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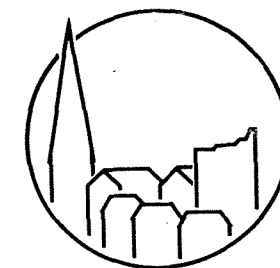
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**Letter to our Readers:** This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with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

*Yours sincerely*

*Community Council & Newsletter Staff*

## Editorial

### By-pass and Green Spaces

Recent developments on the Straffan Road signal the first moves to upgrade the approach road to the by-pass. Trees have been uprooted and walls removed and before long we will see a wide, modern road allowing fast access to the interchange at Moneycooley. The winding country road, lined with ancient hedges, mature trees and stone walls will be swept away in the interests of progress and safety. While the new road may be an improvement on the pot-holed trackway of the past, some readers will lament the passing of these reminders of Maynooth's rapidly disappearing rural environment. In particular, as the fields give way to more and more housing estates, Maynooth is no longer a rural retreat from the concrete jungle which Dublin is. Now, before the tide of concrete covers any more of Maynooth, could we ask our planners to step back a little, and 'set aside' some land for recreational purposes? And we don't mean little pockets of grass interspersed with houses. Maynooth needs a park which will sustain a range of recreational activities, games, athletics, walking and even swimming. A site should be identified now, and the Council should follow the example set by Dublin County Council which has provided many magnificent parks throughout the county for the use of its citizens. Of course this will cost money- but the roads have cost millions also. The needs of residents who will spend a lifetime in Maynooth should be at least as important as the needs of motorists who want to reduce their time passing through Maynooth by a matter of a few minutes. Perhaps the proposed Maynooth Urban District Council would pay more attention to this issue. More details further on.

### Bicentenary Celebrations

The College is not the only institution in Maynooth to be looking forward to a bicentenary celebration in the near future. Astute readers who read the Issue Number on the front cover of this month's Newsletter will have noticed that we have reached Issue 199. Next month, we intend to celebrate our two hundredth edition with some changes which will make the Newsletter brighter, newsier, more informative, and entertaining. While your Editorial Committee has taken a long cold look at the Newsletter as we have come to know it, we depend on you the reader to come up with suggestions for improvements. So, if you have ideas for articles, regular features, illustrations, reviews, or even want to contribute material yourself, just ring Norah McDermott at 6285922, or call into the Newsletter offices, Main Street, above Kehoe's delicatessen.

### Valentine's Day

And a happy Valentine's Day to all our readers!

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to you on behalf of the desperate teenagers of Maynooth. We are requesting that some form of action be taken about the lack of facilities for us. We are pleading with you for some form of youth club to keep us off the streets and from hanging around the shops, harbour etc. By hanging around these places we could end up drinking and smoking etc. We would like to thank the people who run the summer project and the discos in the parish hall as we enjoy these events. I think by writing this we are speaking for teenagers as well as adults.

*Bored Teenagers.*

Dear Editor,

Can somebody help in interpreting a series of dreams I had sometime last month.

Ghoul: I am the Ghost of Christmas Past; what can you see?  
Self: I can see the Main Street, but it's bright and colourful, and there's a huge star on the tree outside Paddy Bluepaws, and there are decorations on each individual tree. (Those that survived the Night of the Long Knives anyway). And the band plays on even when the Public Lighting switches off at 12 midnight on New Year's Eve. Is that the Spirit of Christmas, or what?

Self: Not again, but you look different.

Ghoul: I am the Ghost of Christmas Present, what do you make of this?

Self: Why are the Binmen collecting so late? And look, there's a clerk still working in the bank at this hour on Christmas Eve.

Ghoul: The Binmen are snowed under with bins full of obsolete and discarded electrical cable and coloured bulbs - seems there's not much use for them around here; and the poor unfortunate in the bank can't keep up with the extra cash generated by the Annual Christmas Week Drink Price Increase.

Self: Don't tell me - you're the Ghost of Christmas Future.

Ghoul: Right-on, but watch your language. The new UDC/Town Commission/West Fingal County Council (delete accordingly) has deemed the 'C' word as politically incorrect.

Self: I see the **THING** is gone but where is the Bank this morning?

Ghoul: Like the 'C' word they are banned from celebrating the "December Holiday" for fear of offending different creeds and cultures (or even giving the impression that it's a time for enjoyment).

Oh well, there's always the Mid-March Holiday to look forward to!

*Patrick A. Farrell*

### ST. PATRICKS DAY COMMITTEE

The Annual St. Patricks Day Parade in Maynooth has become one of the largest and most successful in Leinster outside of the Dublin Parade. This year we want to make it larger, more successful and with even greater local involvement so groups, clubs, organizations and businesses interested in having a float in the Parade should fill in the Application form, enclosed in this issue, and submit it before the closing date on March 4th. There are prizes for floats in various categories - commercial, clubs etc. If possible we would encourage those submitting floats for judging to supply their own music.

There are also prizes for the most imaginatively decorated shop fronts. We would encourage all clubs, societies and traders to become involved in this local effort.

### Festival Committee

The Festival this year will be held from 10th - 19th June. We are at present arranging various events that we hope will involve all groups in the community i.e., events such as a Field Day, Battle of the Bands, Historical Fancy Dress etc. A provisional outline of events will be published in the March edition. The next Festival Committee meeting will be held on February 24th at 8.30p.m. Any organizations or individuals interested in attending should contact the Community Council Office.

### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

**February** - Already plans are being made for the 1994 campaign. We have year one of the Planning and Development/Tidy Towns Scheme completed and are now embarking on year two. We will be holding **our A.G.M. in the Maynooth Post Primary on the first Tuesday in March (1st March, 1994)**. So we welcome anyone with an interest or who wish to help to come along to our A.G.M.

Sympathy to Tommy Kileen on the recent death of his sister, Colette Deegan, Ballyconnell, Ballinagore, Castletowngeoghegan.

*Richard Farrell,  
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## BAND BULLETIN

The shorter than usual BULLETIN in January means that we have a little catching up to do this month so let's get down to business straight away.

### CHRISTMAS NEWS

We are delighted to report that our carol recitals in December were an outstanding success and we would once again like to thank all those who contributed so magnanimously to our funds. I said in the November BULLETIN that with the growth of Maynooth it may not be possible to visit every area and indeed this was the case. Despite the heroics of the band members, the younger ones in particular, in braving the rain and frost we did not make it to the Newtown/Beaufield area or to Moyglare Village. Maybe next year we will be in a position to make bits of ourselves and cover ALL the estates, including Rockfield and the two new estates at the Town Bridge, with two bands. It was particularly rewarding to hear people asking 'when will you be visiting our area because the carols add a special "festive feel" to the days before Christmas'. This is a tradition which we think is unique to Maynooth and we will do our utmost to make sure it continues for many years to come.

We were very pleased to be allowed play in the Quinnsworth Shopping Mall on Christmas Eve and the response was marvellous. The place was alive with last minute shoppers and every one of them expressing pleasure with the Christmas music. We could have played for another four hours if we had anticipated such a reaction but maybe next year, with the blessing of Quinnsworth and the support of Ollie Bright, we will be more prepared and put on a wider selection of Christmas music and Carols.

Harking back to the November BULLETIN when we mentioned our very good friends the Nuns and the Convent and our long tradition of playing for them at Christmas, I'm delighted to report that, despite a couple of false starts, we managed to keep up that much valued tradition this year and what more appropriate time to visit them than on Christmas morning. I think the visit this year was as important to us as it was to the sisters and I hope they derived as much pleasure from our visit as our members did. We wish them well when they move to their new house and look forward to meeting them there next Christmas.

Last item on the Christmas menu was our parade on Christmas morning. We thank all the hardy souls who shared the cold of the Square with us to listen to our short recital - sorry it could not have been longer but a large number of our brass players had forgotten to top up the anti-freeze and their instruments were beginning to freeze up but maybe next year with the help of the ozone layer and the global warming and some fur coats and furlined gloves maybe we'll manage to play for a wee bit longer.

### THE GOOD SAMARITANS.

On the last Sunday before Christmas, at the invitation of our sometimes Alto Sax Player Tom, five of our members headed up to Grafton Street to join up with a group of Dublin Scouts to play Christmas music in aid of the Samaritans. We all agreed it was one of our most enjoyable outings in a long while with lots of craic, good music, fantastic crowds and at the end of it all over £500 for a very good cause. Not bad for an hour and a half's pleasure.

### NEW YEAR

The beginning of 1994 also marks the start of the Band year and we will be holding our A.G.M. on Monday 7th February at 8p.m. where we canvass for a crew to sail us safely through another year. Our main aims are to clear our debt (we're nearly there), improve our musical standards and make the band more enjoyable for all our members. We hope to name the aforementioned crew in our next BULLETIN.

### FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

1994 also marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Boys' Band in Maynooth which was to provide the vital link between the reformed Band of 1931 and the present Band. At a slightly later stage the "Boys" element went by the way-side with the very welcome, but controversial at the time, introduction of young ladies to the Band.

Since then we have seen many boys and girls and men and women pass through the Band, hopefully a little richer for their experience. We feel this year would be an appropriate time to have a reunion of all past and present members to mark those 40 years and we would like any one interested to contact Michael or Margaret Dempsey at 6286948 or Kevin Boyd at 6285903 as soon as possible. We will then set about organising the function when we know how many would like to be a part of the reunion.

See you here again next month with some more details of our plans for 1994.

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Please support - an enjoyable evening guaranteed!

P.R.O.

### CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre is now in existence for 7 years. It was originally the brain-child of Maynooth Community Council and is at present a sub-committee of the Council. This Centre has been a major asset to Maynooth people and people in surrounding areas. The Centre when started was run on a voluntary basis, but the workload was so great the committee decided to operate a Social Employment Scheme whereby the office can now be open full time 5 days a week. The office staff at present are John O'Connor, Michael O'Regan, Alyson Gaffney, Cathy Dunne, Noeleen Edmonds, Nicola Boland, Tony Murphy under the supervision of Frances Daly and the volunteer workers are Norah McDermott, Freda Kelleher, Breda Gormally, Phil Lee, Joe Coyle, Kevin Breslin and Maureen Donnelly. We would, at this point in time like to congratulate Audrey Delaney, one of our scheme workers, who has moved on to full time employment as a supervisor on another scheme. The present officers are Chairperson: John O'Connor, Secretary: Freda Kelleher, Treasurer: Maureen Donnelly, Organiser: Michael O'Regan, P.R.O. Norah McDermott. The centre is usually a hive of activity and the workers and volunteers receive on-going training. Information on social welfare, taxes, health and housing etc. can be had by calling in or phoning the office. Phone number and opening times are listed below. Following on is a question and answer series which appears in the *Newsletter* each month.

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Your right under this Act is only to time off and not to paid time off. If your conditions of employment specify that you are entitled to paid Maternity Leave, then of course you should be paid. Some employers may pay you while you are on time off for ante/post natal visits and then allow you to work up this time so that you aren't out of pocket for these visits.

Women insured at Class A and H rate of PRSI who meet the PRSI requirements would be entitled to Maternity Allowance from the Dept. of Social Welfare for the 14 weeks they are on Maternity Leave.

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## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

Maynooth I.C.A. Guild held its first meeting of 1994 on January 6th. at 8.00pm. Well done to those members who braved the bad weather in order to attend. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but Rosemary Hanley, our Secretary, has kindly supplied me with some notes on the meeting. Imelda Delaney, our president, welcomed the ladies to the meeting and wished them all a "Very Happy New Year".

#### Competitions

The Navan carpets "Designer '94" competition is coming up in March. Entry forms are available from Betty Moore. Betty also has details of an essay competition entitled "Down through the ages". This is a Spring/Summer inter-federation competition. The Make and Model competition will be on in April. The closing date for the Irish Competition is 14th February. So ladies, let's get working and ensure Maynooth is well represented in all these competitions.

#### Activities

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning, starting at 10.45am. What better way to get in shape for the summer holidays.

Craft nights are on at 8.00pm every Monday night, in the I.C.A. hall. Nell, our crafts promoter, would welcome any new craft ideas. So girls, if there is a craft you would like to do, now is the time to mention it to Nell.

#### Raffle and Competition

Raffle results are: 1st. M. Flynn, 2nd A. Dolan and 3rd. M. Scanlan.

The competition for January was "A Slice of Christmas Cake", and the winners were 1st. M. Flynn, 2nd. R. Hanley and 3rd. I. Matthews. Many thanks to Caroline McCartan who judged the competition. The competition for the February meeting is an "On the Spot".

#### Course on Stress

About a dozen I.C.A. members have started a 6 week course, in the I.C.A. hall entitled "Positively Coping with Stress and Anxiety". Ms. Finola Headon is the facilitator for the course.

#### Golf Outing

Three ladies from our guild took part in the Co. Kildare I.C.A. Golfing Society outing to Bodinstown Golf Club, on Friday 14th January. Breada Cronin did really well for Maynooth, finishing in 2nd place, behind Mrs. E. Molloy from Ardclough guild. Only a small number of ladies turned up on the day but perhaps there will be a larger turnout at the next outing which is planned for March.

#### Next Meeting

Our next guild meeting will be on Thursday 3rd February, at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. hall. The guest speaker on that night will be a representative from Stena/Sealink. He will be able to provide us with details of the services available from Stena/Sealink, e.g. short breaks, leisure and special tours and of course not forgetting the "shopping trips".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosemary for supplying me with the notes of the last meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.

Connie Harpur, P.R.O.

### KILDARE NORTH LEO CLUB

#### Background of Leo Clubs

Leo clubs are groups of young people, worldwide, who provide hundreds of valuable humanitarian services for their communities. Leos reflect the proud "We serve" spirit of Lions Clubs International.

Each Leo Club functions as an activity of a Lions Club. A Leo Club has an adviser who is a member of the sponsoring Lions Club. The adviser encourages and guides the Leos and acts as a liaison between the Leo Club and the Lions Club.

The first Leo Club was organised at a Pennsylvania, U.S.A., high school in 1957. Since then, Leo Clubs have flourished. They are now present in 106 different nations and have an estimated membership of 105,000. Leo Clubs were expected to serve the community by responding to the needs and welfare of others.

The original Leo motto read: Leadership, Equality, Opportunity. Then, equality was extended only to males. Today, young people of every race, gender, age and creed can enjoy the benefits of a Leo Club membership.

The second Leo Club was not formed until 1963. In 1964 Leo Clubs became an official district project. In 1967 the International Association of Lions Clubs' Board of Directors adapted Leo Clubs as an official worldwide programme. Within the first year 200 Leo Clubs were organised in 18 countries. Today, more than 4,000 clubs are in existence.

#### Objectives of a Leo Club

- 1) To provide Opportunity;
- 2) To provide Experience;
- 3) To develop Leadership skills.

The Kildare North Leo Club was formed last October.

The Committee are: President, Paul Tuthill, Clane; Secretary, Sharon Murphy, Kilcock; Treasurer, Elaine Fox, Maynooth; P.R.O., Pat Behan, Clane; Vice-president, Keith Johnston, Naas; Lions Adviser, Peter O'Sullivan, Donadea.

Our aims are to provide local or international charities with aid of some kind, be it through money or something they may require. It is a non-profit organisation.

