Mr. Farrell showed the work done by the S.E.S. Scheme on Carton Walk. Areas which need special attention are outside the Mart and the approach road from Kilcock. The Main Street was recorded early on 16th April and 19th September, both showed overflowing litter bins, receipts from the bank's service machine and take-away cartons strewn over the Main Street. On this point Councillor John McGinley said it was vital to have a street cleaner Saturday and Sunday. Also that the much unloved toilet block was finally coming down next year. On Geraldine Castle he noted how £1 million was being given not to modernize the castle but "to keep the ruin in ruin - but usable". He felt that in the light of the Bi-centenary of the college next year, it was the Kildare County Council's policy "to make Maynooth a university town". However, he warned that the Council's temptation to just "do-up" the main approaches and street for visitors to the college would be detrimental to Maynooth overall.

Cllr. Murphy noted how the Council weren't doing their part in upkeeping the town. The local authority don't do common areas and therefore aren't freeing people in residential areas to do other jobs. Bernard Durkan agreed that the criticism of the local authority was valid, it had an unwillingness to zone in on particular problems. However, he said, Maynooth was "the least public spirited town in the county as far as litter was concerned". Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary, Community Council) retorted that if the town was more beautiful there would be less litterbugs and a greater tendency to help out.

On other subjects: The Laraghbryan Cemetery, although the responsibility of the local authorities, had been cleaned up by the Tidy Towns Committee. However, now the committee had taken action they had received a letter from the Office of Public Works to cease all work. The feeling from the floor was that now "we've started doing something for ourselves we should keep going". Street signs - nothing can be done to remove the billboard on the Leixlip approach but the smaller ones, being there less than five years, may be contested. The Main Street - the by-pass will make this a secondary road which the Council are obliged to bring up to standard and maintain. Carton Avenue - the chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, Tony Bean, noted how the adjacent job was far from satisfactory, the contractors are being taken to court and also a very old carriage stone had been removed.

Closing the meeting, the committee discussed how to increase participation and attendance. On the poor co-operation of the Council, Cllr Murphy, said the Bi-centenary was a good opportunity to get as much as possible for Maynooth out of funds. If we don't get the money beforehand, she pointed out, our opportunity may be lost. Generally, it was decided to keep up the pressure on the Council, to do as much for ourselves as possible and keep up the effort for 1995.

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The play 'Two' was recently put on by this theatre company in association, with Maynooth Drama Society, The Roscian Players, in the Students' Union in Maynooth College.

Directed by Mark O'Shaughnessy, an up and coming name in Irish Theatre, and acted out by two reputable actors, Paul Bolger, who works in Maynooth's Citizens' Information Centre, and Lynda Phelan, a final year student in the college, the play was set in a pub and focused on the relationships between the different couples we see every day therein including the landlord and landlady who were the link roles within the play.

The setting and set design brought the audience into the atmosphere of the play immediately. The set was simple yet complex being made completely of newspaper, a simple example of how recycled material can be utilized for excellent effect. The audience were made a part of the play by being seated at tables as if they were customers in the pub. From the very moment we entered the play area both Paul and Linda were in character as landlord and landlady, ensuring that their customers (the audience) were satisfied.

Paul and Linda displayed their excellence in acting by playing all the parts in the play. This included a change of actions and emotions in each role which would be difficult for any actor to cope with but both Linda and Paul had no difficulty with this.

The feelings portrayed in the play were both comical and emotional with characters suffering emotionally from loneliness, depression, male dominance, female dominance, loss or dependency. The comical parts of the play held a certain emotional side as well which was brought out extremely well by the actors.

The director, Mark, certainly made a masterful play into a perfect production. Let's hope it won't be long before Threadbare Theatre Company are back in Maynooth with another ingenious production.

One of the plays which is coming up in the near future is Frank McGuinness's 'Factory Girls' which will be performed by the Roscian Players. This is a play not to be missed, so for further information on this production and others just get in contact with Maynooths Students' Union at 6285222.

John McLoughlin

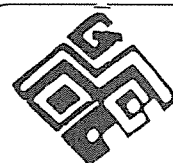
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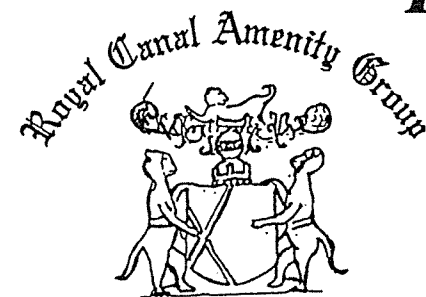
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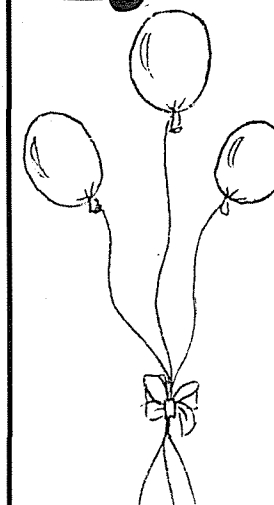
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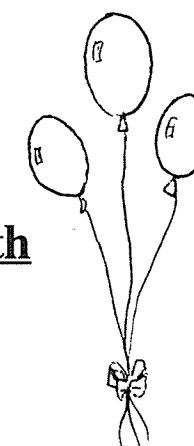


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The mists of Christmas close in on Maynooth  
As homeward the folk hastily shoot.  
The golden orbs of light glow in mystery,  
Shadows move on special journeys.  
Lights glisten in windows so welcoming,  
I wonder would they let me in.  
Even the canal is decked with colours  
spectacularly  
For the eternal voyage of the magi.  
I walk up along its ancient track  
With the worries of the world on my back.  
Maybe up here reindeers are hidden,  
In a field with elves a-feeding!  
I look for their tracks among the leaves  
And think I hear distant jingles in the breeze.  
But now I must return to get ready,  
For the clock is ticking steady.  
Before I make Brady's by 10.59,  
I have many duties both earthly and divine.

All the wise birds return to the Roost  
For the stories told here are the truest,  
As bells a-ringing and people singing  
Enhances slow rhythmic drinking.  
The most religious man, there I could find,  
Was Pius Kelly so decent and refined.  
John O'Rourke looked all of a captain on  
deck,  
But the customers were like escapees from  
Star Trek.  
Sean Farrell resembled St. Joseph himself  
And had large stocks of mir on every shelf.  
Ken Tracey and John Burke were planning a  
card game  
And Noel Flynn said he was all for the same!  
Norah McDermott and the council crew  
Were banded together for a finishing up 'do'.  
Freda Kelleher had the camera out,  
'Snapping' the Christmas frolics all-about.  
Feeney and Kelly the plumber, were doing  
fine,  
Having circumvented the taps with their  
own pipe-line.  
"Anyone for the last turkey?"  
Asked Peter Riordan looking perky.

The wind swept me into the Leinster Arms  
Where I was bespelled by its warmth and  
charms  
With Aidan Garvey and Maura Dunne,  
The festive celebrations had begun.  
Kevin Donovan was talking to Kevin  
McNamara,  
Beside them a man slept in a wheel-barrow.  
This special night all through the house,

Dermot and John were pouring a mighty big  
douse.  
Mick Fanning looked as distinguished as  
ever  
And with Andy Graham celebrated the year's  
endeavour.

Andy said, "Santa would come down the  
railway lines,  
So that he wouldn't get any speeding fines"  
Some new residents were flashing the dosh  
And then the old crowd, are slightly more  
posh.

I entered into Caulfields too  
And stood amid its venturesome crew.  
As I had a cool bottle out of the fridge  
Someone said he saw JCB's attacking the  
bridge.  
John McGinley rallied, 'the bridge is under  
attack,  
Come on lads we'll try to win it back.  
For every man who supports the cause, a  
bollard  
Shall be his just reward",  
Gerry Brady said "We'll strike a deal"  
And Bernard Durkan delivered a mighty  
spiel;  
"There's peace in our country now don't go to  
war.  
Rest for a while 'til I buy ye a jar".

The Connollys and Dempseys had the bar  
well surrounded.  
And plenty of craic in their midst abounded.  
Christina Saults, Willie and all;  
Political fall-out was far from their stall.  
Vincent Hannify and Des Madden were not  
far away  
Their crowd too might soon have their day  
Sean and Patricia Condon were with the Ní  
Bhrolcháins  
Of this drinking pond they are noble swans  
Mrs. Carey was talking to Martin and Sean  
Shur we could have stayed here until dawn.