We recently held a Table Quiz in the G.A.A. Hall in Maynooth, which was very successful. Our next Table Quiz will be held in Clane.

Our main fundraising this year will go towards an annual event run by all Leo Clubs here in Ireland. This event provides underprivileged children with the chance to go to Mosney. This event takes place during the summer months.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a special word of thanks to all those who contributed to our Table Quiz, no matter how great or small. We hope we will always have your support.



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### MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

#### The Results of Our Survey

We carried out a survey on our services to Members on the first week-end in October and compiled the results from the completed questionnaires in November. A report was written up and presented to the Board of Directors in January, and you, patient reader, get the results this month.

#### No new opening hours

A total of 178 questionnaires were completed. The first idea we wanted to research was whether Members would find either Thursday or Friday morning opening useful. Most people said no: 133. Six people said either would suit and Friday morning received the highest number of positive responses: 32. For the moment, therefore, changes in opening hours would not seem to be justified.

However, under Other Improvements, further down the questionnaire, the opening hours attracted more comments (a total of 19) than any other item. However, few of these were specific enough to be acted upon. Nevertheless, members should think about what really suits them and let us know. We will respond as soon as it becomes practical to do so.

#### Insurance and Budget Planning

The level of positive response to two possible new services was practically the same: Home/Contents Insurance (97) and Budget Planning (98). VHI Group Scheme, however, attracted mostly negative responses: 101. The Board of Directors will consider these findings and we will publish the results of their deliberations when they are made available.

#### Loan Application? - Just Send in the Form!

The second most frequent complaint respondents made concerned money matters (a total of 12 comments). One misunderstanding that showed up here concerned loan applications. It is not necessary to apply for a loan in person. A member simply has to return a completed application form. It is only if the Member has a query or is not clear about the procedure that they need to speak to a Director or member of the Credit Committee.

#### A Rich Harvest!

Not only is the information outlined above useful to the Directors in deciding how best to develop our local Credit Union, but respondents were generous in their positive comments as well. And more than that, 26 people volunteered to work as tellers. This boost to the numbers of staff makes a great difference and is welcomed by all.

#### Thanks

This information was gathered by Directors, as an extra to their regular weekly duties: **Catherine Mulready, Ken Loane, Jim McMahon, Pat Harney** and myself. I have an awful feeling that this list should be longer and I apologise to anyone whose name I may have left out.

**Emer McDernott**  
P.R.O.

### THE MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The Annual Dinner on January 19th in Moyglare Manor Hotel was a most enjoyable night. Sixty members and friends enjoyed a beautiful meal. After dinner Toni Read had organised a quiz, also there was a lucky draw with spot prizes. The 16th was our Chairwoman's birthday and Maureen Stephens presented Mary Doyle with a bouquet of flowers. The night ended with a sing-a-long.

Imelda Desmond will be the demonstrator on February 15th. This meeting will be held as usual in the Divine Word Hostel on Moyglare Road at 8 pm. Imelda always has lots of useful ideas, and makes wonderful arrangements so we expect a large attendance on the 15th. Non-members are most welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings.

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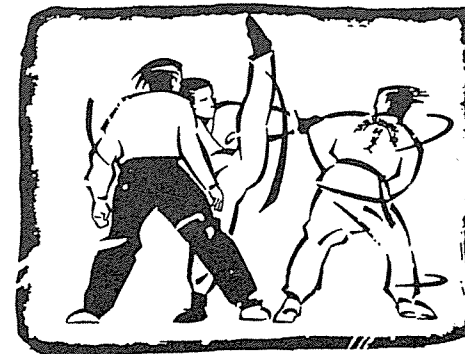


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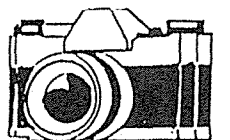
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## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting will be held in Band Hall, Sunday, February 13th at 3pm Mass for deceased members in St. Mary's Church same day 12.00 noon. All members are invited to attend.

*P. Nolan  
Secretary*

### 'MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE'

Our annual dinner went ahead according to plan on Sunday Jan 16th in the Post Primary School. Together with our neighbouring friends from Pagestown, Mulhussey and Kilcloon we enjoyed a beautiful four course meal, courtesy of Peter O'Brien Catering and his most efficient staff. Peter never seems to tire of responding to our needs, and for that we are very grateful. A word of thanks to Joe, Jamie, Eamonn and David, the four young people who came along to help, 'well done lads'.

In previous years our entertainment took the form of a concert after the meal, but this year we took a new direction. Bill Lawlor and his band "The Earls" gave us a 'musical treat for dancing feet'. They played excellent music of the ballroom variety that would have made Victor Sylvester sit up and take notice. There were lots of prizes to be won and the highlight of the evening was our waltzing competition. Kit and Peggy Edwards danced away with first prize, while Chris Feighery and Annie Burke came a close second. Third place was taken by Josie Carr and Ena Rochford. All in all it was a most successful and enjoyable evening. A special word of thanks to Tom Ashe for his continuous co-operation and support. We wish him well with his monster fund raising draw for a much needed extension to the school. Anyone can buy a ticket for which there are some great prizes, so why not get in on the act. We all benefit from this school, young and old alike. Our A.G.M. takes place on February 1st in the Health Centre. Our Valentine's party will be on February 13th in the Post Primary School at 3.30p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there, and in keeping with the time of year, 'romance' will be the order of the evening.

### MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AMERICAN TEA PARTY

**Come and enjoy yourself!**

**Dear Parents,**

For a great night out we have organised an **American Tea Party** as a fund raising activity, the proceeds of which enable the Parents' Association meet financial demands placed upon it by the school, on Friday 25th February 1994 in the County Club, Dunshaughlin:- Music by Centre-Fold (9 - 2). Tickets will be available from any committee member. Full details are available from any of the committee members.

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

#### How You Can Help!

Hosts/Hostesses will be required to host a table of 10 or more persons. Please co-ordinate your group and confirm your booking and/or table reservation with anyone of the committee members over the next few weeks, they are:-

Mary Byrne, 6286762; Sally Cotter 8255664; Lise O'Farrell, 6287343; Jacqueline Smith, 6286660; Dermot Nangle P.R.O., 6286400;

*Dermot Nangle P.R.O.*

### MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

On the 19th February '94 we will be coming to the start of a new term. This term will continue until 23rd April '94 inc. (nine week term).

There will be no swim on 2nd April which is Easter Saturday. There will be a free family swim on Saturday 9th April for members. No buses on that day. Separate arrangements are being made for a bus - refer to committee - notices will be handed out regarding same.


Fees are as follows:

<b>£21 - one child</b>	<b>£60 - three children</b>
<b>£40 - two children</b>	<b>£77 - four children</b>
<b>£31 - bus.</b>	

We are now taking names for our waiting list. Please contact Aine Hearn Kennedy, 13 Rail Park, Maynooth, any committee member or the Newsletter Office giving particulars of age and experience if any.

*Margaret O'Neill*

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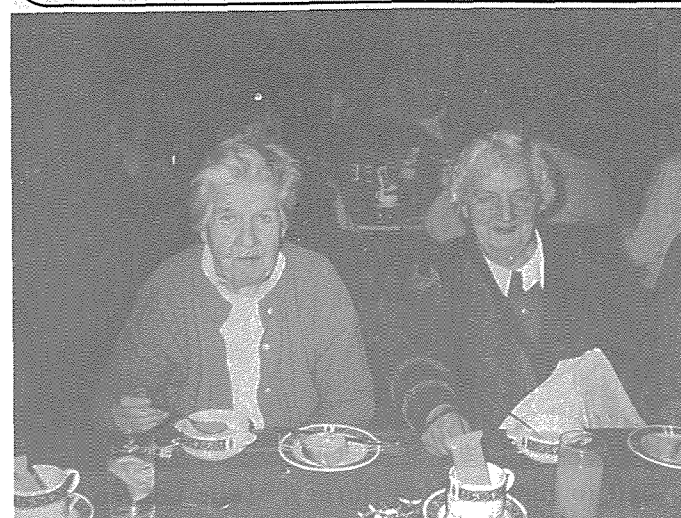
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## OLD PEOPLE'S DINNER DANCE



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**Ann Murphy, May Dowling & Gabe Cassidy**



**Looking forward to a great evening at the Old People's Dinner Dance are**  
**John O'Reilly, Maura O'Keeffe, Mary O'Reilly & May Flannigan**



**All set for a great night at the Dinner Dance are**  
**Imelda Farrelly, Tóisín Farrelly, Maureen Butler, Margaret & John Walsh**



## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### NO NAME CLUB IN MAYNOOTH JANUARY 22

What is the No Name Club? The No Name Club is an alternative to "Pub Culture" for young people aged 15 to Leaving Cert age. The idea is to match the standard of Bars and Nightclubs, rather than renting draughty halls. The idea began in 1978 in Kilkenny, as the Brainchild of Eddie Keher, the All Ireland Hurler. Originally non alcoholic bars were run, but nowadays cabarets, live music, nightclubs and competitions have evolved to offer an attractive alternative to under age drinking.

#### Hosts and Hostesses

The No Name Clubs are run by young people themselves, with adult organisers and administrators lending a hand. The young people who **volunteer** to organise, are trained as Hosts and Hostesses (Pat Kenny's wife, Kathy was one of the first hostesses when the No Name Club was launched in Kilkenny). The young hosts and hostesses are intensively trained in running a nightclub/bar and dealing with cash and people. They are awarded with a certificate signed by prominent figures in their respective locality, which is a bonus for a C.V. The young organisers are encouraged to compete in regional and local competitions held in different venues around the country, such as The Waterford selection weekend being hosted by Ray D'Arcy, where entrants from the 38 clubs nationwide are competing. One of the main figures in the operation is Arthur Kiely - Development Officer.

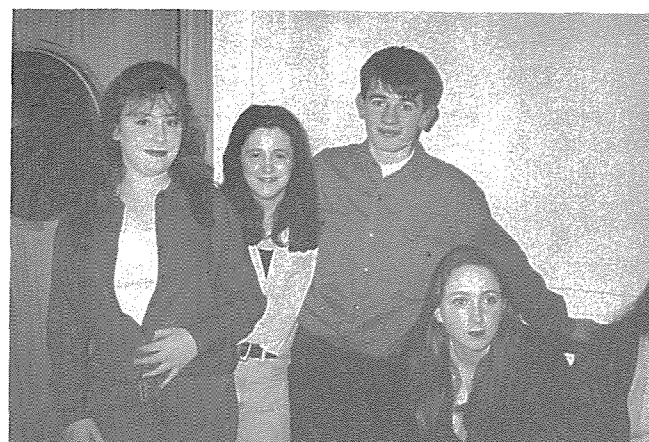
#### No Name Disco

On entering the No Name disco, in the Maynooth Student Union building, I encountered hundreds of young people enjoying themselves to the sounds of the band "Schizophrenics" playing a variety of originals and cover versions by bands such as Therapy and Metallica. The band, like the patrons, are young (Vincent Nevin, Cian O'Melia, Kevin Farrell and William Gannon). The night was a huge success with C.K.R. D.J.'s Vincent O'Sullivan and Mary Lynam. It's good to think that the young revellers had a great time and will still be able to recall the events the next morning without a booming headache. The youths were from Maynooth, Kilcock and surrounding areas. The hosts and hostesses were selected from the area by interview.

#### Thanks

The No Name disco on Saturday owes its success to many sources such as the Lions Club, local Publicans, St. Patricks College, the A.I.B. and Cardinal Press. The event could not have taken place without the efforts of the local Gardaí such as Sgt. Joe Canny and Martin Kane. As secretary, Melanie Oliver also played a large part along with members of the local clergy and the Community at large who formed the founding Committee. Mention must also be made of the many adults who generously gave their time free, and the youths whose behaviour at the event was impeccable.

We would like to wish the No Name Club every success for the future in the Maynooth area and look forward to hearing of more events.



Left to right - Linda Nurney, Marie Laheen, John Corcoran, Belinda Rooney, enjoying themselves at the opening of the No Name Club in the Students Union on January 22nd



Jenny Walsh  
enjoying herself at  
the No Name Club  
opening

### PRAYER GROUP

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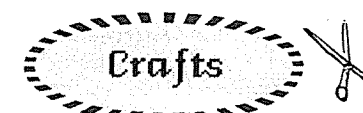
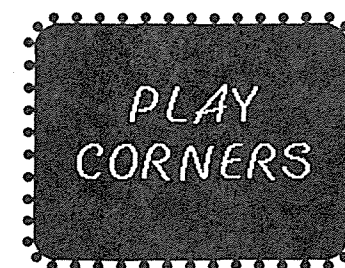
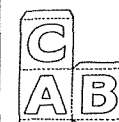
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## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH BRANCH Cómhairle Aisinteachta An chanáil Rioga Cumann Maigh Nuadh

#### Christmas Raffle

Back again after the Christmas break and the first thing I must do is announce the winners of our monster Christmas draw. 1st prize to Anne O'Grady 170 Kingsbry, Maynooth; 2nd. Mary O'Connor 91 Carton Court, Maynooth; 3rd J. Clancy Tel: (01)6286463; 4th Kileen Family 255 Ryevala Lawn, Leixlip; 5th K. McEvoy c/o Gerry McGlinchey, Maynooth; 6th Margaret Murray 77 Cedar Park Leixlip; 7th N&P Watson Edenderry; 8th R. McCrory 117 Kingsbry, Maynooth; 9th J. Clancy Tel:(01)6286463 10th N. Delaney c/o B.& I. Line; 11th A.Poole Tel: (01) 960343; 12th J. Carroll 218 Kingsbry. Congratulations to all the winners and sincere thanks to our sponsors. The raffle took place at the ROOST on December the 20th with music by the McDermott/Dempsey Band. Special thanks to the management of the Roost for making the premises available.

#### Water Levels

The Committee apologises to the Angling Fraternity and the canoe enthusiasts for the two levels of water which pertain at present. This is due to the fact that the Office of Public Works are presently completing repairs to the land sluice at the 13th lock and this should be completed shortly, when levels will be restored. The Office of Public Works have also trimmed the hedges along the canal so people can now enjoy canal-side walks without getting caught in the hedgerows.

#### Works up-date

Work is continuing at a steady pace with the wall on the Fire Station side of the Harbour completed. The huge unsightly bank which separated the Harbour from the Harbour field has been removed and landscaping will ensue in this area. This bank was a source of danger for children playing in the area. The Foreman has asked us to appeal to anyone who may be renovating or demolishing old buildings or walls to let us know as building stone is urgently required for the continuing building in the Harbour. Anyone who has stone/rubble to offer can contact the undersigned at 01-6286372. On the subject of the work, the Foreman also tells us that there are a number of vacancies for workers. Anyone wishing to start on the scheme can contact the Foreman at the Harbour.

#### Angling Club

A new Angling Club has been set up in association with the Royal Canal Amenity Group and interested persons can contact Jeff Morrison at 6289674.

#### Committee

Your Royal Canal Amenity Committee appeals to any interested parties who would like to join the Committee, to contact the undersigned at the above telephone number. In recent times committee numbers have dwindled due to circumstances beyond our control. Some members have moved from

the area and other members were forced to retire due to pressure of other commitments. This wonderful amenity is there for the people of Maynooth and should be preserved and refurbished. If you have a couple of hours a month on your hands and are interested, then why not join us!

#### Steam Train

We are delighted to confirm that the Steam Train, which has proved so popular in the last couple of years, will run again this year! Keep an eye on this column for further details.

Gerry Fitzpatrick P.R.O.

#### ANGLING CLUB

In the January issue we printed a letter from Jeff Morrison with reference to setting up an Angling Club. We omitted his address and telephone number which is as follows: 20 Manor Court, Maynooth Tel: 6289674.

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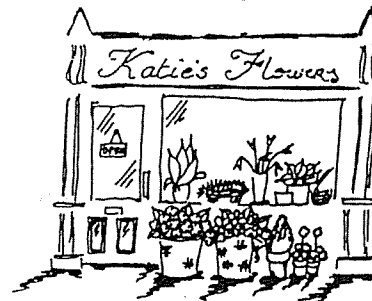
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We have just started another year and its time to start planning for summer, summer camp, hikes, outings, etc. Before all that THE SCOUT SECTION will be training for the camp craft competition, the aim being to hold onto the Trophy they won last year.

On Sunday 13th February, Scouts from all over Ireland will converge on Maynooth to take part in the National Scout Quiz. The venue is the sports complex on the new campus. This is the first time a national event has been run by a group outside of National Head Quarters. This has been made possible by the kind co-operation of Maynooth College authorities and the Students' Union. We thank those for their time, their efforts and for their premises. Could this be the start of a new era of co-operation between the College and local groups?

Ventures are now up and running again in Maynooth, and a full programme is being planned, under the guidance of leaders, Shane O'Neill, Helen Monahan and Neva Redmond.

Due to lack of leaders, the Beavers section has closed. If you would like to become a leader, please contact Tony Muldowney - Phone 6286033

Hoping I can announce the re-opening of the Beavers next month.

**Tony Muldowney**  
Unit Leader 8 Kildare

### STUDENTS UNION

#### (1) Students for Charity

Who are they? We are a group of Maynooth students who get together after a number of weeks of each college year to plan events to raise money for charities in Ireland. Last year we raised £10,000.17p for ISPCC Childline. Over the last seven years we have raised over £35,000. Okay! We do a lot of money collecting. Now here is the chance to be part of this special group of people, get your name in for the next event to Ronan Barry in the Maynooth Students' Union. What is the next event? On the 5th of February we are raising money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. They want to send three children under the age of fifteen on holiday. All these children are ill with terminal diseases. With the help of 98FM we will try to raise over £5,000 to cover expenses for these three holidays. Also, on the 11th, 12th and 13th March Maynooth Students are again raising money for I.S.P.C.C. Childline by cycling to Galway (via Limerick). Ten thousand pounds was raised last year and it is hoped that the same will be achieved again.

(2) **Monday February 21st** is the start of Maynooth's Rag Week. This week is generally a time when most students forget about their time-table and indulge in the more social aspects of college life. The week starts with a Drag Ball at which the Glam Tarts will play. Other bands playing are an Emotional Fish and the College's very own Mummers. A week to remember (or forget) for some.

(3) **Thursday 10th February** is the date set for a Referendum in the College. It is hoped that the outcome will result in a new addition to the Students' Union Executive. The post in question is Irish Language and Cultural Affairs Officer, whose portfolio will include amongst others the promotion of the Irish language and the implementation of the Unions bi-lingual policy.

(4) **24th to the 28th January** saw Women's Week in Maynooth College. The week included a wide variety of events from talks by prominent Irish Women, to the hugely successful Traffic Light Ball. Altogether it was a highly successful week. Well done to Aine Corrigan (Women's Rights Officer) and her organising committee.

(5) **Maynooth College and the Soccer Club** played host to the Harding Cup from the 27th to 30th January. This is an annual intervarsity and most Irish Colleges were represented over the weekend. At the time of going to print it is not known what the eventual outcome was.

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## Residents' Associations

### BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - B.A.R.A.

Happy New Year to all our residents. We would like to thank you for your support in '93.

The children's Christmas party was a great success, thanks to all involved.

It is now time to plan for '94. Maintaining the estate is our main priority as you are aware. It will take a lot of hard work and commitment from everyone. The Residents' Association would appreciate any input from residents no matter how little. We shall be holding our A.G.M. in the near future. "Looking forward to 1994"

*Stephen McCann*

### GREENFIELD ACTION GROUP

#### The Bollards

By now everyone will be aware of the unfortunate time wasting situation which has arisen in connection with our bollards.

Kildare County Council granted planning permission for the erection of bollards at the area meeting in December 1993 requested by **98% of residents (directly affected) i.e. Greenfield residents.**

The Celbridge Area Council Committee took place on 14th Jan.1993, at which Councillor John McGinley requested a date for the erection of said bollards.

County Engineer John Carrick informed the full meeting of a local business person's objections to the said bollards. This business person, who we will refrain from mentioning at the moment (due to publishing date, we must seek legal action before doing so), has served legal action on K.C.C. for granting planning permission for said bollards.

This legal action is being taken in total disregard to the local residents who provide a large percentage of their livelihood. It is with total disgust that we learn of his antagonistic actions against the safety of our children. **98% of the residents in Greenfield voted positively in favour of the bollards with their signatures, with their voices and attendance at our meetings and above all at the biggest test public protests early in the morning and late at night.**

It is with this complete unionism that we will stand and win against people with such disregard for other people's high values.

As you read this a meeting will have taken place to clear up this mess once and for all. Everyone will be made aware of our satisfactory results through our local *Newsletter*.

Once again we must impress upon this business person our total disgust at his blatant intervention in matters which so obviously do not concern him.

#### Christmas Party

Having missed the deadlines for the January issue we have a lot to talk about.

What a great Christmas party! The children and parents alike visited Santa Claus in the Band hall. All had their lists, a few longer than others.

Santa listened carefully, noting all. Drinks and snacks were enjoyed by all. A very sincere thank-you to Santa for visiting us. His kindness and natural attributes reaching all. Thanks to the local shops for their unfailing support! Tom Geraghty, Greenfield Supermarket for the giant teddy-bear for our raffle. We would like to thank Ger Scanlon, Kids Cottage, for her support and generosity.

#### A.G.M.

Our A.G.M. was due to have taken place in early January. Due to the unfortunate time-wasting business over the bollards, all hands are requested on deck to clear this issue once and for all. Greenfield Action group are now a major force to be reckoned with!

**Taking this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful 1994.**

### GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting will be on the 7th February. Items for inclusion should be sent to our secretary: Melanie Oliver, 40 Maynooth Park. **N.B.** Our A.G.M. is upcoming in March 1994, members will be advised of venue and date.

*Richard Farrell*  
*P.R.O.*

### LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Sorry we missed out on last month's issue as we were 'between news' waiting for things to happen due to the early copy date.

The Christmas night out was a very enjoyable event for those who ventured to Harry's in Kinnegad on 17th December. A first class meal, great band and lots of balloons and streamers made for a great night and all this for £12! No sooner was the night over when some of the residents were asking about the next social outing. Maybe we'll try for something during the summer.

Unfortunately the night out did not turn out to be a 'ramps ball' The last news on the ramps is that the residents were consulted on the locations proposed by the County Council but none of these were acceptable. The problem is that the ramps must be a minimum distance from any junction, a maximum distance from street light yet still be laid out in such a way to prevent cars from speeding between ramps. The local engineer has met a representative from our committee and has gone back to the Council to have the work re-costed to include one wider ramp and two extra street lights. Hopefully we should have better news by the time this appears in the *Newsletter*.



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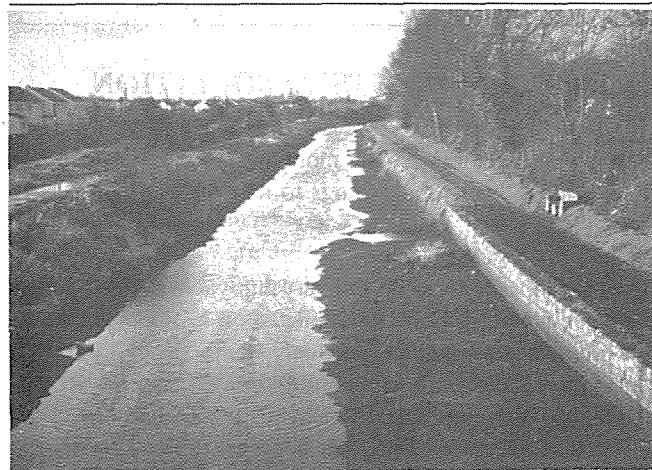
### A FISHY STORY

The fish are hopping and screaming aloud: "Where's the water gone?" Yes, folks, the canal is drained out. Could it have anything to do with Buggy Horan who lurks suspiciously around the harbour feeling thirsty these days?

It's a fishy kind of business, a case of here today, gone tomorrow. As the water was lowering a local fisherman couldn't believe his catch - a good evening's work. But when he went back the next day it was a different kettle of fish (pardon the pun!) when there was no water and no fish (a fisherman's heartbreak!).

Rumour has it that the fish have migrated to Mullingar at the moment while work is being done on one part of the canal. One wonders whether they will return with a distinct increase in environmentally unfriendly people who seem to think the canal is an extra large dust-bin. This has become even more evident now that the canal is drained with the debris consisting of cans, crisp bags, the remains of fish and chips (maybe that's why the fish left!!!) and any other type of casually discarded waste you could think of.

Let's hope when cleaned out, and the eventual return of the water, the fish will feel happier with their dwelling place and happily greet any passer-by who is without a hook.



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### MAYNOOTH ENTRY IN AER LINGUS YOUNG SCIENTISTS' EXHIBITION

Further to the success of the Maynooth Post Primary School entry in this Exhibition, the girls involved, Aoibheann O'Sullivan, Sarah Commene and Jackie Kinsella, have decided to release further details of their findings.

There is considerable disagreement regarding the date of Christ's birth. During the 6th century, the Roman monk, Dionysius Exiguus, worked back to the year in which he believed Christ was born and called it 1 A.D. The era of A.D. was unknown until then. Many historians feel that he miscalculated and that Christ was born about four years earlier. The astronomer Kepler (1571-1630), making use of a lunar eclipse recorded in King Herod's time, calculated the birth of Christ as having taken place about five years earlier than that fixed by the old Julian calendar. We are not certain how close the result of a modern calculation, based on the same information, would be to that obtained by Kepler. However, the accuracy of Kepler's result obviously depended upon the accuracy of the information which he used. One difficulty with old historical records is that the method of recording dates varied from place to place. Was the date of the eclipse properly interpreted. Unfortunately, the evidence regarding the birth of Christ is too flimsy to allow a definitive dating. We are therefore not in a position to say which year is correct.

There is even further confusion regarding the day and the month in which Christ was born. A record of his birth appears in the old Roman Philocalian Calendar and is worded as follows: "V111 kal Ian natus Christus in Bethleem Iudeae". This is translated as follows. V111 is 8 in Roman numerals. Kal is an abbreviation for kalendae (kalends) which referred to the first day of the month. Ian is an abbreviation for Ianuarius (January). The Romans counted back from an event and included the starting date in the count. Starting with and including January 1st., a count back of 8 days brings us to the 25th of December. The entire Latin sentence may be translated as follows: "On 25th of December, Christ was born in Bethlehem in the province of Judea." Unfortunately, this recording makes no reference to the year of birth. However, some historians would argue that the celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25th was designed to offset the pagan feast of "Natalis solis invicti" (The birthday of the unvanquished Sun). The Winter solstice probably occurred on 25th of December, during the time of Christ, and this was a strong pagan feast. By the time of the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. the vernal equinox had fallen on 21st of March and the Winter solstice on about 22 of December. However, an error of almost three days had accumulated on the Julian calendar by 325 A.D. During the time of Christ, both the vernal equinox and the Winter solstice would have occurred about three days later. Some historians claim that because the early Christian Church could not root out strong pagan feast days, it allowed Christian feasts to fall on the same dates and slowly christianised the pagan ones.

Estimates of the month in which Christ was born range from early September to late Spring. Some historians claim that shepherds do not watch over sheep in the middle of winter. One point must always be kept in mind when discussing a

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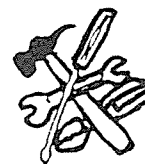
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topic such as this. The type of weather that one should expect during a particular season depends on the part of the world in which one is living. We are not familiar with the climate of the Middle East during the winter but our research has confirmed that there are greater extremes of temperature differences between day and night. Snow has been known to fall on the desert at night and melt quickly the next day under the hot sun. We leave this controversy to the historians.

Far more information is known about the date of his death as he had become well known by this time. Christ was crucified on the eve of the Passover. The Jews celebrated this feast on the 14th day of the first month (14th of the Jewish month of Nisan), that is to say, the lunar month of which the 14th day either falls on or next follows the day of the vernal equinox. The early Christians followed this tradition and Easter became the Christian equivalent of the Jewish Passover. The proper date for the celebration of Easter became a matter of dispute among the early Christians. In 325 A.D. The Council of Nicaea decreed that Easter should be celebrated on a Sunday. During the year of this famous Council, the vernal equinox fell on 21st March. This date became accepted as the proper time of the vernal equinox. Easter was therefore defined as the first Sunday following the first full Moon which came on or after the 21st of March.

Easter has always been the principal feast day of the Christian Church and the dates of all movable feasts are decided from the date of Easter. Christmas, on the other hand, did not become a feast day until several hundred years after the birth of Christ. Nevertheless, while the exact birthday of Christ is not known, the tradition of celebrating it on 25th of December has been in existence for hundreds of years and has become well established. It is hard to see this date changing.

Michael J. Walsh

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### EYE HEAR

#### Buggy and the Bungee

Famous local character Sean 'Buggy' Horan revealed to the present company that he was going to jump. This caused great concern until he explained about the Cerebral Palsy sponsored Bungee Jump, being staged at the Foxhunter, on Sunday 23rd January. Locals tried to dissuade the Bombardier 'Buggy'.

One said "when you hit the end of the rope, your spine will stretch a few extra feet and your head will hit the ground". Another suggested that, "Buggy would burn up in the earth's atmosphere", but the cheekiest comment was that "the best place to tie the rope was around Buggy's neck as that was the hardest part of him".

Last seen Buggy, having borrowed a tug-o-war rope, for extra protection, was heading up the Dublin Road into the mists of legend.

#### Back to the Dark Ages

Christmas came early to Rail Park on Wednesday 8th December. The estate was plunged into darkness by a power cut. Out came the candles when they were eventually located. The children were filled with awe and the old folk experienced old nostalgia but to many it is a sign that there is an inadequate power link to the estate. continued

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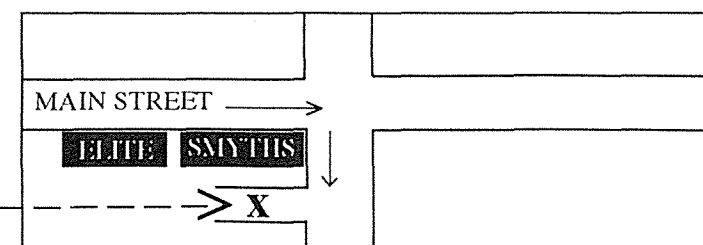
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There were strong winds blowing on the night but that, "a gust of wind", can cause so much difficulty is a cause of concern to many locals and needs serious looking into.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Bernard Durkan who recently won the Irish Times Backbencher of the year award. One of the more active Back-benchers in our Dáil, Bernard has been involved in national politics since 1982 and is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He was also the sole T.D. on the Fine Gael Commission for Renewal.