In the G.A.A. Centre they were singing  
carols megaphone;  
Mick Kelly was leading baritone.  
The year's campaign was far behind,  
Now they'd relax, plan, and unwind.  
A statue of Mick Gillick they were preparing  
But they used too much cement and it became  
Noel Kerins.  
Pat Nevin and P.J. Bennett disowned the  
shuttering,  
But it didn't stop the lads from muttering.  
The 'generals' were having heavy talks:

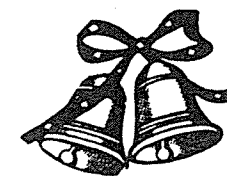
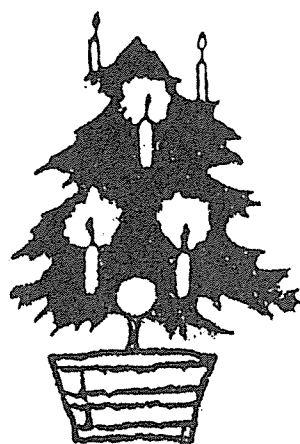
Connolly, Diggins and Devereux, the silver  
fox.  
"They all jumped on the bandwagon", said  
Denis,  
"I never knew Leitrim had fans so numerous",

In Brady's the lads wouldn't talk to me,  
Lest I tape-recorded or breached  
confidentiality.  
The chat was of the weather or would there  
be snow.

Sometimes, there was a hint as to whether I  
had somewhere to go.  
In the corner a journalist was gagged and  
bound,  
He had just enquired if Nicholas was around?  
When I started to sing, Noel, he saw red  
"With this carry on, no one will get home to  
bed"  
Up spoke Eamon Gallagher "Now lower the  
trottle,  
"Harvey' to him; now have another bottle".  
Jim Carthy sang 'Me and Bobby McGee', for  
his friends Exclusively,  
His voice went deep and low and rose most  
eloquently.  
Mick Scanlon, Paddy Nolan and Denis  
O'Sullivan too  
Were celebrating the victory of a dog called  
'Scooby Doo'.  
Eddie Halligan checked his stomach with a  
pressure gauge.  
He said "I'm nearly full, I'm at the top-up  
stage".  
Watching the proceedings sat Tom Nolan  
and Paddy Boyce,  
In all these glad happenings they did so  
rejoice.  
Larry McEvoy with his tinsel hair  
Among this throng is a key player.  
Jim McDermott has them all weighed up,  
He looked at them coyly as he drank his sup.  
For the paper, Geroid McTernan was keeping  
apace,  
The news of Maynooth he telexed to Naas.  
As I left everyone was saying 'Harvey' to  
each other,  
Instead of more pleasant greetings, brother  
to brother.

I fell into a ditch on my way out of town  
And saw the silhouette of a cat looking  
down.  
In the shimmering cold it appeared to me  
That he was really saying 'Harvey'.

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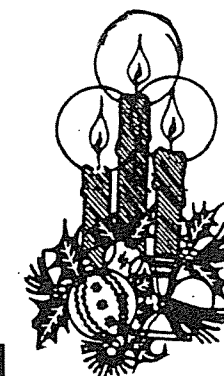
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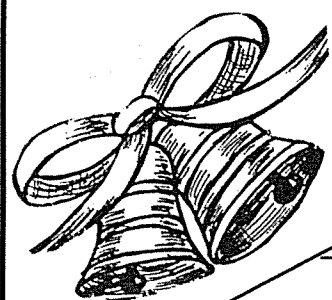
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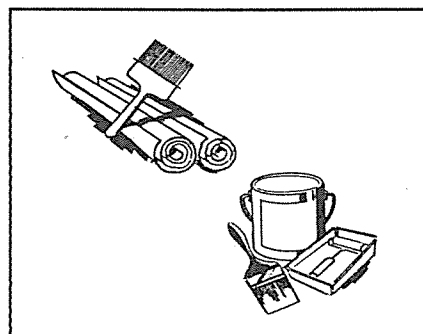
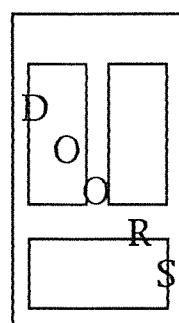
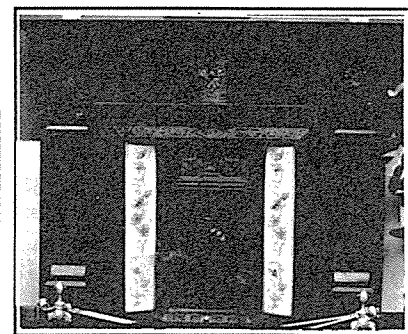
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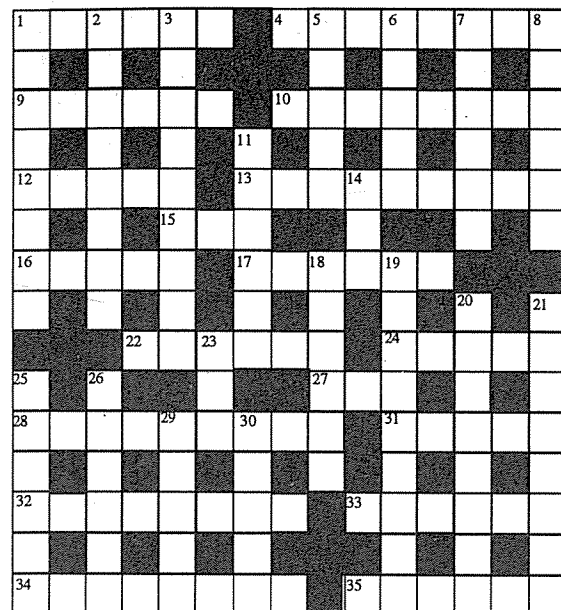
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Across:

- 1) Shout 'ow it's' bright but not courageous (6)
- 4) A bit of a drag beneath the foot, we hear (8)
- 9) Undoes and not right for the job down south (6)
- 10) Really stirs it between the agates (8)
- 12) Grow up without West for the band (5)
- 13) Things that stir the mind may be thus (9)
- 15) The force wrongly said to be a source of free clothing (3)
- 16) Take care of visually (3, 2)
- 17) Give offence, but only barely (6)
- 22) Ma is up to some good down south and entertains (6)
- 24) We hear plumbers are needed for these in Wales (5)
- 27) Could she grow on you ? (3)
- 28) Present-day (9)
- 31) Is back to her and can't hold water (5)
- 32) Reg and others in it for the organised group (8)
- 33) Forms words inaudibly with these apertures (6)
- 34) I sat and consumed 500, and was satisfied (8)
- 35) Planted editor in the end, to see five hundred top tennis players (6)

Down:

- 1) There's always only one of them in any group, even if they are old-aged pensioners (8)
- 2) Not right to be ajar (4,4)
- 3) Up high and doing very well (2,3,4)
- 5) Unfinished N-E growth for the dark individual (5)
- 6) More than expected (5)

- 7) Little bird chomped to give an interesting item of scandal (6)
- 8) Expends carelessly the narrow body parts, we hear (6)
- 11) Stops cases out east (6)
- 14) Though it may be very small can be extremely important (3)
- 18) Demand in sore, we hear (6)
- 19) It may emanate from the convent conflagration (4,5)
- 20) Drove the editor crazy (8)
- 21) Silly to begin with but finally figured out (8)
- 23) That short day last month (3)
- 25) Scratches a few points (6)
- 26) You won't be wrong with plenty of light (6)
- 29) Samuel's degree creates a dance (5)
- 30) Man. Utd.'s Paul x 1,000 provides the meat for the dinner (5)

**Solution To No. 84**

Across:

1) Taught; 4) Validate; 9) Pandas; 10) Pivoting; 12) Inert; 13) Enmeshing; 15) Fix; 16) Geese; 17) Inmate; 22) Stated; 24) Apple; 27) Urn; 28) Waterfall; 31) Sooth; 32) Spinster; 33) Hazier; 34) Suspects; 35) Legged.

Down:

1) Toppings; 2) Unneeded; 3) Heartfelt; 5) Axiom; 6) Irons; 7) Alibis; 8) Engage; 11) Sexist; 14) Tethered; 18) Module; 19) Translate; 20) Opposing; 21) Tethered; 23) Alf; 25) Twists; 26) Steirs; 29) Rushe; 30) Avert.

**Editors Note:** We apologise that the clue to 14 down was inadvertently omitted in Crossword No. 84.

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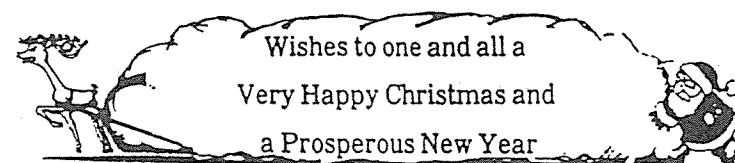
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"Right I'd best get started" he said, putting his breakfast dishes in the sink....

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".

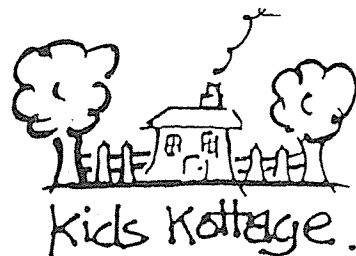
Santa was nearly knocked over in the reindeers' excitement, they couldn't wait to go out for a practice run. The reindeer were soon hitched up and ready to go. "Up up and away" Santa roared as they climbed towards the sky.

"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.