### FIRST IRISH TRAVEL COMPANY ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF WORLD CUP PACKAGES

Funtrek are the first Irish travel company to announce details of their packages for the 1994 World Cup when they issued their brochure on Tuesday, December 28th, 1993.

The company will be organising four basic packages:

- \* 12-night package to cover the First Round matches only, costing £1,190;
- \* 21-night package to cover the First Round matches and one Second Round match, costing £1,490;
- \* 21-day package to cover two First Round matches and all the matches up to and including the semi-final, costing £1,590;
- \* 27-night package to cover all of the matches up to the semi-final, costing £1,690.

"Our packages provide the best value for money for Irish fans. The cost of the packages will include accommodation, flights, travel within the United States and match tickets."

Funtrek will be using air-conditioned camper vans (seating 14 people) to transport fans between New York and Orlando, and all other match destinations on the East Coast. Fans who wish to travel to matches on the West Coast can do so by availing of Airpasses provided by Funtrek.

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"In addition they are a much more economical way to travel and allow fans to see the sights of America along the way. For example travelling from New York to Orlando on train or bus will be considerably more expensive and a lot more restrictive. There are only two trains daily between the two destinations and the journey takes 22 hours."

Funtrek's flexible combination of travel by camper van and Airpass for West Coast matches really comes into its own in the event of Ireland qualifying for the Second Round and beyond.

Because the venues for these matches will not become clear until after the First Round is completed, fans using other packages or making their own arrangements will have to book scarce places at very late notice on scheduled flights or trains. Such arrangements will be very expensive. For example, a one-way plane flight from East Coast to the West Coast will cost \$900 approximately and a similar train ticket will cost \$500."

Another notable feature of Funtrek's packages is the provision for refunds in the event that Ireland don't stay on after the Second Round.

"In order to ensure that Irish fans can support their team up to and including the semi-final stage, Funtrek have arranged a special 21-night and 27-night package. In the event that Ireland are eliminated before the quarter-finals the fans who book these packages will be fully refunded for the nights which they don't use. In addition, if Ireland are eliminated at the First Round stage, the fans who have booked these packages will have the option of going on a coast-to-coast trip with Funtrek or a holiday in Cape Cod."

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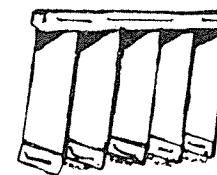
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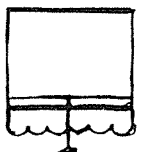
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#### Robberies

The tranquillity of Maynooth was shattered early in December when a vicious gang of criminals, travelling in a stolen car, wearing balaclavas and brandishing firearms entered the town and carried out a lightening robbery on our local Post Office. Staff personnel at the Office were terrorised. In the light of this terrorising event the Garda advice in such circumstances is:

1. Keep calm as far as possible and try and concentrate.
2. Obey - do only what you are asked - no more and no less.
3. Observe - Note details i.e. description of suspects, general appearance, height, build, hair style, colour, eyes, dress and any other distinguishing features; write down details at first available opportunity, especially make, colour and registration number of vehicle used by attackers.
4. Preserve the scene of the incident and do not allow interference with places where fingerprints or indeed footprints may be found.

Consequent to this violent raid we ask all business people to exercise extreme caution when dealing with large sums of money. The service of the Garda Divisional Crime Prevention Officer is readily available and may be contacted through the local Gardai.

#### Maynooth Garda Annual Dinner Dance.

Our Annual Dinner Dance takes place on Friday, 4th March, 1994, again at the Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge. This event has become a part of the social calendar and we anticipate the usual huge support for the occasion. Any information may be obtained by enquiring at your friendly local Garda Station.

#### FROM MAYNOOTH TO LAPLAND

Talk about "Santa Claus is coming to Town" being reversed - a family from Kingsbry in Maynooth have been to Lapland and back to visit Santa in his own town, compliments of the National Lottery.

Margaret Lyons' ticket, of 182 Kingsbry, was drawn from thousands of entries in a special draw for Christmas where three Santa symbols on their scratch card put them in the running for a fabulous trip of a lifetime.

Seán, her husband, had bought the ticket and put his wife's name on it. Margaret said "Sure I didn't think I'd have a chance of winning but we sent it off anyway."

The trip was for four people, two adults and two children, so on Friday, 17th December, Seán and Margaret headed to Dublin with their daughter Sharon (four and a half) and nephew Conor O'Brien (eight years) where they had dinner at a special function in the Montrose Hotel with the 49 other winners and then stayed over for the night eagerly awaiting their flight the next morning.

So, early on Saturday morning the Lyons set off with nephew Conor for Lapland, where their destination was the Lapponia Hotel in Rovaniemi, 500 miles from Helsinki.

On the flight, which took three and a half hours, the RTE crew found a star in Sharon, who amused them with her chit-chat, speaking of Santa's beard, calling it a "board". She thus was selected as one of the six kids to be interviewed by the Den team for their show on television which was to take place on Christmas Day.

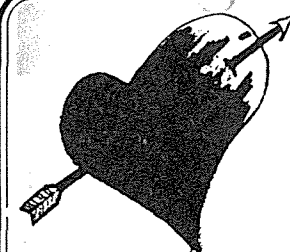
Saturday and Sunday were packed full of activities from sleigh rides to meeting Santa's reindeers and watching his elves at work. However, the highlight of the trip was meeting Santa himself.

Margaret and Seán said that Sharon was very shy in front of the RTE cameras but upon meeting her I'd never have guessed.

She said it was her first time on a plane and she really enjoyed it - "we watched Mickey Mouse films with our own earphones. Everyone was singing and laughing. Ciara (from the Den) was very funny and was my best friend. Everyone was clapping when we saw the snow falling out the window."

Then she went on to speak of Santa and his wife: "Santa's glasses were like yours," she said, "big brown glasses. His wife had roly-poly pigtales and had a fat tummy. She made us rice but I think she ate the most of it and that's why she was fat."

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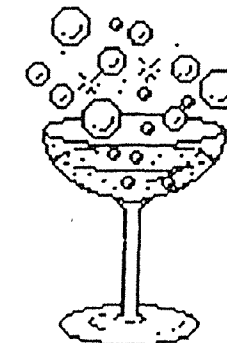
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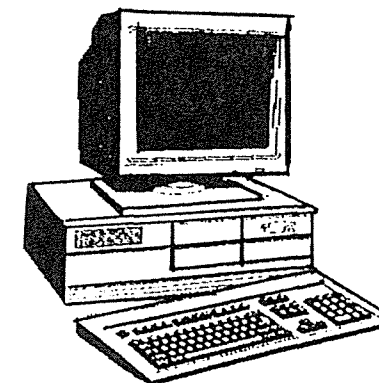
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#### Robberies

The tranquillity of Maynooth was shattered early in December when a vicious gang of criminals, travelling in a stolen car, wearing balaclavas and brandishing firearms entered the town and carried out a lightening robbery on our local Post Office. Staff personnel at the Office were terrorised. In the light of this terrorising event the Garda advice in such circumstances is:

1. Keep calm as far as possible and try and concentrate.
2. Obey - do only what you are asked - no more and no less.
3. Observe - Note details i.e. description of suspects, general appearance, height, build, hair style, colour, eyes, dress and any other distinguishing features; write down details at first available opportunity, especially make, colour and registration number of vehicle used by attackers.
4. Preserve the scene of the incident and do not allow interference with places where fingerprints or indeed footprints may be found.

Consequent to this violent raid we ask all business people to exercise extreme caution when dealing with large sums of money. The service of the Garda Divisional Crime Prevention Officer is readily available and may be contacted through the local Gardai.

#### Maynooth Garda Annual Dinner Dance.

Our Annual Dinner Dance takes place on Friday, 4th March, 1994, again at the Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge. This event has become a part of the social calendar and we anticipate the usual huge support for the occasion. Any information may be obtained by enquiring at your friendly local Garda Station.

#### FROM MAYNOOTH TO LAPLAND

Talk about "Santa Claus is coming to Town" being reversed - a family from Kingsbry in Maynooth have been to Lapland and back to visit Santa in his own town, compliments of the National Lottery.

Margaret Lyons' ticket, of 182 Kingsbry, was drawn from thousands of entries in a special draw for Christmas where three Santa symbols on their scratch card put them in the running for a fabulous trip of a lifetime.

Seán, her husband, had bought the ticket and put his wife's name on it. Margaret said "Sure I didn't think I'd have a chance of winning but we sent it off anyway."

The trip was for four people, two adults and two children, so on Friday, 17th December, Seán and Margaret headed to Dublin with their daughter Sharon (four and a half) and nephew Conor O'Brien (eight years) where they had dinner at a special function in the Montrose Hotel with the 49 other winners and then stayed over for the night eagerly awaiting their flight the next morning.

So, early on Saturday morning the Lyons set off with nephew Conor for Lapland, where their destination was the Lapponia Hotel in Rovaniemi, 500 miles from Helsinki.

On the flight, which took three and a half hours, the RTE crew found a star in Sharon, who amused them with her chit-chat, speaking of Santa's beard, calling it a "board". She thus was selected as one of the six kids to be interviewed by the Den team for their show on television which was to take place on Christmas Day.

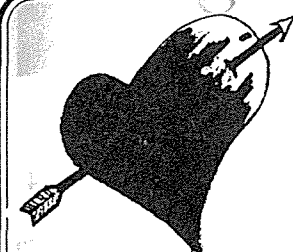
Saturday and Sunday were packed full of activities from sleigh rides to meeting Santa's reindeers and watching his elves at work. However, the highlight of the trip was meeting Santa himself.

Margaret and Seán said that Sharon was very shy in front of the RTE cameras but upon meeting her I'd never have guessed.

She said it was her first time on a plane and she really enjoyed it - "we watched Mickey Mouse films with our own earphones. Everyone was singing and laughing. Ciara (from the Den) was very funny and was my best friend. Everyone was clapping when we saw the snow falling out the window."

Then she went on to speak of Santa and his wife: "Santa's glasses were like yours," she said, "big brown glasses. His wife had roly-poly pigtails and had a fat tummy. She made us rice but I think she ate the most of it and that's why she was fat."

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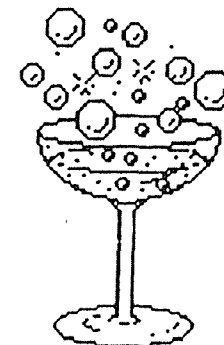
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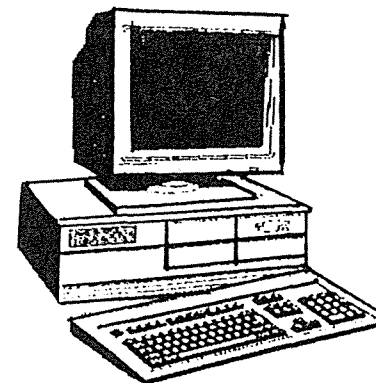
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She told Santa that she was a good girl and said what she wanted for Christmas but didn't forget to give Santa her sister Regina's letter, who couldn't go on the trip. He then gave her a lovely present of a big cuddly dog and a car.

I asked her about the reindeers and she said that "they were lazy and they wouldn't get up." However, she did have great fun on the sleigh with the huskies pulling her.

At night-time she spoke of going into the forest to see the elves with their little lanterns. She said: "They were dancing around, then falling down and going asleep." She really enjoyed this. She was very puzzled, however, as to why they were wearing slippers in the snow.

The family arrived back to Dublin on Sunday night, exhausted after their packed full weekend. Sharon, her cousin and Margaret and Seán really had a fantastic time and all Sharon can talk about is going back next year. Maybe the National Lottery will be lucky for them again!!



Sharon Lyons from Kingsbry, talking to santa in his home in Lapland



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## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Congratulations to Nicola Creighton on being awarded an Entrance Exhibition Scholarship by Trinity College. These awards are made to first year college students on the basis of their performance in their Leaving Certificate Examination results. Well done Nicola and we wish you well in your studies in T.C.D.

Well done to Mary Heanue who graduated this year from Maynooth College with a first class honours Science degree. Mary had the proud distinction of coming first in her class overall, and first in Maths/Physics as a result of which she was receiving the Nicholas Callan Award for experimental Physics. She now goes on to take a Masters and we look forward to another first class performance.

Morven Duffy has been selected by Prof. Laffey U.C.D. and Prof. Holland U.C.C. to participate in the team-squad who are to be trained to represent Ireland in an International Maths Olympiad. Morven along with others was selected on the basis of her excellent Maths results in the Junior Certificate last year. This a singular honour and at the end of this very stringent course the team will be selected. We wish Morven well in maintaining the fine Maths tradition of this school to the forefront.

And finally to our three young scientists for their project on the Julian Gregorian Calendar. A hearty well done. The judges were very impressed with the project and awarded them a highly recommended rosette. Apparently the U.C.D. Astrological Society are interested in acquiring the project for publishing. Well done Girls - All Girls!

Maynooth Post Primary School is in existence now since 1971. In the intervening years many students have gone through its scholarly doors and are continuing to do so in greater numbers. Not so long ago students from Leixlip, Palmerstown, Celbridge and Kilcock used to attend Maynooth Post Primary but are no longer doing so, partly because the school going population of Maynooth itself has greatly increased from 120 in 1971 to 673 in 1993 and partly because these towns over the years have happily got their own school.

In 1982 a large extension was built to cope with the increasing population and now once again another large extension is to be added this Spring. Included in this planned extension is a great hall which will be used primarily by the students in the school as a utility for assembly, lunch, discos, drama, retreats, meetings, study hall, exams etc etc., in other words a recreational extra curricular facility which any teacher in any school would confirm should be an essential feature of all schools.

To pay for this extra facility the staff in the school along with the parents association and past-pupils are holding a Monster Draw which hopefully will raise the necessary finance. The prizes are many and valuable as advertised elsewhere in this Newsletter and we are asking all the people of the town,

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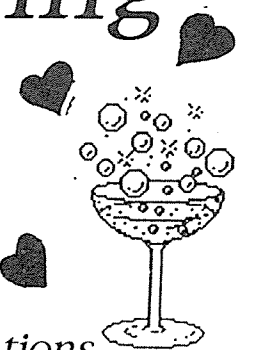
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existing parents of students in the school, past-pupils, former parents and future parents whose children will attend this school, local businesses and clubs to support our Draw by buying a ticket or selling a ticket or both. In our 23 years history we have given a very good service to the town and we are now looking for help in return.

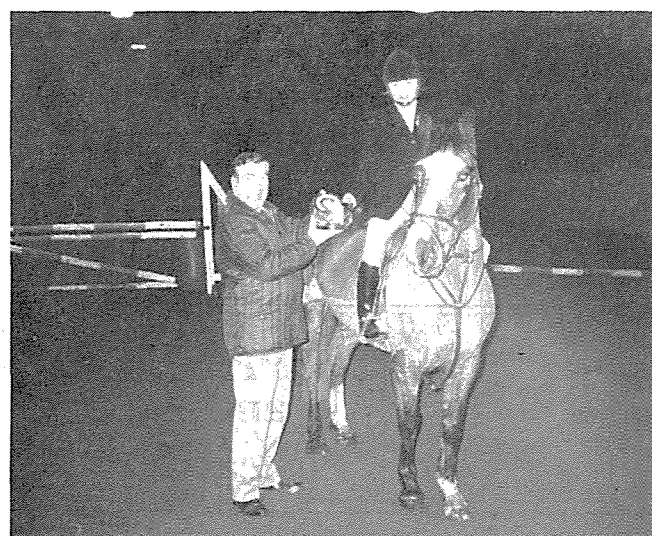
All students from Maynooth are unconditionally accepted and are brought to a high level of academic achievement. A great proportion of them go on to further education to universities all over Ireland and Britain while others get assistance in seeking employment apprenticeships etc.

It has always been a policy of the school to support local business by buying locally and many businesses in the town could bear witness to that. We are, in other words, a significant net contributor to the welfare of Maynooth in many ways. What we ask now is support for our plan to make the Educational facilities better for future generations of Maynooth students.

When the canvassers arrive at your door we ask you to support your local Post Primary School by buying a ticket and at the same time help yourself to a chance to win one of the many valuable prizes on offer.

### MAYNOOTH SHOWJUMPING WINNER

Miss Simone Leavy was winner of Maxi Showjumping Competition on her horse Castleknock Diamond and received the Dublin Crystal Trophy in Summerhill, Co. Meath on December 19th last. Simone competed against some of the top amateur riders in the country but she still overcame the odds. She is the daughter of Niall and Anne Leavy from Kingsbry. *Congratulations Simone.*



Simone with her pony Castleknock Diamond

### MINISTER PROMISES MAYNOOTH TO ACHIEVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL STATUS

Is the long struggle for Town Commission Status in Maynooth finally over. So it appears, according to the *Leinster Leader* which quotes Emmett Stagg, Junior Minister for the Environment as suggesting that Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth will become Urban District Councils possibly as early as June 1994. This is part of the review of local government by Michael Smith who in a letter to Maynooth Community Council indicated that a resolution of the Town Commission question was imminent. The *Leinster Leader* report suggests that the budget for each Urban District Council could be as high as three to four million pounds.

This would represent an excellent result for Maynooth Community Council which has been campaigning for Town Commission status for several years. Under this new legislation Maynooth would in fact gain the higher Urban District Council status. This would give Maynooth's elected representatives control over housing planning and engineering subject to central government restrictions.

Subsequent inquiries have indicated that the issue may not be as clear-cut as first appeared. Nothing has as yet been officially decided and it is probable rather than certain that Maynooth will see an up-grading of status. Moreover this is unlikely to happen until 1995 whilst the budget allocated to Maynooth Urban District Council will not be as high as originally thought. Sources quoted a figure of one million pounds subject to levels of activity as more probable.

This was confirmed by Emmet Stagg, who noted that Maynooth was one of only eight towns in Ireland which would be affected by the proposed changes, Celbridge and Leixlip being others.

Local reaction was generally positive. Bernard Durkan welcomed the Minister's statement but did express concern as to how such a council would be funded, noting this could result in an increase in local charges. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin expressed delight at the successful culmination of the long struggle.

Senan Griffin (current Chairperson) described the move as a positive development for Maynooth but also stressed the responsibility we would incur with UDC status. Gerard Brady was perhaps happiest of all. His response was "terrific, Leixlip Town Commission have done a marvellous job and we can do the same." Councillor McGinley believed that Maynooth could become an Urban District Council before June, noting, "it would be very easy for the Minister to grant this now", and that he hoped, "this would not be put on the long finger".

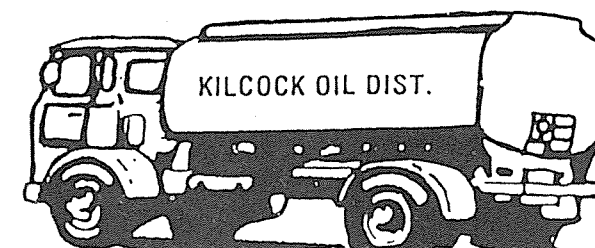
It is certainly to be hoped this will not occur and that the efforts of the Community Council will be rewarded with some degree of local independence by 1995.

John Drennan

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### POLITICAL EXCLUSIVE

In keeping with our tradition of public service and commitment to the truth, the Newsletter reveals in this issue secret correspondence indicating the fine work being carried out by the Kildare/Ballymagash Co. Council on our behalf. The author of this correspondence is the well known Councillor O'Mussolini.

Dear Minister,

Further to our last letter, which surprisingly you have not responded to, I would like to inform you of the important progress being made by me and others like me in the great task of national regeneration which seventy years after independence still lies before us.

The *Mediterraneanization* of the canal continues apace. Plans are well in hand to achieve 85% pollution status by 1995. The sewage pipes are in place and ready to motor and the brochures "Maynooth, A second Adriatic" have just been completed by the cousin Mick. We believe the uncompleted housing estates will also enhance the "Spanish resort effect", and we expect the set-up grant from the Department of Tourism any day now.

It is also intended to transform a section of the canal into a Saragasso theme park. The algae and weed plantation programme is progressing well with the aid of Joe the brother's piggery. Any chance of an EC grant for he is losing an awful amount of slurry and the times are hard.

The brother Manus is donating a few scrap cars, seven Quinnsworth trollies and a Co. Council bollard to create a montage approximately resembling a ship-wreck. We hope the total effect would also be similar to Jurassic Park and expect the cheque from the Film Board any day now.

The Saragasso theme project has run into one slight problem as unfortunately owing to the purity of the water all the eels have died. However, the Bombay sewer rats have taken to the water as a second home. Transport of these was costly and the Department of Transport will receive the bill any-day now. Disregard the fact that they squeak with a Limerick accent.

We would like to severely complain about the re-tarmacing of the C.A. road during the summer. This act of environmental vandalism has severely damaged the trade of the brother-in-laws garage and a nascent tourist trade. Last summer alone several busloads of Japanese and American tourists stayed for several hours, photographing these pot-holes until the helicopter came and winched them out.

The Uncle Michael's building company is doing its best to recreate this superb environmental landscape and we will be ready to re-open the pot-hole absailing centre any day now once the S.E.S. workers and Department of Environment grant arrives. We are sorry about the last inspector.

Finally the architectural dig at the site of the Thing is going well. Several valuable artefacts from the Chinese, Italian and

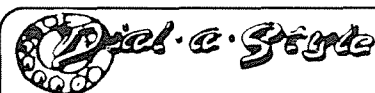
Grecian age have been discovered. Several Roman artefacts have also been discovered. The latter may have been designed by some unknown artist called Roost whilst there are several remnants with Leinster and Arms written on them so we presume they are from the Fitzgeralds. We do not know how valuable these artefacts are, but there is a terrible hum off them so they must be old.

The brother Seamus, the demolition contractor, is building a heritage centre once he receives the grant from the Department of Arts and Culture. This would be an exact replica of the Thing for which I presume the community will be properly grateful. Of course copying this unique design will be very expensive and I expect the grant to reflect this.

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Councillor O'Mussolini.



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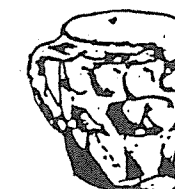
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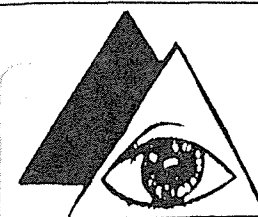
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### PREDICTIONS II

#### July:

Mick O'Dwyer resigns from Kildare team and takes a job of training Willie Healy's donkey. Kildare County Board says "we're better off without O'Dwyer" and appoint a joint management team of Ted Dexter and Graham Taylor. Kildare gives youth its fling in the 1st Round of the Leinster Championship with recalls for Pat Dunny and Tommy Carew whilst Larry Stanley is on the subs' bench in case things go wrong. The County Board pronounces itself cautiously optimistic and Kilkenny defeat Kildare 5-22 to 1-3, the bus-driver getting a hat-trick. The County Board announces "We don't miss O'Dwyer". Ted Dexter is heard muttering: "What is the stars, Seamus; what is the stars?" Unemployment goes below 200,000. Willie Healy's donkey wins Epsom Derby at 200/1.

#### August:

FG elect Eamonn Dunphy as new leader. Country laughs. Unemployment goes below 150,000. A reformed Bidy and Miley, two Swedish cultural refugees and Willie Healy's donkey win the Eurovision Song Contest with a witty little number, "Bam Bam Boom Boom Bang Bang Yahoo! Up Wickla Hee-Haw". A nation mourns and M. D. Higgins flees into exile. Eamonn Dunphy disguised as John Bruton sneaks into America and is admitted as a political refugee.

#### September:

Ireland wins World Cup 7-6 against Albania, late replacements for Germany. The recalled E. Dunphy scores seven from the spot and denies intimidating the referee. On being questioned on his decision to award Ireland nine penalties the referee smiles manically and repeats the same statement: "I am not a good referee, I am a great referee" before detonating a massive bomb which blows himself and the cream of British tabloid journalism up. The referee is posthumously knighted for his services to sport.

#### October:

A quiet month. Kildare are defeated 2-15 to 1-5 by the Kilkenny under 12 Junior B football team who play without the bus-driver for the 2nd half to give Kildare a sporting chance. Kildare County Board says: "We are making steady progress and we don't miss O'Dwyer or Fahy or Fitzgerald or Tomkins or ... or ... or ..."

Despite Willy Healy being the jockey the donkey wins the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Kentucky Derby and Monaco Grand Prix. Kildare County Board commit mass suicide. Albert Reynolds announces full employment and calls a general election.

#### November:

In a divisive campaign Northern Unionists threaten to re-unite with the South if Albert Reynolds is re-elected. This threat proves decisive and FG under Dunphy win an overall majority of 164 seats. Emmet Stagg is re-elected in Kildare.

#### December:

Not a good month. Dunphy announces his cabinet. Mick McCarthy becomes Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht. Eamonn Casey gets Finance. Tim Yeo Foreign Affairs and Alan Kernaghan Defence. Emmet Stagg declares Maynooth an independent socialist republic and applies for incorporation into Yemen. In an attempt at decisive government Eamonn Dunphy drops an atomic bomb on The Thing. This starts an ecological and subterranean chain reaction which owing to an unfortunate series of co-incidences results in the destruction of planet earth. Only The Thing survives, floating peacefully through space puzzling numerous aliens until an unfortunate collision with Star Trek results in the destruction of all other planetary life as we know it.

This completes the predictions for 1994. G'luck!



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### THE MIRACULOUS TWINS

Who'd ever have thought that at 4.30 a.m. on the 7th of January, two ambulance men from Maynooth would be faced with their first breech birth. Yes, on that morning twins were born unexpectedly to Marcella Connolly who was only expecting one little patter of feet. This wondrous occasion took place after the ambulance was called to Rail Park where Marcella's parents live. There was no time to get her to the hospital on time so it was full steam ahead for Padraig Kearney and Terry Fitzsimons from Maynooth ambulance service. Marcella's Mother assisted with the first birth with the help of the ambulance men. Padraig insisted: "It wasn't us who delivered them but Marcella herself, we just assisted." There wasn't much problem with the first delivery, which was a girl.

Then there was quite a shock to the mother, her parents, the father, David, his mother and the ambulance men alike. You see Marcella was told that there was only one child in the womb but to everyone's surprise it was realized that there was another one on the way. This was to be the ambulance men's first breech birth. They coped very well with the situation and a healthy boy was born. The ambulance brought both mother and her babies into the Coombe Hospital where full check-ups were done to ensure that all was well. They recuperated there until Thursday when they returned home good and healthy.

When speaking to Marcella I asked how she was coping with four children under three now whereupon she replied "well I haven't hung any of them on the line yet". . . She said her mother has been a great help in lightening the workload.

Both Marcella and her family wished us to thank publicly Maynooth ambulance service and especially Padraig and Terry who did a great job that night. May Marcella and family have health and happiness.



Terry Fitzsimons, one of the ambulance men, along with Padraig Kearney who assisted in the delivery of Marcella Connolly's twins

### WITNESS TO CAR THEFT

What would you do if you were walking home and saw two people suspiciously tampering with a car?

Well, that very thing happened to me on Tuesday, January 11th at 3 a.m. when going home through Meadowbrook towards Cluain Aoibhinn. I saw two guys in a car in front of me at one of the bridges crossing the Joan Slade in Meadowbrook. When they saw me coming they immediately stooped down as I passed by. I wondered what to do so I had to make an on the spot decision. I walked on about fifty yards and stopped, watching their every movement.

Then the fright came. The two of them jumped out of the car in fright and they weren't the only ones in fright. One of them obviously realised that they had been seen and said "Everything's alright, we just can't start our car." I smelt a rat and was going to ring on one of the doorbells, feeling that the car was belonging to one of the houses. But then I didn't know whether they were armed and thus felt I would be putting my own safety at risk. The two guys briskly got back into the car and, starting it up and taking off.

I ran briskly towards the telephone in Beaufield whereupon I rang 999 for the Gardaí. I reported the stolen car and gave as much information as I possibly could.

On Wednesday morning I went to Meadowbrook in search of the owners. I found the house and explained what happened in the early hours of that morning, giving them the same information as I gave to Emergency. I then went to the Garda station and repeated the same story, giving my name and phone number in both cases in case of further clarification.

The Gardaí told me that the car was found in Galway that day, a silver Opel Ascona, but were not able to disclose what condition it was in. Seemingly, there were a number of cars stolen in the North Kildare area that night. The owners were quite surprised on the return of their car that there was no damage and the only thing that was missing was the baby chair. They were really very lucky as a lot of cars would come back barely recognisable.

The Gardaí said that I did the right thing getting out of there and ringing 999 straight away. I wasn't able to give much information but what I gave may have been instrumental in the safe return of the car.

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This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds  
Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 18th February 1994 by 5pm.

## Features

### WRITING COMPETITION

The writers' **FORUM MAGAZINE** have recently advertised their 1994 original writing competition for unpublished works. Maybe there is a budding writer within you who would like to put pen to paper and, who knows, your recognition could bring you fame.

There are three categories in the competition:-

- a) Short Stories - up to 2,000 words
- b) Poetry - up to 40 lines
- c) Articles - up to 1,000 words.

The prizes are £250, £100 and £50 with three £10 consolation prizes in each category.

All winning entries will be published in Writers' **FORUM MAGAZINE**, Volume 2.

The closing date for the competition is 15th March 1994. For full details and entry form just send a stamped addressed envelope to Writers Forum (Dept. CL), 321 Pleck Rd., Walsall, West Midlands WS2 9HD.

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## Art & Music

### ROCK...GIGS... GIGS

The "Schitzophrenics have been quite busy with their gigs in the Students Union for the opening of the No Name Club on Saturday 22nd January and in Mullingar on Saturday 29th January.

On Tuesday 15th February they will be playing in Keanes Pub, Kilcloon. Lets hope they get good support from Maynooth.

Any other bands wishing to contribute articles on gigs should contact us here in our office on the Main St. (above Kehoes). Make sure items are in before copydate and that you leave a contact.