NOW remember children if you look real carefully some day you may just see Santa and his reindeer practising up high in the sky.

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## Gardening Hints

### Colour Now

Flowers for picking for Christmas celebrations will be in all the best gardens; there will be a few roses here and there, the Hellebores (Christmas roses) will be in bloom, so will *Viburnum tinus*, winter jasmine, mahonia, *Erica cinerea* and its varieties, primroses and violets in sheltered places, sedums, pansies, to say nothing of the greenhouse offerings. A very useful plant for Christmas decorations is *Skimmia* which is grown for its foliage and bright crimson berries.

### Christmas Pot Plants

The showy Christmas cactus, *Schlumbergera x buckleyi*, looks superb in a hanging basket or in a container on a shelf, where the trailing stems will make a stunning display. It flowers from November until late January if watered regularly and kept at a minimum of 13C/55F while flowering. Reduce watering in February and March.

Often, sadly, one of December's disasters is the death of expensive pot plants, such as the Christmas cactus, acquired as Christmas gifts. Other such plants include the azaleas, poinsettias, and cyclamen, 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. One is so occupied at Christmas with other things that plants have all kinds of extreme and distasteful conditions to cope with, and it is no wonder that many succumb.

Smokey, dry atmospheres often predominate; although the temperature may be well up, it will be too high near radiators, electric or coal fires. Con-

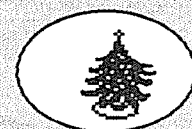
versely, window-sills behind drawn curtains where pot plants are often put, can be death traps of freezing air, as the outside temperature drops swiftly to or below freezing, as it can easily do at this time of year.

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 and 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 all around the container and keep it damp. Keep them somewhere out of the line of draughts and away from fierce heat.

Then leave the garden alone, except for the greenhouse, 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.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
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### How to Plant a Christmas Tree

Last December I purchased a small rooted Christmas tree for the house and was delighted with it. Not only was it easy to transport home but it had all the advantages of a real tree with its lovely aroma permeating the room all during the festive season. In addition, I was able to plant it in the garden after the Twelfth Night.

You can also plant a Christmas tree in the garden and dress it up with weather-proof lights for the festive season.

•Stand the tree in a frost-free place overnight with its roots in a bucket of water to give them a good soaking before planting out.

•Dig a hole several inches wider and deeper than the tree's roots. Fork over the soil at the base.

•Place the tree in the hole. Add the potting compost used in the pot the tree came in — or from a tomato growbag — around the roots.

•Replace half the soil from the hole you've dug, while making sure that you keep the tree vertical.

•Use your foot to firm soil gently around the roots.

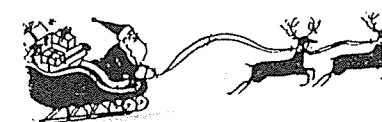
•When the hole is half full, add the remaining soil.

•When the filling is complete, firm the soil again and water.

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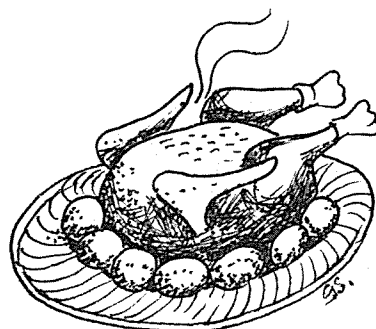
# Deliciously Simple

## Mulligatawny

Serves 4

25g/1oz butter  
1 onion, chopped  
1 carrot, chopped  
2 teaspoons curry powder  
1/2 teaspoon garam masala  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg  
1 cooking apple, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped  
2 beef stock cubes  
85ml/3 fl oz sherry  
2 teaspoons tomato purée  
Shredded cooked chicken (optional)  
100g/4oz cooked rice (optional)  
4 tablespoons yogurt

1. Melt the butter in a saucepan and cook the onion and carrot over a moderate heat until the onion is translucent.  
2. Stir in the curry powder and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes, then add the garam masala, cumin, nutmeg and apple, stir well and cook for 1-2 minutes.  
3. Make up beef stock with 1 litre/1 3/4 pints boiling water.  
4. Add the sherry and tomato purée to the saucepan, stir well, then add the stock. Boil, cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes.  
5. Purée the soup, return to the saucepan and add the cooked chicken or rice or both. Reheat and serve in hot bowls with a tablespoon of yogurt in each.



## Turkey Stir Fry

Serves Two

4oz (100 g) mangetout  
1 red pepper  
1 yellow pepper  
5 spring onions (scallions)  
6oz left-over turkey  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
2 tablespoons Hoi Sin Sauce  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
A little oil  
This recipe is unbelievably quick and full of lovely, bright, fresh vegetables plus a delicious sweet-sour sauce.

The secret of stir-frying is a very hot wok or frying pan and ingredients which are cut to roughly the same size and shape so they cook evenly.

Wash and deseed the peppers, then wash and trim the spring onions and mangetout. Then cut the peppers into thick strips and the spring onions into 1.5inch (4cm) lengths.

Cut the turkey into strips about the same size and thickness as the peppers. In a cup mix together the ginger, hoi sin, vinegar, sugar and soy sauce.

Heat the oil in the wok or frying pan and when it is really hot, add the mangetout, peppers and spring onions then stir-fry for 30 seconds. Add the turkey and stir-fry until the turkey has heated through.

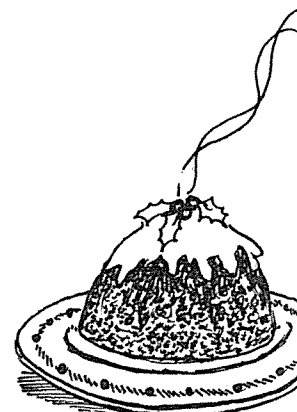
To top things off add the soy sauce mixture and stir briskly so the ingredients are coated in the glossy, sweet-sour sauce. Serve with lots of plain boiled rice.

## Low-fat Christmas pudding

This pudding doesn't keep as well as a traditional one. Make just one or two weeks in advance.

Serves 4-6

450g/1 lb wholemeal breadcrumbs  
225g/8oz currants  
225g/8oz sultanas  
100g/4oz apple, grated not peeled  
100g/4oz bananas, chopped  
100g/4oz Brazil nuts, chopped  
225g/8oz soft brown sugar  
Juice and zest of 1 lemon  
3 tablespoons mixed ground spice  
25g/1oz almonds, chopped  
3 eggs  
275ml/9fl oz milk  
1 teaspoon salt  
Butter for greasing



1. Mix all the ingredients together and stir well.  
2. Put the mixture into a greased pudding basin (quantities are enough for 1 x 2.25 litre/4 pint basin or 2 x 1.2 litre/2 pint basins.)  
3. Steam for 3 hours, cool and store in an airtight container in a dry place until Christmas. Then steam for 1 hour, turn out and serve in the traditional way.

## Turkey Tips

- Fresh or frozen: Supermarkets and butchers sell plenty of fresh turkeys in the run-up to Christmas. Choose a plump bird with an unbruised skin and if you buy from a butcher ask him to remove the wishbone for you — it makes carving much easier. If buying a frozen bird in advance, make sure you have space to store it in your freezer.
- Which size: A 5.4kg/12lb turkey will feed 8 with plenty left over for sandwiches on Stephen's Day. For 12-14 people, buy a 7.2kg/16 lb bird and for 4-6, a 3.6kg/8lb bird will do. Adjust the cooking times accordingly — remember to weigh the stuffed bird and allow 20 minutes per 450g/1lb plus 30 minutes at 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4.
- Thawing: If you buy a frozen bird, ensure that it is thoroughly defrosted before cooking. There should be no ice crystals inside the body and the legs should move freely. Also remember to remove the giblets. Keep the turkey well covered, especially in the fridge.

| Weight            | Fridge        | Cool place  |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 2.7-3.6kg/6-8lb   | 2-2 1/2 days  | 15-18 hours |
| 3.6-5.4kg/8-12lb  | 2 1/2 -3 days | 18-24 hours |
| 5.4-7.2kg/12-16lb | 3-3 1/2 days  | 24-26 hours |

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



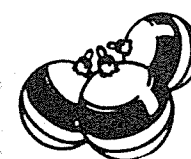
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## St. Patrick's Carol Service

### St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

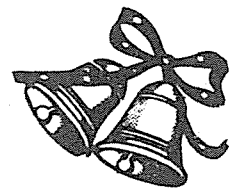
The Annual Carol Service will be recorded on Wednesday 14th December, at 7.30 pm in the College Chapel. As the opening event of the Bicentenary celebrations, the occasion promises to be memorable. This year's performance will be for students and guests of the college, however limited tickets may be available on application to the President's office. Fortunately it will be broadcast on R.T.E. television on Christmas Eve.

The college choirs, comprising of the University Choral Society, the Chamber Choir and the Seminary Choir, accompanied by brass, timpani and the organ will be directed by Professor Gerard Gillen. Soloists have yet to be chosen from among the choirs and rehearsals are ongoing.

The choir expect to have a busy year with the Bicentenary celebrations, climaxing in their National Concert Hall performance next November. They will be performing a new piece especially commissioned from composer John Buckley for the occasion.

Other events include a production of Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' on St. Patrick's weekend. The forthcoming lunchtime concerts are held in the college's Education Hall and are open to all.

|               |                                                  |               |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 5th December  | Toni Walsh:                                      | Mezzo Soprano |
|               | Alison Young:                                    | Piano         |
| 12th December | Louise Higgins:                                  | Violin        |
|               | Darina Gibson:                                   | Piano         |
| 19th December | The Shantallagh Singers, Galway (College Chapel) |               |



## Sports

### BADMINTON CLUB

We would like to remind anyone interested in playing badminton to drop down to St Mary's Parish Hall any Tuesday from 8.30p.m.

As always, new members are welcome to come and join the club at any time.

This year we will be having our Christmas booze-up in the G.A.A. on Tuesday night, 20th December. Hope to see all members past and present there for a fun night. We'll take this opportunity to wish everyone a *Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*.

### BASKETBALL MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY UNDER 19 BOYS' BASKETBALL

Basketball has grown in popularity in Ireland over the years, with many young people following the Irish Leagues as well as American stars, particularly with the successful opening of the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. Maynooth Post Primary senior boys are also enthusiastic about learning and playing, and so a basketball team is now up and running and will be playing in the Schools' Midlands League.

Mr. Tom Ashe, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary and Mr. John Holt, Head of Sport, Maynooth Post Primary along with local Garda Martin Caine have successfully negotiated with Maynooth College to make available the use of the full size court so that the team can train in a proper facility. It is only with the use of the hall that the team can train to the best of their potential and a special thanks to Dr. W. J. Smyth of Maynooth College for offering this service to the school.

For any team to progress, it is essential to have a coach and it is with great thanks that we have the services of Vinny Watchorn from Lucan, coach of Westlink Ladies' Basketball Club, also of Leixlip Amenities Centre Basketball teams. His dedication to developing basketball among young people speaks for itself, as the boys show great discipline and improvement in their game.

Sponsorship is hard to come by, particularly when a team is newly formed, and it is with great thanks to the following local businesses that we have been able to buy a strip for the team.

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Of course we gratefully accept any other donations to help keep the team going. We wish them all the best in their first season and thank Maynooth Post Primary for encouraging their students to become involved in this sport.

Evelyn McGrath

### WESTLINK LADIES BASKETBALL CLUB

Westlink Ladies Basketball Club would like to thank the following local businesses for their donations of spot prizes for their recent pub quiz in the Foxhunter, Lucan.

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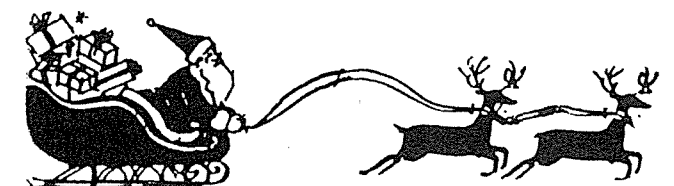
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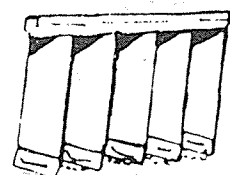
The Society's Christmas outing (Sponsor Pat Dunne) took place at Portarlinton Golf Club on Saturday, 5th November. Played on a superb course in summerlike conditions, a most enjoyable day's golf produced a thrilling finale to the season. Congrats to Gerry Coulton who won with a terrific score of 40 pts. The final day also produced our Matchplay Winners - W. Moore and T. Sheehan - runners up, M. Scanlon and F. Dooley and our Golfer of the Year (Green Jacket) went to Liam Farrelly on the very last day's card. The society would like to thank once again our Sponsors for the year and indeed the members/visitors who helped to make it a memorable year's golf. Finally, the committee and members would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Joe "Dodo" Murray, founder member and Past Captain whose untimely death has left a great void in our society.

Secretary: G. McTernan, Treasurer: S. Tracey, Captain: W. Moore, Vice Captain: T. Moore.

**Saturday, 5th November Christmas outing to Portarlinton. (Pat Dunne Sponsor)**

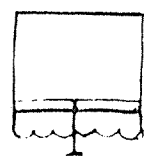
1st overall G. Coulton 40pts  
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Class 2 - 1st B. Dempsey 39pts, 2nd T. Sheehan 38pts, 3rd C. Feenry 37pts.  
Class 3 - 1st T. Flatley 36 pts, (back 9). 2nd S. Tracey 36 pts, 3rd J. Bryne 35pts.  
Front 9 - S. Moore 19pts (back 2)  
Back 9 - G. McTernan 19pts.  
Visitors - B. Condron 33pts.  
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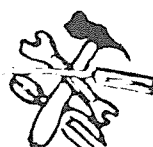
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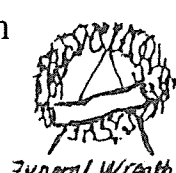
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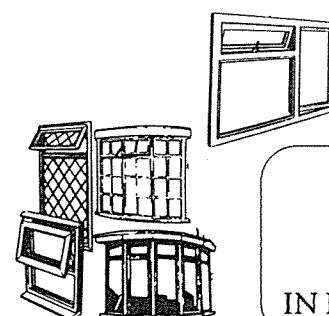
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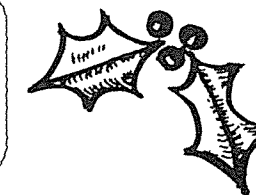
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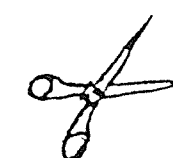
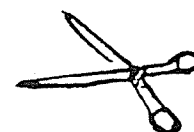


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## Tom Flood Cup

### (1) Semi Final

Maynooth 4.9 - Ardclough 1.6

**Scorers:** Joey Riordan 3.5; Seanie Molloy 1.1; Noel Reilly, David Mahony and Joey Edwards 1pt each.

**Best:** Conway, Ennis, Kelly, Dunne, Killoran, Purcell, Riordan, Molloy and Burke.

### (2) Final

Caragh 2.12 - Maynooth 3.8

Having comprehensively outplayed Ardclough in the semi-final Maynooth lost the final to intermediate side Caragh. Again it was a game that should have been won by the home side, who were 2 points to the good at half time despite having played against a very strong wind. On the change of ends instead of taking the game by the 'scruff of the neck', Maynooth allowed Caragh to dictate the exchanges with Ciaran Conlon and Denis McCormack very prominent. Maynooth made far too many mistakes including the concession of two soft goals. Furthermore they didn't play as a team with little or no combination or back-up play. It was only in the latter stages when they realised their predicament that the 'Crom Abús' showed any urgency in their play. During a spell of sustained pressure they reduced the deficit from 5 points to a single point. Unfortunately it was too little too late and the Prosperous side went on to claim the silverware.

**Maynooth's scorers were:** - Purcell 2.0; Riordan 1.2; Garvey 4 pts; Killoran and Joey Nevin 1 pt each. Best on the day were Ennis, Noone, Kelly, Fagan and Stynes.

**Caragh's best were:** - Ciaran Conlon, Philip Casey, Conor Armstrong, Denis McCormack and Pat Dunne.

## Leixlip 2.4 - Maynooth 5.9

### North Kildare League U-11 (22-10-94)

Played on a damp Saturday afternoon, Maynooth, from first

to final whistle, put in a great team performance with Patrick O'Rourke at fullback and Morgan Sweeney at midfield outstanding.

**Team and scorers:-** A. Sweeney, P. O'Rourke, A. Molloy, K. Carr, P. Sheehan, G. Quinn, K. Gannon, D. Adderley, M. Sweeney (1.2), D. Comerford (1 pt), P. Ennis (3.4), J. O'Neill, E. Holmes (1 pt), B. Downey (1 pt), P. Broughan (1.0).

## North Kildare League U-11

### (5-11-94) Maynooth 5.9 - Carbury 5.9

Conceding a first minute goal and a point soon after, Maynooth had a lot to do against a very lively Carbury team. However, with a four goal performance from Morgan Sweeney and Pierre Ennis kicking six great points some from 40 yards, it ended all square after a very exciting game of football.

**Team and scorers:-** A. Sweeney, K. Carr, A. Molloy, P. O'Rourke, P. Sheehan, G. Quinn, K. Gannon, M. Sweeney (4.0), D. Adderley (2pts), S. Curran, P. Ennis (6 pts), J. O'Neill, E. Holmes (1.1), B. Downey, P. Broughan.

## U-13 Football 15/10/94

### Maynooth 2.12 - Skerries Harps 1.5

Maynooth travelled to Skerries for a friendly and had a good win over the home side. With Peter Kinsella and Barry Doyle on top at midfield the forwards got a good supply of the ball and all six combined for some well taken scores. Skerries had a good spell midway through the second half but could find no way past the Maynooth defence with goalkeeper John Fagan, Daragh Carr, Shane Devereux, Conor Diggins and Noel Healy in splendid form.