*John McLoughlin*



"The Schitzophrenics" who played at the opening of the No Name Club on January 22nd

### DEAR BERTIE

Dear Bertie,  
For weeks on end  
They do descend  
These endless troupes  
Of pressure groups  
Upon your door  
Their points to score  
Each do insist  
That on your list  
Their urgent case  
Take pride of place  
Might as well sock  
Against a rock  
Your head my son  
It can't be done  
There is no way  
On budget day  
Up in the Dáil  
To please them all  
They'd bellyache  
Should they partake  
Of the consummate cake  
Great budget, well done  
Love, Mother

by Tommy Campbell, Graiguepottle, Donadea



# VALENTINE'S

## LET ME CALL YOU THE ENCHANTER

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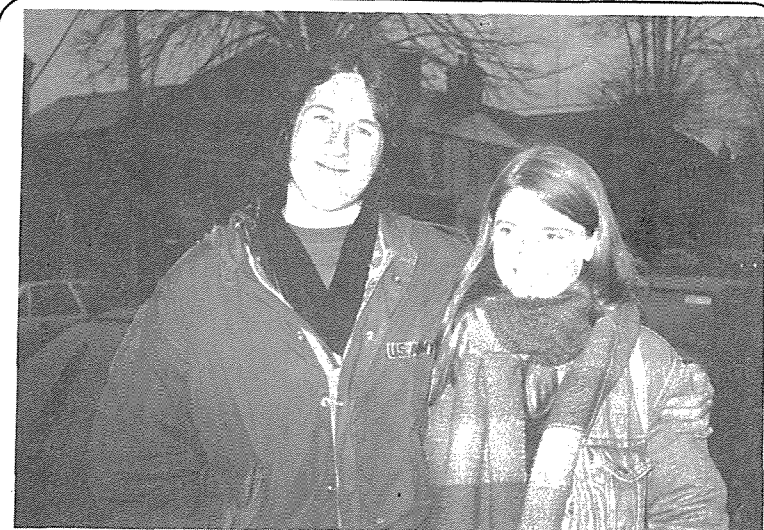
*Let me call you the enchanter,  
As I sit by the harbour.  
I recall your meaning  
Causing my heart to pour,  
Thoughts and dreams  
As myriad as the sands upon the shore.*

(ii)

*Looking at the reeds rustle,  
Like your hair,  
So many, many caresses,  
A million waves do bear.  
Under the eye of the bridge  
I see a world I cannot share.*

(iii)

*May this hour last forever,  
Though I shiver in the cold,  
To stop my heart from bursting,  
My arms I tightly fold.  
I'll wait for your footsteps  
If it takes 'til I grow old.*



Peter Loftus with his girlfriend Hillary Lawlor, Students in the College. Peter thinks it's great and that it should happen every week. He wishes his Ma a Happy Birthday on the day. They'll be going out for loads of pints. Peter wants something nice and cuddly while Hillary says that flowers wouldn't go astray along with a night out.

(iv)

*Like a lonely swan  
Resisting in the dark winds high,  
Numbed by the chill,  
Hears a distant cry.  
Hiding his webbed feet  
And with danger will not fly.*

(v)

*Like Lir's child  
Sensing your spirit  
The water tossing wild  
Like a creased sheet  
Words unable to prise  
The lid of love discreet.*

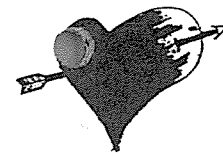
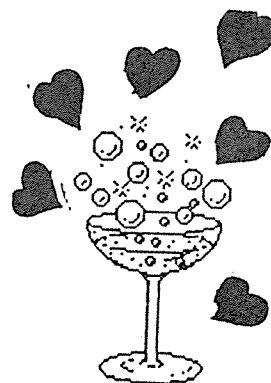
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*You don't know  
I wait upon this edge,  
Seeing bright reflections,  
Above the murky dredge.  
My sorrows written by busy pens  
Of scrawling reeds and sedge.*

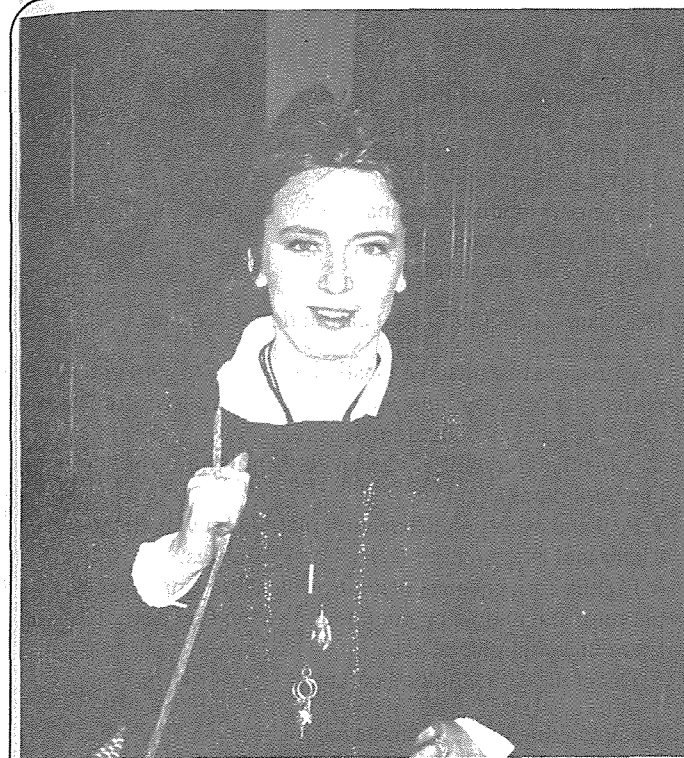
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*The fluffy clouds pass  
In the grey above,  
Wiping away each tear  
Of the angels of love  
After them, from this nadir  
Into the wind I shove.*

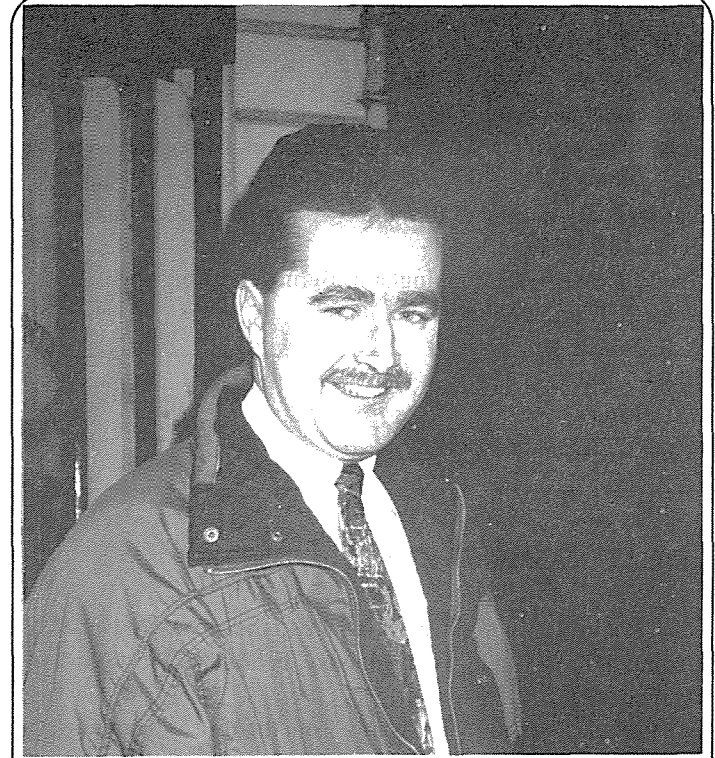
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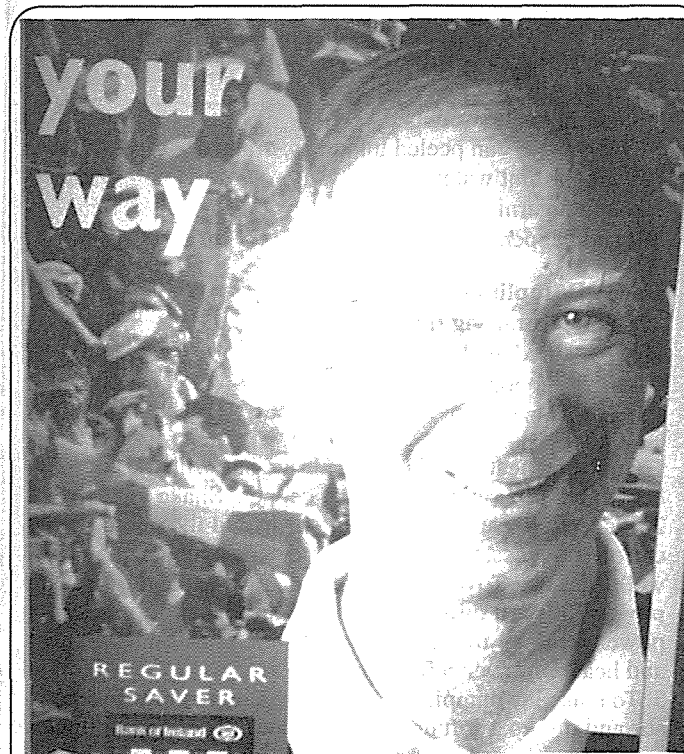
# Day



Michelle O'Connor, student in Maynooth says she doesn't like Valentines Day because she never got a card in her life (Ahh!) and she won't be doing anything romantic because she's not going out with anyone (Hey guys get your skates on!!). By the way fellas she would love a bunch of red roses.



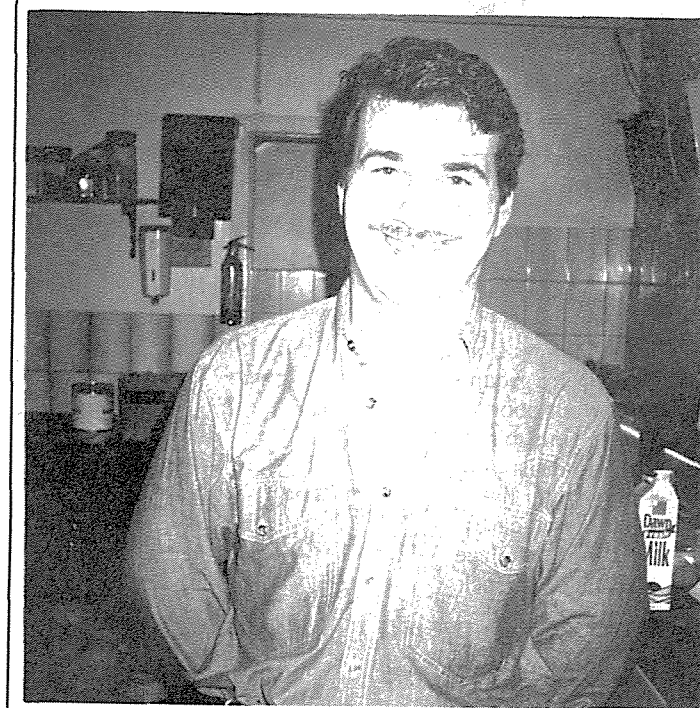
Martin Collins, Barman, Caulfields says its brilliant. He said he would probably be working but will more than likely go out for a meal or do something special. The present he would really like is a "Porsche" (Good Luck Martin)



We bumped into Jack Charlton in one of the local drinking houses. After asking him questions three times we still couldn't understand what he was saying and gave up. However we did pick up the words European and World Cup. I'm sure he'll find time for some romance.



Valerie Boylan, Nuzstop, says that it's lovely. She'll be heading out for a nice romantic meal with her husband. She would like her engagement ring reset with diamonds for a present. (How Sweet!!!)



Chris Cullen, Castlegate Restaurant says Valentine's Day may be a bit over commercialised but it's a good idea. He'll probably be working but will finish the day by going for a meal with his wife. What he'd like: "What can you get for the man who has everything" - but he would really like a romantic weekend away with his wife.



## DEVANEY ACADEMY OF SPEECH AND DRAMA

Congratulations to the following students from Maynooth who recently passed their Speech & Drama examination with honours in the Royal Irish Academy of Speech & Drama.

**Kindergarten:** Edel Barry, Clare Barry, Amy O'Connor, Gemma Hawthorne.

**Grade 1:** Michelle Cunningham, Bernadette Keigher, Lisa Murphy, Therese Nic An Airchinnigh.

**Well Done!**

M. Devaney

A.L.C.M. T.E.F.L. Dip.

## LOCAL RADIO WEEK

Local Radio KCI will once again take to the airwaves every evening 5.00-9.00 p.m. from Monday, February 21st - Sunday, February 27th inclusive.

This particular station will operate from the Kairos Communications Institute attached to St. Patrick's College and, as in previous years, will be available to listeners in Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock and, of course, Maynooth. All aspects of both community and commercial life in these areas will be given extensive coverage and it is hoped that every age group - from the most with-it to the ever so politically correct - will find that their particular interests are very well catered for. Full details on each day's programme schedule will be carried by local and provincial papers and displayed in the local shops including the frequency on which Radio KCI will be transmitted.

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15 ml/1 tablespoon rum

Decoration (150ml/5 fl.oz) carton double cream.

1. Crush the biscuits in a plastic bag with a rolling pin. Heat butter in a bowl on high power (650 microwave) for **2 minutes**. Add biscuits and bind together.
2. Line the greased flan dish with the mixture, chill or leave in a cool place to set.
3. Peel and evenly slice bananas, place in bowl with the sugar. Cover and heat on high power for **4 minutes**.
4. Lightly fork bananas breaking down into small pieces, add the rum, stir, and when cool pour into the flan case. Chill or leave in a cool place to set.
5. Decorate with whipped cream.

Total cooking time: 6 minutes

Utensils: 1 litre/1 3/4 pint bowl and 20 cm./8 inch flan dish.

### Country Stew with Herby Dumplings Serves 4

3/4 kg/1 1/2 lb braising steak.  
1 beef stock cube  
30ml/2 tablespoons flour  
salt and pepper  
1 onion, sliced  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
2 carrots, sliced  
2 medium potatoes, cubed  
1 (398g/14oz) can peeled tomatoes, drained  
300 ml/1/2 pint water  
1 bouquet garni  
salt and pepper.

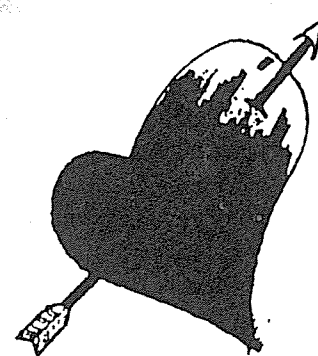
### Herby Dumplings.

50g/2oz self-raising flour  
25g/1oz shredded beef suet  
10ml/2 teaspoons dried or fresh parsley  
salt and pepper.

1. Cube the meat and place in a plastic bag with the crumbled beef cube, flour and the salt and pepper. Shake to coat.
2. Place the meat in the cooking dish, add the onion, garlic, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, water and the bouquet garni. Mix well. Season. Cover with cling film. Pierce the top. Heat on **power 10 for 10 minutes**. Give the dish a half turn. Heat on **power 5 for 10 minutes**. Give dish a half turn again. Stir and heat on **power 5 for 20 minutes**.
3. To make the dumplings place all the ingredients in a bowl, stir and mix to a soft dough with water. Turn onto a floured surface and form into 4 dumplings.
4. Stir the stew and add the dumplings. Heat on **power 5 for 20 minutes**. Rest for 5 minutes. Remove bouquet garni and serve.

Cooking time: 1 hour

Utensil: 3 litre/5 1/2 pint ceramic dish.



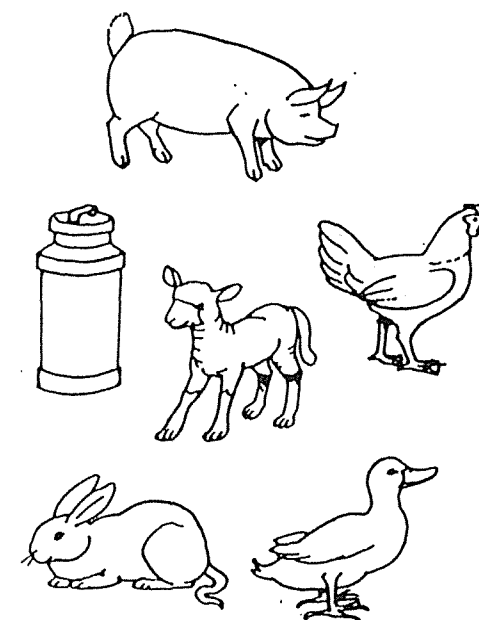
## Children's Corner



### Find the country from the hats



### Find the mistakes.



Answer: Pig has rabbit's tail, Churn has no side handle, Chicken has webbed feet, Lamb should have cloved feet, Rabbit has pigs tail, Duck has chicken's feet.

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- 1st Triona Cahill  
Leinster Park, Maynooth  
2nd Karen Hildabrand  
38 Rail Park, Maynooth  
3rd Alan Hardiman  
Dublin Road, Maynooth

### GARDENING HINTS

"If Winter comes can Spring be far behind" goes the old saying and certainly there are delightful indications in the garden (only!) that Spring is on its way, with crocuses, snowdrops etc. starting to emerge. The days have started to lengthen, and the extra light - and sometimes warmth - will start more plants into growth towards the end of the month. Lawns may need topping, no more, on a mild day when the soil is not waterlogged or frozen. If it is very wet, spiking to a 4-in depth with a garden fork is better treatment for the turf, and gives the grass roots a chance to breathe; later in the month worm casts may need sweeping off with a stiff broom.

#### Flower Garden

In sheltered places roses showing signs of breaking into leaf should be pruned quickly before they do; this applies of course to the hybrid teas and floribundas, and those climbers not yet cut back. Clematis, similarly, may be actually bursting. The early summer flowering varieties should be tipped back only, the later summer flowering kinds need cutting back hard to leave 3, 4 or 5 ft. of growth from ground level. They grow exceedingly vigorously in the next four months. As in January keep a vigilant eye open for unsteady shrub and tree supports. After gales, stakes and ties may need to be renewed, especially in exposed gardens. Be sure to firm the soil around wind-rocked plants.

Weeds, of course, may also be starting to grow and it is best to hoe them off or otherwise eradicate them before they get into their stride - it is so much easier to do and quicker, when they are at the seedling stage, or when they have a weak winter hold on the soil. In the growing season it sometimes takes all one's strength to detach a well-grown weed from the ground.

A pleasant job for a dull February day is pruning many of the shrubby plants, for instance fuchsias, preparatory to top-dressing or re-potting next month just as growth is starting. Flower seeds to sow are ageratum, impatiens, nemesia and petunia, in fact all sorts of half-hardy bedding plants for out of doors so that they can be brought on early and planted out at the end of May. Give them a temperature of 60° -70°F (16°-21°C); a propagating frame which can be heated will be needed if the greenhouse is a cool one. Sweet peas can be sown if missed out in the general rush in the autumn and will flower in early July.

Very cold snaps can be a seasonal dismay and the temperature may fall to 20° or 30° F (10 or 15° C) below freezing, quite unexpectedly, so listen to weather forecasts, follow your own knowledge and experience of local weather conditions, and prepare to increase the greenhouse heat accordingly. Many precious plants are lost by just one night's severe cold. But, unless this kind of Arctic climate is expected, always ventilate the greenhouse, so that grey mould does not ravage the plants and be ready to spray if troubles appear.

#### Vegetable Garden

If one's stomach rules one's gardening, then vegetable and fruit growing is another branch which will take up a good deal of time. Vegetables are an essential constituent of diet; home-grown ones are much better than shop sold (or soiled) ones for flavour and nutrient contents, crispness and general deliciousness. Sowing vegetable seeds now will give crops much earlier than usual; for instance, French beans, Brussels sprouts, cucumbers, carrots, radishes, tomatoes, leeks and lettuces, cauliflowers and broad beans will all germinate well in a temperature of 60°F (16°C) and more.

Before the season really begins a quick review of last year's pests and diseases will help in the battle against them this year. Spray with the appropriate deterrent as soon as leaves unfold, if there was trouble last season, otherwise leave the plants alone but keep a vigilant eye on them.

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## Hobbies & Interests

### IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY INFORMATION

The Liffey Valley Branch of the Irish Wildbird Conservancy have resumed activities following the Christmas break. We held our traditional New Year's Day outing at Bull Island, which was very well attended. The first of January '94 was fine but very cold and windy. Those who braved the weather and in some cases hangovers were well rewarded with hundreds of brent geese and flocks of assorted ducks and waders, including widgeon, teal shelduck, a few pintail, curlew, toy like sanderling, a kestrel hovering just above our heads and only a few yards away . . . and more, a nature lover's paradise. To round things off, the Bull Island Nature Reserve's wildlife ranger, Pat Corrigan, came out to the Spa Hotel, Lucan, on Tuesday, January 18th, at 8 p.m. and gave us a fascinating talk and slide show on the management and wildlife of the reserve. As usual, the Spa Hotel staff looked after us very well. We have an outing to Corkagh Park, Clondalkin, on Saturday, 22nd January, at 10.30 a.m. Birds to look out for at the moment include goldfinch, redpoll, siskin, fieldfare and redwing, not forgetting our more common birds such as greenfinch, chaffinch, blue and great tits, robins, thrushes, etc. The IWC is currently looking for new members so if you do not recognise any of these birds you are more than welcome to join.

#### Feed the Birds

If IWC membership isn't for you, you can still help by feeding wildbirds in your garden during the winter months. Peanuts, wildbird seed (available from most garden centres, pet shops and some supermarkets), kitchen scraps, apples, etc., will all help. You will be amazed at the number of species you can attract into your garden. More information about feeding wild birds and all aspects of the IWC's activities including how to become a member from **The Irish Wildbird Conservancy, Ruttledge House, 8 Longford Place, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. Tel. 01/2804322, fax 01/2844407.**

#### Meetings

You are also very welcome to attend any of our meetings or outings, which are free and open to the general public.

Local information from Brendan, tel. 6272621, or Fridolin, tel. 573698.

#### Liffey Valley Branch: Programme for February 1994:

**Tuesday, February 15th:** "Birds of the Four Seasons", slide show and talk by Oran O'Sullivan, IWC General Manager. Venue: Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co. Dublin. Time: 8 p.m.

**Saturday, February 19th:** Outing to Brittas Ponds and Blessington Lakes. Meet: Green Isle Hotel car park, 10.30 a.m. Bring wet weather gear and boots/walking shoes. Lunch if required.

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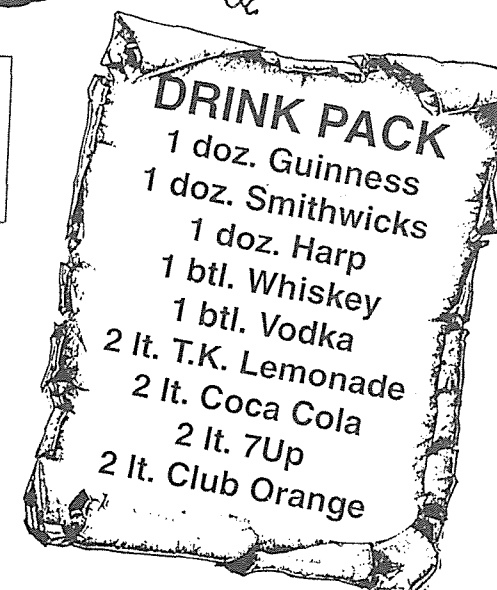


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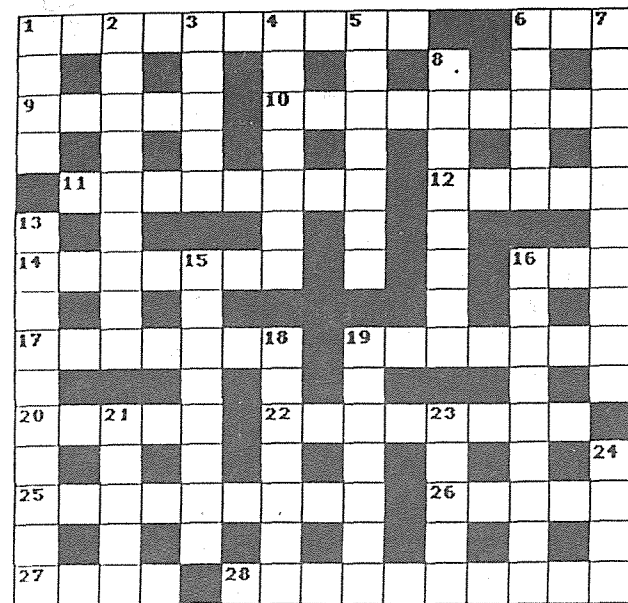
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### Across:

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6. Colourful Hubert in the shade (3)
9. O! Reap the musical (5)
10. There's plenty of cakes doing the Rumba! (9)
11. It creeps to get Bill's acknowledgment (8)
12. Centering the limb ye might end up reading a poem (5)
14. The price for the dangerous gas is a scented aroma (7)
16. Being fifth, a note was sent to Mozart (3)
17. See, the easterner is in the middle of the Rumba with a great beat (7)
19. Dud in the Islamic ruler's force could make things dirtier (7)
20. The cigarette with no nicotine on the church table (5)
22. A watery sound to the clock for sports (8)
25. In the electric cable in the small particle one may get the angle on this (9)
26. In the east An Post is a bit awkward (5)
27. Plays around with towards positive answers (4)
28. String along at ease towards the unreactives (5,5)

### Down

1. Golf club press report (4)
2. The public relations officer took a bad free but ended with a coloured more likeable ending (9)
3. A hint for the marathon after tea (5)
4. Parking in the middle of a test for the French man for instance (7)
5. See our opening service for the swift horse (7)
6. Therefore he took a chance at the end (5)
7. Always youth work present all around? (10)
8. Ted raved and drew attention to himself (8)
13. See I twice staple the expert (10)

15. Nun reved into the back of a bus which caused her to lose courage (8)
16. Blue birds turned to French beloved ones to find the dresses seams? (9)
18. No, I thank the Frenchman back for great joy (7)
19. A crier on mountains in County Down? (7)
21. Thank Fianna Fáil for the positive reply to the Welshman (5)
23. G.I. from the North may make an object (5)
24. Is it the right answer? (2,2)

### Solution to Crossword No. 74:

#### Across:

1, Three dozen. 6, Moo. 9, After. 10, Ingrained. 11, Dressing. 12, Boyer. 14, Opinion. 16, Two. 17, Edgings. 19, Rostrum. 20, Fable. 22, Imprison. 25, Incidents. 26, Dream. 27, Ease. 28, Trespasser.

#### Down:

1, Trap. 2, Returning. 3, Earns. 4, Opinion. 5, Engaged. 6, Money. 7, Order forms. 8, Babblers. 13, Dole office. 15, Innuendo. 16, Turnovers. 18, Skinner. 19, Reposes. 21, Bucks. 23, India. 24, Emir.

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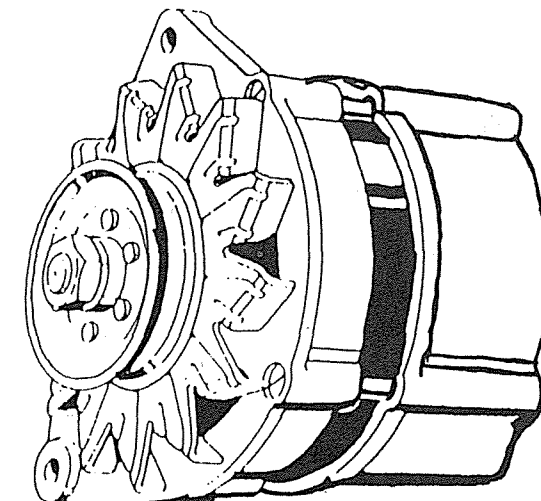
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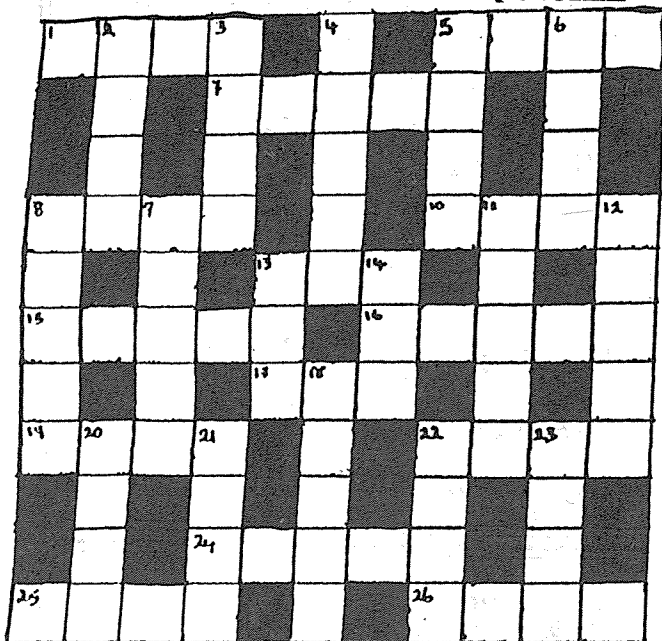
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## Across:

- 1) A freshening sweet (4)
- 5) The end of a prayer (4)
- 7) Detested (5)
- 8) No in the South West may remind you of a white Christmas (4)
- 10) Long hair on the horse's neck (4)
- 13) Not old (3)
- 15) The present time (5)
- 16) A water mammal (5)
- 17) A pair (3)
- 19) Tots up (4)
- 22) The aftermath of a cut (4)
- 24) The beginning (5)
- 25) A place to buy things (4)
- 26) Current affairs (4)

## Down:

- 2) A holy picture (4)
- 3) To melt (4)
- 4) Taste what the Americans say (5)
- 5) Eve's partner (4)
- 6) Where 5 down was (4)
- 8) He came last month (5)
- 9) Possessed (5)
- 11) The top of the house (5)
- 12) Mistake (5)
- 13) Fish catcher (3)
- 14) To seek the affection of (3)
- 18) Cries (5)
- 20) To move hastily (4)
- 21) A quick photo (4)
- 22) Scrutinise carefully (4)
- 23) In a different way (4)

## COLLEGE GREEN F.C. -

## "The Next Generation"

## ("The Voyage Back to Sanity")

The following is a randomly selected group of words, assembled in particular order, in response to Mr. John Drennan's article in the January edition. A cynical reader might have detected a touch of sarcasm in Mr. Drennan's piece, but perish such an unworthy thought. I have been instructed by the Board of College Green F.C. to set a few, minor, factual details straight. Otherwise the Board gave John's article the (dreaded) vote of confidence, as Board's are prone to do.