**Scorers:** - P. Kinsella 1.1, M. Kavanagh 0.2, C. O'Malley 0.2, D. Lawler 1.0, C. Diggins 0.1, K. Ennis 0.1, T. Halton 0.1, A. McCarron 0.1, J. Connolly 0.1, S. Lennon 0.1, N. Browne 0.1.

**Team:** - J. Fagan, S. Pidgeon, D. Carr, S. McDermott, S. Devereux, C. Diggins, N. Healy, P. Kinsella, B. Doyle, K. Ennis, T. Halton, A. McCarron, M. Kavanagh, J. Connolly, C. O'Malley. **Subs:-** M. Dolan, S. Lennon, D. Lawler, I. Murray, N. Browne, S. Fleming.

## Maynooth G.A.A.

### U 13 Football in Balyna 22-10-94

## Balyna 1.15 - Maynooth 0.6

An under strength Maynooth team travelled to Balyna and were well beaten by a very strong home side. Scores were level in the early stages but as the game wore on Balyna began to dominate and only for some brilliant saves by goalkeeper John Fagan and good defensive work by Thomas Halton, Tommy Masterson, Shane Devereux and Noel Healy the score would have been much greater. Peter Kinsella and Conor Diggins had their moments at midfield and best of the forward line were Karl Ennis, Mark Kavanagh and David Campbell.

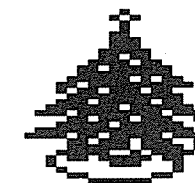
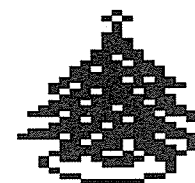
**Scorers:** - K. Ennis 0.2, M. Kavanagh 0.2, D. Campbell 0.1, J. Connolly 0.1.

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## U - 13 League 5-11-94

### Maynooth 6.11 - Allenwood 2.4

A much stronger Maynooth side ran out easy winners against a lively Allenwood in the fifth round of the under 13 league. With the hard working Peter Kinsella and the stylish William Farrelly on top at midfield the forward line, brilliantly led by David Campbell and ably supported by Karl Ennis and Aiden McCarron picked off some great scores. The defence after a shaky opening quarter settled down well and dealt capably with anything that came their way.

**Best for Maynooth:-** Apart from those already mentioned were John Fagan, Alan Geoghan, Daragh Carr, Padraig O'Sullivan and Shane Devereux.

**Scorers:** - D. Campbell 1.3, S. Lennon 2.0, P. O'Sullivan 1.0, C. O'Malley 1.1, P. Kinsella 0.2, J. Connolly 1.0, K. Ennis 0.3, W. Farrelly 0.1, A. McCarron 0.1.

**Team:** - J. Fagan, A. Geoghan, D. Carr, S. McDermott, S. Devereux, C. Diggins, P. O'Sullivan, P. Kinsella, W. Farrelly, K. Ennis, D. Campbell, A. McCarron, S. Lennon, J. Connolly, C. O'Malley. **Subs:** - N. Browne, A. Nolan, I. Murray.

We would like to wish all our members, supporters, players, sponsors and all who helped our club in any way in 1994 A Very Happy Christmas And Prosperous New Year. See you all in 1995.

### Maynooth G.A.A. Golf Society: Result of outing to Kilcock Golf Club on 5th November, 1994:

**Overall winner:** - T. Fay (5) 41 pts.

**Class 1:-** 1st P. Comerford (13) 39 pts, 2nd E. Ledwith (8) 36 pts, 3rd D. Roberts (9) 35 pts.

**Class 2:-** 1st E. Dunne (16) 37 pts, 2nd M. McInerney (17) 35 pts, 3rd E. Fagan (17) 32 pts.

**Class 3:-** 1st V. Mulready (20) 25 pts, 2nd J. Butler (24) 25 pts, 3rd M. Gahan (18) 24 pts.

**1st Nine:-** J. Ryan 19 pts, **2nd Nine:-** M. Doran 15 pts.

**Ladies:** - O. Roberts. **Non prize winners:** - N. Kerin and M. Ledwith.

Officers elected at our Annual General Meeting held in G.A.A. Club House on Monday 14th November. **President:** - Eddie Dunne, **Captain:** - Tommy Fay, **Secretary:** - Matt Doran, **Treasurer:** - Brendan Farrell, **Committee Member:** - Danny Casey, Sen.

We wish all golfers a Very Happy Christmas and a good golfing New Year.

**Lotto Result - 16-10-94:** - Jackpot £400. Numbers: 8-21-22. No winner.

5 x £10. Liam Leacy, David Carey, Aiden O'Rourke, Kit Edwards, Bernie King.

**Lotto Result - 23-10-94:** -Jackpot £450. Numbers: 19-20-30. No winner.

5 x £10. Eamon Dunne, May Mahoney, Ann Marie Lynch, David Jolly, Marine Doyle.

**Lotto Result - 30-10-94:** -Jackpot £500. Numbers: 2-18-30. No winner.

5 x £10. Martin McInerney, Catherine Flatherty, Séan Darcy, Dennis McCarthy, Colette O'Shea.

**Lotto Result 6.11.94** Jackpot £550. Numbers 7-14-16. No winner. Turkey: Tod Burke, Ham: Liam O'Toole, Btl Whiskey, Dan Casey (Jun.).

**Lotto Result 13.11.94:** Jackpot £600. Numbers 1-8-21. No winner. Turkey: Pauline Kerin, Ham: Ted Connolly, Btl Whiskey Pauline Burke.

We hold our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 11th December in Club House at 11.30 a.m. Mass for deceased members at 9.45 a.m.

We hold our Annual Dinner Dance on Friday 9th December in Club House at 8.30 p.m.

### Under 21 Football Championship Quarter Final

#### Maynooth 1.9 Kill 1.6

Maynooth reached the semi-final of Under 21 Football Championship for the second year running where they will meet the winners of Ballykelly v Sallins. If Maynooth get over this game they will meet Kilcullen in the final.

The match v. Kill did not come to life till fifteen minutes from the end when Maynooth found themselves 2pts. down. At this stage Maynooth's David Mahoney playing at half back broke up field to score Maynooth's goal. From this stage to end Maynooth held out for a good win.

Maynooth Scorers:- Paul Garvey, 5 pts; David Mahoney 1 goal; Mark Nugent, 2 pts.; Joey Nevin 1 pt.; Hugh Purcell 1 pt. Also played well: Peter Burke, Ken Killoran (Man of the Match), G. Horn, Paul Flood, Mickey Noone.

### Maynooth Win Junior Football League 1994

#### Maynooth 1.13 Leixlip 1.5

Maynooth won the replay of Junior Football League Final played in Maynooth. Making three changes from drawn match, bringing in E. Lyons, T. Farrell and D. Murray. It was D. Murray's free-taking that was the difference in the end. He scored five points from frees and by half time Maynooth had a two point lead - Maynooth 7 pts. Leixlip 1.2pts. Maynooth got on top in second half through the good work at centrefield by F. Devereux and D. Casey and gave their forwards plenty of ball and they took their scores well and ran out good winners in the end. Maynooth scorers: D. Murray 5 pts.; D. Fleming 1 goal 1 pt.; M. Nugent 3 pts.; M. Faherty 2 pts.; T. Farrell 1 pt.; F. Devereux 1 pt. Also played well: G. Delaney, P. Burke, P. Kearney, E. Lyons, G. Horn, D. Casey.

The Maynooth team: 1. G. Delaney, 2. P. Burke, 3. K. Dunne, 4. P. Kearney, 5. G. Horn, 6. J. O'Toole, 7. E. Lyons, 8. F. Devereux, 9. D. Casey, 10. M. Nugent, 11. M. Faherty, 12. T. Farrell, 13. D. Faherty, 14. D. Murray, 15. D. Fleming.

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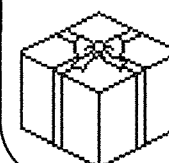
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Back L - R: Mick Barry, Killian Fagan, Frank Desmond, Hugh Nevin, Andrew Fay, Jimmy Cahill, Johnny Nevin, Pascal Ennis.

Front L - R: Tom Coffey, Paraic Ward (Capt.), Mick Nevin, Joey Nevin, Sean Cushen, Paddy Boyce, Tom Farrell.

#### Maynooth Win Kildare Junior Hurling Championship

Junior Hurling Championship final played in Leixlip on Sunday, 22nd October. **Maynooth 1.13 pts. Clane 0.3 pts.** Maynooth won this Junior Hurling Championship Final, their first since 1966, Maynooth having won Senior Hurling Championship in 1896, 1913, 1914, 1937, 1939 and Junior Hurling Championship in 1955, 1957, 1966 and now 1994. Maynooth were on top from the start, and playing with the wind were first to score a point by Joey Nevin after three minutes a further point by Tom Coffey and then a long clearance from Mick Nevin found Thomas Farrell and he cracked it to the net for Maynooth's only goal in the 10th minute and further points by Joey Nevin and Mick Barry in 11th and 12th minutes left Maynooth leading after 15 minutes by 1.4 to nil. Clane tried hard but Maynooth's defence held at bay and further points in the 16, 21, 23, 25, 27 minutes left Maynooth well on top before Clane got their first and only point of the first half by Joe Gleeson in the 29th minute to leave the half time score Maynooth 1-9 pts. Clane 1 pt. After the break Clane played with the wind but it was Maynooth who scored first, a point by Tom Coffey in the 32nd minute. Then Clane, playing their best hurling, scored 2 pts. in the 36th and 37th minutes by M. Ennis and P. Smith. But Clane could not add any more scores, because of Maynooth's defence well marshalled by Man of the Match Mick Nevin at centre half back and Killian Fagan at full back. It was not till the 53rd minute that Maynooth scored again, a point by Tom Coffey and further points by Thomas Farrell and Frank Desmond in the 54th and 56th minutes sealed victory for Maynooth, a victory well deserved on their performance. This win, the first in 28 years, will be a great help for our under age teams which are going very well at present.

Best for Maynooth: Tom Coffey 6 pts., Thomas Farrell 1 goal 1 pt., Joey Nevin 2 pts., Mick Barry 1 pt., Mick Nevin 1 pt., Johnny Nevin 1 pt., Frank Desmond 1 pt., Also to play well goalkeeper Andrew Fay, Paddy Boyce, Killian Fagan, Sean Cushen, Jimmy Cahill, Pascal Ennis, Hugh Nevin. For Clane best: J. Gleeson 1 pt., M. Ennis 1 pt., P. Smith 1 pt., P. Cribbin, R. Muloney.



Pat Nevin Manager Maynooth Junior Hurling Team with Paraic Ward Captain after Maynooth won Junior Hurling Championship. At back is selector Roddy Molloy

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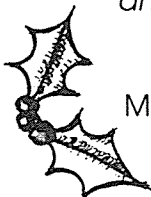
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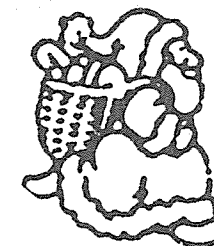
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## MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Leinster Championship at Carbury 6/11/94

### Results

#### Girls U.9

(13th) Muire Ennis.

#### Boys U.11

(43rd) Philip Campbell, (58) Sean Moriarty.

#### Girls U.13

(17) Lynn Brennan, (33) Alanah Murphy, (53) Niamh Moriarty.

#### Boys U.13

(6) Conor Diggins, (25) Karl Ennis.

**Boys U.17** (8) Martin Cunningham (1st) Co. Team.

### Novice

(9) John Campbell.

### Kildare B. Championship at Salesian College 13/11/94.

John Campbell showed tremendous form by winning a gold medal in the Intermediate Eight Thousand Metre Championship at wet and windy Salesian College. Liam McNamee also finished strongly to take a bronze medal.

### Results

#### Girls U.9

(5) Pauline Cushen

#### Boys U.9

(3) David Baxter

#### Boys U.11

(4) Alan Baxter

#### Girls U.13

(7) Ciara Baxter

### Intermediate

(1) John Campbell, (3) Liam McNamee

We wish all our club members a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Go easy on the turkey.

### Kildare Cross Country Championship (Edenderry) 16/10/94

Thirteen athletes from Maynooth took part in the Juvenile Championship in Edenderry and came away with seven individual medals and a silver and bronze in team events. Muire Ennis U.9 and Therese McInerney U.13, both making their debut in Cross Country, won gold medals, while Patrick O'Rourke and David Campbell won silver in their respective events.

### Results as follows

#### Girls U.9

Muire Ennis (1st), Shiován Nevin (11th).

#### Boys U.11

Patrick O'Rourke (2nd), Phillip Campbell (5th), Sean Moriarty (15th), Team (3rd).

#### Girls U.13

Therese McInerney (1st), Lynn Brennan (3rd), Alanah Murphy (8th), Niamh Moriarty (15th), Team (1st).

#### Boys U.13

David Campbell (2nd), Conor Diggins (3rd), Karl Ennis (Joint 4th).

#### Boys U.17

Martin Cunningham (3rd).

### Cross Country Kilcock 23/10/94

The second Kildare cross country championship, for Juvenile and vets, took place in Kilcock and Maynooth Athletes took home 5 individual medals plus one team award. David Campbell U.12 and Lynn Brennan also U.12 took gold medals, while in the mens vets Liam McNamee O.45 won a gold medal and John Campbell O.35 took silver.

### Results

#### Boys U.10

P. Campbell (3rd), D. Baxter (14th).

#### Girls U.10

P. Cusheen (19th).

#### Boys U.12

D. Campbell (1st), A. Baxter (9th), S. Moriarty (12th).

#### Girls U.12

L. Brennan (1st), P. Byrne (5th), A. Murphy (6th).

#### Boys U.14

C. Diggins (4th), D. O'Rourke (6th).

#### Girls U.14

M. O'Sullivan (4th), N. Moriarty (12th).

### Vets

J. Campbell (2nd) O.35, L. McNamee (1st) O.45.

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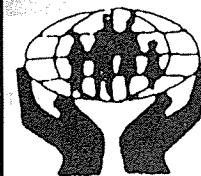
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## MAYNOOTH PITCH &amp; PUTT

It seems hard to believe that the month of December is upon us so quickly. It is only like a couple of weeks since the community week and the summer competitions. Great interest was shown in all these events and it produced many new winners despite stiff competition from our regular champions. Turkey competitions run over the past 2 months were well supported. We applied a handicap system to these competitions and they worked out very well with both high and low handicappers in the running for prizes.

With the fine weather of the past weeks it has been possible to open fully on the good greens. Early closing was the only problem due to the short days. Our hope would be to continue in this way right through the winter unless restricted by bad weather.

On my own behalf and that of Thomas, I would like to thank all our players from far and near, people who organised groups and who took part in competitions for their support during the year. We wish you a happy and enjoyable Christmas and look forward to your company in the New Year.

**We will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day re-opening for St. Stephen's Day.**

## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our second term begins on November 26th and will continue for ten weeks. Fees and dates for Christmas holidays will be given to members. Our senior group are taking part in their life saving programme about this time. We wish them every success. On behalf of our members and committee I would like to wish our colleague Claire O'Rourke a speedy recovery. Also, we take this opportunity to wish all our members, swimming instructors, bus drivers, the staff of Stewart's Hospital swimming pool and all parents who helped with the bus runs, a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Also, best wishes to the staff of the **Newsletter** for Christmas and continued success in the New Year.

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

## MAYNOOTH TAE KWON-DO

Members of Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School took part in an 'open' martial arts tournament which was held in The National Basketball Arena at the end of October. It was an all-day event and Maynooth's delegation did quite well.

Taking prizes were:

Donal McCarthy: 1st in Patterns.  
Catherine Duff: 3rd in Patterns.  
Emma Kilduff: 3rd in Patterns and 2nd in Free-Sparring.  
Keith Fleming: 2nd in Free-Sparring.  
Joanne Smith: 2nd in Free-Sparring.

Stephen Hallinan: 1st in Free-Sparring.  
Eloise Mac An Airchinnigh: 1st in Free-Sparring and 2nd in Patterns.

This was an excellent overall result for Maynooth. The members will now compete in our own National Championships on December 11th. One of the school's black-belts, Cian McGinley 1st Dan, is presently in training to represent Ireland in this year's European Junior Championships which may be held in Romania or Spain. Fund-raising is underway, but we are always anxious to hear from potential sponsors!

In the course of that busy weekend in October, the founder of Tae Kwon-Do in Ireland, 8th Degree Master Ki Ha Rhee set a grading examination for the R.I.T.A. Maynooth's Tae Kwon-Do instructor Gerard McClelland, came through this examination and has now been promoted to 4th Degree Black Belt. This was a fine achievement and Gerard's next task is to become an International Instructor.

Assistant Instructors Sean Foy 2nd Dan and Antoinette Mooney 2nd Dan, are taking on beginners from age 8 to 14 on Mondays in the Parish Hall, Maynooth, at 6 pm.

Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School has become very very strong over the past number of years and is looking ahead to many more in the promotion of self-defence in the area.

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Our recent cabaret show to celebrate our 25th Anniversary was a huge success. Held in Maynooth College Students Union Complex and featuring the ever popular Guinness Jazz Band the show was one of the most enjoyable functions held at the venue for a long time.

Our thanks to the college authorities for the use of the premises for the event. Our thanks also to Guinness, Ireland for providing the entertainment and to Sean Fagan whose persuasive powers acquired the Band for the evening.

We were honoured by the attendance of a number of officials from the various leagues. Among the attendance were Sean Brodie (Dublin Women's League), Richie Kennedy and Bill Whelan (Leinster Junior League), Shay Weafer (Man. Utd. Supporters Club), Deputy Emmett Stagg T.D. (Hon. Club President), John and Eithne Carey (Club Sponsors), Noel Brady Clock House (Club Sponsor).

In his welcoming address, Chairman Michael Dempsey thanked the large attendance for their support on the evening and for the last twenty five years. His wish for the future was to win some of the major senior trophies and reinstate ourselves among the top junior teams in Leinster. Our ladies team and schoolboys have been among the honours in recent seasons and we hope to reap the benefit of those successes in the near future.

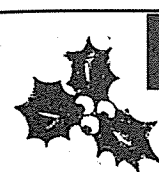


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It was good to see some of our former players once again taking part in the festivities. Players of former years dusted down the old boots and bandages to do battle once more.

Our under eighteen team of a few years back took on the 2nd team in the morning game where a close encounter saw some exhilarating football played in sporting fashion. In the afternoon our 1st team played our 1977 Sheeran Cup Final Team. Every effort was made to ensure a draw but with the light fading the final whistle was blown. The final score is still in doubt and is going to arbitration for final settlement.

Our senior player of the year awards were held over for the evening celebrations and were made during the cabaret interval. 1st team player of the year went to Fergal Barton while Dave Faherty took the 2nd team award. Presentations were made by John and Eithne Carey (Sponsors).

Niall Naughton received the Schoolboys U/15 player of the year while Antoinette Mooney received the ladies award. Presentations on behalf of the club were made to the Leinster Junior League, John and Eithne Carey, Bradys Clock House, Man. Utd. Supporters Club in recognition of their support down through the years. A special long service award was made to Paul Mc Court. Richie Kennedy presented the club with an inscribed silver salver in recognition of the club's continued membership of the Leinster Junior League.

The club would like to extend the compliments of the Festive Season to all our friends and supporters.

The bad weather is beginning to take its toll and a number of games have already been postponed.

## F.A.I. Junior Cup

### Maynooth Town W.O. St. Aengus Mountrath (Scr.)

This eagerly awaited 1st round clash fell through on the eve of the game with our Co. Laois opponents having difficulty in fielding a team.

## Leinster Junior Shield

### Maynooth Town 1 Park Orient 3

Maynooth will feel disappointed at going out of the shield in such tame fashion. We could never stamp our authority on the game and as a consequence paid the penalty. A Barry Farrell goal just wasn't enough to ensure our passage to the next round.

## Division I

### Maynooth Town 2 Sarto Celtic 3

Tony Kearns was Maynooth's man of the match with two expertly taken goals but his efforts were all in vain. Sarto would not give up the cause and battled away to grab a fortunate win with two late goals.

## Division III

### Maynooth Town 4 Cuffe Celtic 2

Maynooth only had to play at half pace to take both points in a tame encounter.

Goals by John Geoghegan, Tony Kearns, Barry Farrell and Colm Carroll made up the home scoreline.

## Division III

### Maynooth Town 2 St. Vincents 0

This was a very good performance against noted tough rivals St. Vincents. A sound team effort with goals from Barry Farrell and Michael Murphy ensuring two valuable points.

## U/16 Coca Cola Cup

### Maynooth Town 7 Kilnarnagh 3

After an evenly contested first half, Maynooth pulled out all the stops after the interval to run out easy winners. A feature of the game was a hat trick each for Jason Miley and Niall Daly. Martin Byrne completed the Maynooth scoring.

## U/11 B1

### Lucan Utd. 0 Maynooth Town 4

It looked as if this would be a close game at half time with neither side able to break down stubborn defences and the scoreline remained blank. Maynooth hit top form after the break and goals by Dean Conway (2), Joe Fleming and Gary McMahon ensured a good win.

## U/13 B1

### Maynooth Town 2 Mountview 0

Goals by Thomas Geraghty and Andy Madden gave Maynooth two much needed points in a hard earned win over stubborn opposition.

## U/16 B

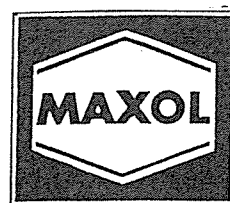
### Maynooth Town 1 Neilstown 1

A lone goal by Alan Doyle gave Maynooth a share of the points in this dour battle against a very strong Neilstown side.

## U/11 B1

### Bohemians 0 Maynooth Town 3

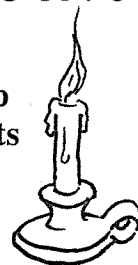
This was a cracking performance by Maynooth who never allowed the opposition to settle into their usual free flowing style. Two goals by Gary McMahon and one by Dean Conway gave Maynooth victory.



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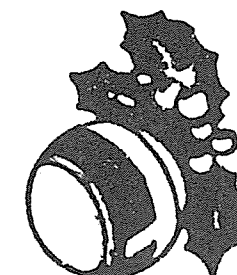
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In my capacity as the club's president I look forward to a close working relationship with yourself and the other businesses in the town. The money raised by the quiz will be put to great use in the coming weeks in our efforts to increase awareness of the college and town, in the forth-coming water polo tournament in Clonmel. I would hope that at some stage in the not too distant future that your kind support could be relied upon again.

Siobhán McLoughlin  
President

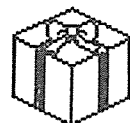
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## TUG-O-WAR REPORT

### The Hitchin' Post Cup

The Hitchin' Post Cup was re-run on Sunday, 30th October. Due to the holiday weekend it was not as well attended or as successful as we would have wished. However, two local sides put on a tough and entertaining display and with their presence, dedication and commitment helped save the tournament.

It was a day on which Maynooth tug-o-war was on trial. The competition was in jeopardy. To the rescue came men like Martin Tarpey, Eamon Gallagher, Des and Tom Madden. Michael O'Rourke returned from his sojourn in Co. Clare.

Larry McEvoy, in the spirit of the occasion, split up his forces in an effort to provide two fairly equal teams. Later Larry's generosity proved not to be to his advantage but his sportsmanship and help was appreciated by all.



Back L - R: Eamon Gallagher, Seamus Cawley,  
Sam Feeney and George Gallagher,  
Middle: Declan Dufficey, Des Madden, Chris Morohan  
and Donal Finnan. Front: John Gallagher,  
Michael O'Rourke (Capt) and Ray Leavey.

### The Teams

The rope was laid out and on one side we had Brady's 'A' comprised of George Gallagher, Michael O'Rourke, Anthony Mooney, Donal Finnan, Raymond Leavey, Tom Ward, Liam Fitzharris and myself. Our coach was John Gallagher with young Jonathan as waterman. The opposing side were the Hitchin' Post made up of Larry McEvoy, Peter Dommigan, Martin Murray, Eamon Gallagher, Martin Tarpey, Paddy Reid, Tom Corscadden and Ray Ward. Coach was the renowned P.J. Bennett with Des Madden assisting with the smooth running of the competition. The man in the middle was referee Declan Dufficey from Leixlip.

### Contest

The contest got underway with some tough holding as the two teams got to grips with each other. Brady's gained some early ground but McEvoy and his mates used their weight to pound them with a rapid succession of heaves. (One of them was an even bigger heave than what recently took place in Fianna Fail.) Brady's were in trouble and anchorman

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No-one looked forward to the next pull. Both teams were visibly tired as they changed sides. In the second pull the eyes were bulging in the contorted faces of the Brady's team as they knew they were in a battle. The Hitchin' Post team piled on unrelenting pressure anchored by the legendary Martin Murray, combined with the strength of Peter Dommigan, the former Sallins puller, and the giant figure of Larry McEvoy. However, they were well balanced by Michael O'Rourke who is fast becoming the No.1 anchorman in pub pulling along with the iron willed George Gallagher on the rope and the well respected Liam Fitzharris were giving nothing away. There was little between the teams and all it took was someone to slip and fall on the opposing side to give Bradys the edge and after much struggling they inched past the red flag to claim victory.

Raymond Leavey, making his debut, along with Martin Tarpey, Eamon Gallagher, Tom Madden, Paddy Reid and Anthony Mooney all gave good accounts of themselves and without their help the competition would have had to be abandoned. Capt. Michael O'Rourke proudly brought the Cup back to Brady's where locals are conspiring to keep it for the next hundred years. The tug-o-war people are very grateful to Ken Mulvany of the Hitchin' Post for his generous sponsorship of the event. He is considering backing the event next year if it is run earlier and better planned. This gives us all something to look forward to in 1995. There were some great celebrations after the event with sing-songs in the Hitchin' Post and Brady's.



*Brady's Team mates, Michael O'Rourke (Captain) and George Gallagher (Manager) share the Hitchin' Post Cup.*

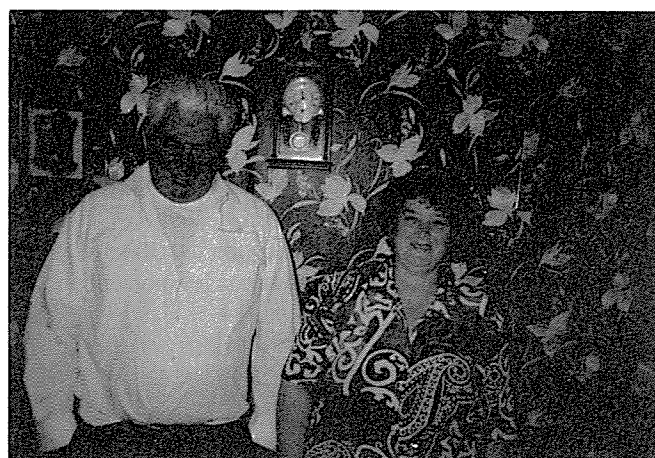
#### Thanks to sponsors

On behalf of all involved in the tug-o-war, I wish to thank most sincerely all our sponsors in 1994, without whose help we would have nothing to crow about. They are: The Hitchin' Post, The Roost, Brady's The Clock House, The GAA Club, The Leinster Arms, Caulfields and Brendan Cawley, we do not forget your help.

#### Season's Greetings

On behalf of our members I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks for your participation and support, this year. We need more pullers, more singers and more new songs for the next season. Roll on 1995. Also congratulations to Larry and Kay McEvoy who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

*Willie Healy.*



*Larry and Kay McEvoy of Greenfield who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on October 30th.*

#### DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

##### Maynooth Faces Rezoning Threat.

Maynooth could become an indiscriminate sprawl of housing estates, if land rezoning proposals currently before Kildare County Council are accepted. The Council will be considering a new development plan for the Maynooth area at its meeting on December 2nd. Applications by local landowners for the rezoning of up to 500 acres of land will be before the Council. This will include, for example, most of the land along the Dublin Road between Maynooth and Carton Estate.

Maynooth has experienced a very rapid housing development in recent years. Despite this, there is still sufficient land left which was rezoned under the previous development plan to accommodate a further 5,000 residents. Democratic Left believes that this should be adequate to cater for the growth of Maynooth over the next five years. Any further development will put an intolerable strain on local services (schools, water supply, sewerage, roads etc.) and on the quality of the environment.

##### The Development Plan Process

After the County Council reviews the draft Development Plan in December, it will be placed in public display in Maynooth Public Library for a period of three months. Any community group or member of the public may examine the plan and make representations to the County Council if they wish. These representations will be taken into account when the County Council discusses the plan for a second time after this three-month period has expired. The plan, as amended, will then be put on public display for a further period of one month before the Council makes its final decision.

A major weakness with this arrangement is that the proposed rezonings will not be included when the draft plan is first put on display - these are only included for the second display period. This leaves local groups and individuals very little time to consider the proposals and organise opposition (if they so wish). Accordingly, Councillor Catherine Murphy will be proposing at the December meeting that a map including all the rezoning applications which have been received so far should be put on public display immediately.



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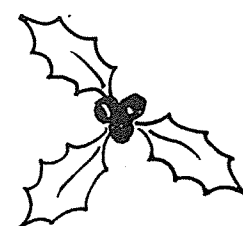


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## Proper Planning Needed

It is important for the public to appreciate the need for proper local planning. First of all, planning should be in the broad community interest, not in the interest of particular groups, such as property owners or developers. Planning needs to be balanced, so that housing is provided in tandem with the services which housing requires, such as shopping, schools, and transport. Planning also needs to be environmentally sensitive. Green belts are needed to maintain the separate identities of communities. If all the rezoning proposals for the Maynooth area are accepted, Maynooth and Celbridge will become a single built-up area.

## Community Involvement

It is vital that the local community be properly consulted in the planning process. The public must be in possession of accurate and impartial information in order to allow them to participate effectively in this process. Communities must also be prepared to organise themselves in defence of their interests. In the recent review of the Leixlip Development Plan, the views of the local Councillors were overridden by Councillors from other parts of the county who showed no concern for local wishes. This is a denial of democracy.

Councillor Catherine Murphy will be contacting Residents' Associations and other groups in Maynooth advising them of the progress of the plan and inviting representations. In the meantime, if any individual or group requires further information on the issue, Catherine Murphy may be contacted at 46 Leixlip Park, Leixlip (Tel: 6244903).

## MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Maynooth Development Plan

The Celbridge Area Committee will be considering the rezoning applications on 2nd December. There are applications with Kildare County Council for the rezoning of 500 acres from agriculture to housing. The existing zoning in Maynooth allows for the near doubling of the present population. Cllr. John McGinley will not be supporting this proposed massive scale rezoning which would turn Maynooth into a concrete jungle.

### The Square Maynooth

The toilet block will be demolished within the next 6 months as part of the Straffan Road Project. Cllr. John McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to scrap their plans for a pagoda and fountain for the square and to instead adopt the plain approach proposed by the Office of Public Works.

### Main Street Footpaths

The Department of the Environment has recently made £500,000 available to Kildare County Council for use in the three towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock. Cllr. John McGinley has proposed that a significant proportion of this be used in Maynooth in view of the Bi-centenary celebrations. The County Manager has agreed to this so Maynooth can look forward to the undergrounding of E.S.B. wires, re-paving of footpaths, installation of appropriate lights and street furniture within the next year.

## The Castle

£1m is due to be spent by the Office of Public Works on this project. Cllr. John McGinley attended a presentation of the plan by the Office of Public Works on 9th November. The essence of the plan is to create a public park in the Parson Street/Castle Area by removing the college gates and the railings around the castle and St. Mary's Church. The keep of the castle would be roofed with a flat lead roof and rooms would be created inside the keep. The plan is far thinking and very impressive and will transform Maynooth into something which we can all be proud of. Cllr. John McGinley will be ensuring that Kildare County Council's plans for Maynooth are in line with the Office of Public Work's plans.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Ashling Bean at Nuada Dunboyne Rd, Maynooth, who celebrates her 9th birthday on December the 14th. with love from her daddy, mammy, brothers Brian, Conor and grandparents.

Happy Birthday to Jim Smyth (Butcher) Main Street, Maynooth, who celebrates his birthday on the 16th of December. Best wishes from all his customers and friends.

Birthday greetings to Clare McTernan, Greenfield whose Birthday was December 12th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, brother Gerard, grannies and grandad.

Birthday greetings to Trevor Naughton, Greenfield age 13, on November 19th and his sister Aimée age 5, November 29th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, brother Darran and sister Cheryl.

Belated Happy Birthday to Antoinette on her 18th Birthday from Mam and Dad, Martina, Jackie and Tony. Happy Birthday Paula from Anto.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Martin Foy Parsons Street Maynooth and Margaret Martin St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge on Saturday October 29th. Their Reception was in the Hotel Keadeen, Newbridge and their Honey-moon was on Canary Island. They will live in Newtown Court, Maynooth. Best wishes from your families and all your friends.

Congratulations to Alan Bradley who has now opened the Kiosk at Maynooth Railway Station. Good luck from his family and many friends.

To congratulate Eileen Reidy from Travel Options of Reidys Public House in Celbridge who got engaged to Douglas Walsh from Maynooth Park son of Tom and Breda Walsh. They got engaged in Cyprus and hope to marry in June '96. This comes with Best Wishes from the girls in Travel Options and their families and friends. Eileen is the youngest daughter of Mick and Mary Reidy.

Congratulations to John and Audrey Lamb on the birth of their baby twins Sean and Shannen, a little brother and sister for Nicole. Love from the Kilduff family of O'Neill Park.

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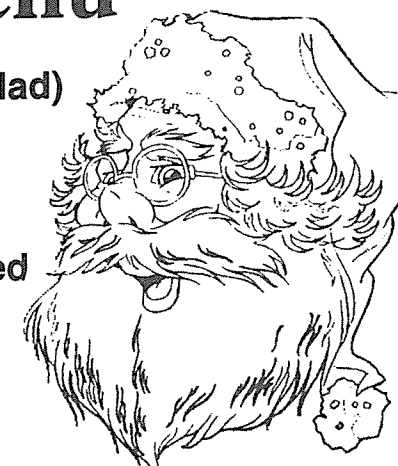
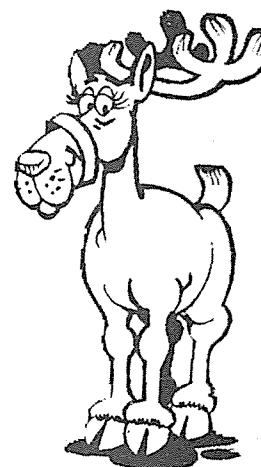
Insalata di Mare (Seafood Salad)

Prawns Aurora

Duck & Chicken Pâté served with garlic bread

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Egg Mayonnaise with Russian Salad



Breast of Turkey Val d'Aosta with asparagus (Medallion of fillet Campagnola, onions, peppers, tomatoes, red wine, mushrooms and garlic)

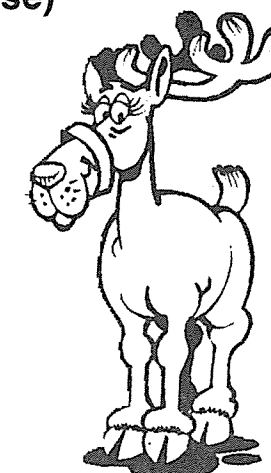
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