John is right in that the "boys in green and white" have not folded. But the rumour of us joining Serie A of the Italian League is a baseless lie, put about by certain disreputable media elements. Joining a professional league would be anathema to a club such as ours, who in the best Corinthian tradition would regard ourselves as gentlemen, rather than "players". But what we can reluctantly reveal is that the club is in fact a modern day re-incarnation of the Tuatha De Danaan! By use of certain esoteric powers we once more became the Sluagh Sidhe (which I refuse to translate between these parentheses, on the grounds of possible misunderstandings which could prove incriminating), on leaving the Meath and District League. Taking our secrets and mysterious ways with us we entered an occult realm (known well to Richard McDonnell, who lives there permanently) where we practise the black arts (Guinness drinking) to this day.

The entrance to this ethereal netherworld is of course to be found in that well-known Bronze Age ritual site, known locally as "The Thing". Admission can be gained by giving the stygian gatekeeper the password - "What are you having, Fran Walsh?" What the author of last month's prediction column in the Newsletter forgot to warn us of, was of course the dreadful curse which will fall upon Maynooth when "The Thing" is finally demolished. The King Tut/Carter affair will pale into insignificance by comparison!

So much for us. Now back to John Drennan's article. Our joint managers, Paul Broughan and Tony O'Connor, never shifted anything in Kinnegad - they might have indulged in a spot of light opera in Carnaross, exchanged Greek puns in Bailieboro and debated obscure points of existentialist dogma in Baliinlough; but shifting in Kinnegad, no. Imagine the distress you caused their wives, John.

There is nothing wrong with sheep farming. John Hughes and Philip Purcell are now both well established members of this venerable profession. Phil "Drabble" Purcell we used to call him. The cry of "Martin Dolphin" still resonates across the hillsides of Blackrock each time John Hughes lines up to take a free kick at one of his flock. John and Phil are now available for bookings for the 1994 Nativity Play season.

Ciaran McGroarty never "skipped", nor crossed from the 'right wing'. Firstly, he floated rather than skipped. Secondly, Joe Buckley can't ever recall a cross, as such. Thirdly, McGroarty, being very P.C. was as likely to venture down the right wing as a fascist attending a barmitzvah. Fourthly, Ciaran never scored a hat-trick in his life. Most of his goals resulted from incidents where the actual goalscorer, usually Ray Broughan,

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was rendered unconscious by a miscued overhead kick delivered by his own number 10. Custodian of the nets, bon vivant and Kingsbry's Daniel Day Lewis lookalike one Malachy McCann, scored more often than the "Moville Marauder".

Seekers after truth will no doubt be enraptured to learn that Paul Broughan has converted from the role of libero to that of a free thinking full back with Moynalvey A.F.C. in the Meath and District League. Tony O'Connor has converted to natural gas and plays the pivotal role of centre half for the same club. Cluain Aoibhinn's matinee idol, Aidan Siggins, plays (loosely) under the name of "Zico" for the south Meath Maestros. The combined transfer fee for the three has made College Green rich beyond avarice and will enable us to send Terry Healy to Lourdes for the cure. Paddy McGovern is still available for office parties and the 1994 panto season. Peter Connell, our last surviving unreconstructed left-sided player, is living in Havana (a fictitious small hamlet outside Navan) and claims to be working full time for the Newsletter. Eanna O'Boyle is living as a hermit somewhere near Valencia and he puzzles his family (decent Duleek folk who worry about him) and former colleagues with mysterious postcards every couple of months - something to do with pursuing Holy Grails. Joe Buckley, the Allan-A-Dale of the troupe, is writing the history of College Green F.C., "Camelot Revised" with himself in the Lancelot role, no doubt. The whereabouts of other members of the merry band is a closely guarded secret, which can only be revealed in extreme circumstances, or upon payment of a large bribe to the writer. However, despair not. Seven(teen) Samurai like, the hosts of College Green will reassemble at the end of the millennium and do battle with the Milesians, Formhoire, or Ratoath Harps 4ths (whichever may be available). We are prepared to mix passes, metaphors, myths, paradox and cocktails with the best of them. All the foregoing is written without the benefit of discussing football - why break with tradition. If there is anything worse than writing about amateur football, then surely that must be having to read about it. Farewell, John Drennan.

Yours (not) in Sport,

Declan Forde,

Chairman and P.R.O. (for life),

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## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

The Club held it's Annual General Meeting on Sunday 16th January 1994 in Club House. Outgoing Chairman Mick Gillick who was re-elected gave a comprehensive report on all aspects of our club during 1993. He complimented all teams hurling and football for their effort during 1993 and hoped that 1994 would be a better year.

The secretary Noel Farrelly presented a very comprehensive report on all events and activities for 1993. He thanked the various committees, selectors, sponsors and all trainers of teams.

Treasurer Mick Gleeson reported on a successful year in the running cost of the club. He thanked his fellow officers and all who helped him during 1993.

## Officers elected for 1994

**Patron:** Fr. Brendan Supple

**Presidents:** Jimmy Treasy, Phil Brady, Jim Nolan, Josie Murphy, Dinny Breen.

**Vice Presidents:** Tim Twomey, Ollie Reilly, Phil Burke.

**Chairman:** Mick Gillick. **Vice Chairman:** Mick Caden

**Secretary:** Noel Farrelly. **Assistant Secretary:** Tommy Fay

**Treasurer:** Mick Gleeson. **Assistant Treasurer:** Jimmy McLoughlin

**P.R.O.** Tommy Fay.

**Registrar:** Madeline Stynes.

**Hurling Chairman:** Roddy Molloy.

**Football Chairman:** John Nevin

**Executive Committee:** Kieran Diggins, Patrick Farrell, Bernie Leacy.

**Juvenile Committee:** Chairman: Pat Nevin, John O'Rourke, Roddy Molloy, John Nevin, Sean Molloy, Pat Comerford.

**Bar & Social Committee:** Chairman: Michael O'Riordan, Ben Mee, Patsy Dunne, Tom Coffey, Padraig Ward, Mick Gleeson, Mick Gillick.

**Finance Committee:** Chairman: Mick Kelly, Jim Lawlor, Seamus Nevin, Madeline Stynes, Ollie Geoghegan, Bernie Leacy, Richard O'Malley.

**Ground's & Development:** Committee, Chairman: P.J. Bennett, Dan O'Driscoll, Seamus Nevin, Dominic Nugent.

**Handball Committee:** Sean Donovan, Pat Nevin.

**Camogie & Ladies Football:** Chairman: John Nevin

**Junior 'A' Manager:** Kevin Connolly.

**Junior 'B' Manager:** Martin Donnolly.

**Under 21 Manager:** Joey Edwards.

Our main aim for 1994 is (1) To win a Junior Football Championship. (2) To develop our grounds and have a good playing surface for all our teams. (3) The promotion of camogie and ladies football. (4) To get more of our members and under age players to play handball.

## Lotto Results 12/12/93

Numbers: 1 - 6 - 16 - 24. No winner. Jackpot £555

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Turkey: Mick Caden, Ham: Shay Tyrrell, Whiskey: Noreen Nevin.

## Lotto Results 2/1/94

Numbers: 11 - 17 - 21 - 24. No winner. Jackpot £666.  
5 x £10 Brian Curtis, J. Dowwery, J. Donnolly, L. Leacy, Lorraine Dempsey.

## Lotto Results 9/1/94

No winner: Jackpot £700.  
Numbers: 7 - 10 - 13 - 21  
5 x £10 Jim Ryan, Anna Whelan, M.C. Dempsey, Peggy Edwards, Mick Moynihan.

## Lotto Results 16/1/94

No winner: Jackpot £750  
Numbers: 3 - 10 - 14 - 19  
5 x £10 Liam Leacy, Bernie Leacy, May Haron, P. Treacy, Mrs. A. Treacy.

Tommy Fay  
P.R.O.

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS 1993

People have been heard to say that "there is nothing for young people to do in Maynooth". However, it can be seen that in the sports area there is a wealth of activities. Youngsters should make better use of the facilities and activities provided through the work of large, dedicated and selfless army of volunteers, working on behalf of the various sporting organisations. Here are some of the highlights of the year 1993.

### The G.A.A. Club

Maynooth G.A.A. saw new success at underage level. In football the under 14's boys won a historic victory, winning the Kildare league by beating Celbridge in October. The team and mentors Michael Gillick, Mick Melia and Manus McCarron celebrated in style.

The Boy's National School is decorated by the two cups won by the under 10 and 11 teams. Michael O'Connell and Gerry McBride saw a good year's pickings. The under 10 club team also won the North Kildare League. The work of Kevin Connolly, Denis McDermott, Ollie Geoghan, Pascal Ennis and John Campbell is paying dividends.

There are great prospects in hurling, both the minor and under 16 teams recorded historic victories bringing cups back to Maynooth and bridging gaps of up to 30 years. Mentors Pat Nevin, Kieran Diggins and Roddy Molloy are well pleased with their charges.

The under 21 team made it to the semi-finals of the Kildare Championship however, the same squad will be available for next years campaign.

The junior 1st team made it to the semi-finals of the league. They won the Hugo Lyons and Farrell cups. This relatively young squad trained by Kevin Connolly are knocking hard on the door of success and are well regarded throughout Kildare. Likewise, the junior Boys team finished high in the rankings. The outing of the year was to Aughawilliam in Leirim where Maynooth beat the Connaught finalists.

## Soccer

This coming year the Maynooth Town A.F. C. are celebrating twenty-five years of their existence in their present form. This club was formed by the amalgamation of Ballygoran U.T.D. and Maynooth St. Mary's in 1969. Their highlight of 1993 was the trip to Old Trafford on May 3rd by twenty-six of their members to see their favourite team Manchester United lift the cup.

In the summer they ran two successful tournaments. In the Joe Murphy Memorial Cup, Robert Thompson's Scousers Army beat Brady's, The Clock House. Whilst in the Patsy Byrne Memorial cup the winning team was captained by the late Patsy's son Martin.

During the year the under 14 boys' team won the Dublin District Schools League South. Their player of the year was Martin Byrne.

The girls' u/18 team (which is essentially an u/16 team) were finalists in the Leinster Ladies' League, guided by Francis Kearney and Shelly Breslin.

The senior teams finished high in the rankings in the Leinster Cup and Shield. The 1st team player of the year was Paul Byrne and the 2nd team player of the year was Ray McTiernan. Club mentors such as Lenny Murphy, Gerry Folan, Michéal Dempsey, Tom Dempsey, Mick Hegarty, Tony McMahon, Frank McCarrick, Johnny Thompson are determined to ensure their success continues.

## Athletics

Maynooth Athletic Club is no stranger to national records or glory. In the track and field series Maynooth cleaned up in the Kildare championships.

In the Leinster championships gold medals were won by Patrick O'Rourke u/10 long jump, David Campbell 60m hurdles, Patrick King in 60m. Declan O'Rourke won two gold medals in 300m and 600m events, Conor Diggins won bronze in 300m and 600m.

In the All-Ireland Finals in Cork, Maynooth won 5 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze medals. All-Ireland gold medals were won by Patrick O'Rourke in u/10, 60m and 80m. David Campbell took gold in the u/12 long jump, silver in 600m and high jump. Patrick King won the u/10 60m gold. Karl Ennis won the u/13 walk. Bronze medals were won by Declan O'Rourke (injured) and Mary O'Sullivan in u/13 100m. John O'Rourke continues to grow in stature on the track winning gold in the Phoenix Park Half Marathon 0/35 and Kildare medals. Club trainers are John Campbell, John O'Rourke, Mick Gleeson, Dan Commene and Pat King.

The Terry Fox run on the 17th October was won by Dara Clear and Sharon Harte. John O'Reilly of Maynooth Post Primary School won a sports scholarship to U.C.D. He was All-Ireland Schools Champion in the 800m between 1990 and 1992.

## Community Games

Over 200 children participated on Sunday 16th May in the G.A.A. field. Many new faces were introduced to athletics and may become names for the future. Maynooth went on to win two gold medals in the Kildare finals and trips to Mosney. They were: Karl Ennis in walk and Conor Diggins in U/12 600 m. In a controversial decision our u/12 relay team of P. O'Rourke, C. Diggins, D. Campbell and P. King having finished first were deemed disqualified by a zone judge.

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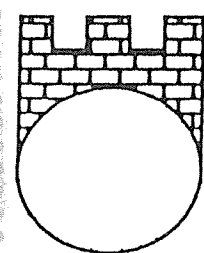


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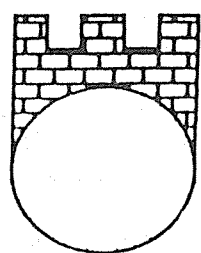
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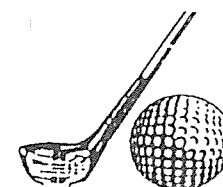
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## Pitch and Putt

Tom and Tony Bean opened a new Pitch and Putt course on the Dunboyne Road in March this year. The 1st Festival Tournament was won by Sean and John Fagan of Woodlands, Maynooth. Michael Quinn and Matt O'Callaghan organised the event. The course record of 48 was set by Gerry Power of Celbridge.

## Summer Project

The Summer Project provided an invaluable array of sporting activities such as soccer, bowling, tennis, pitch and putt and swimming etc.

## Tae Kwon Do

Maynooth has the benefit of 3rd Dan Instructor Gerard McClelland who is also instructor and manager of the Irish team. For the first time since its opening in 1985 the school has won two 2nd Dan Black Belts. The winners were Séan Foy Leinster Cottages and Antoinette Mooney.

## Swimming

This year the club celebrated its 21st anniversary with a successful summer gala. It continues to ferry youngsters to the Stewards sports Centre for swimming lessons and their efforts may save lives in the future.

## Circuit of Ireland Rally

Local men Michael Smallwood and David Noone, backed by strong local sponsorship, finished in a highly respectable 23rd place in the rally. Motorsport came to Maynooth on 15th June at Doyle's Mart for the Festival Trials. It is regarded as a major coup for Maynooth.

## Gymnastics

Gymnastic classes are available in Maynooth Parish Hall courtesy of Des Hogan, Monday 3 - 5 p.m.

## Tug - o' - War

Five teams competed in the Summer Festival tournament. In the mens' section the winners were Larry McEvoy's Leinster Arms B team. The womens' section was won by Helen's Hair Affair team. On October 17th the Hitchin' Post Cup was won by Bradys, the Clock House, beating Westmeath teams from Riverstown and other local outfits.

## Boxing

New York based Jimmy McMahon, from Mulhussey, Maynooth continued his unbeaten run over 13 bouts as a professional welterweight by beating Dave Lovell (England) in the Basketball Arena in Tallaght on September 24th. The event was witnessed by over five hundred fans from the Maynooth and Meath area. He began his career with Kilcock Boxing Club.

## Kilcloon Ladies' Football

Kilcloon beat five teams on their way to the semi-finals of the Meath Junior League. Three of the squad were promoted to county level. Karen Nolan rallied the cause.

## Cycling

The main event was the participation of two local men Pat Carr and Ian Hayes in a charity cycle from Malin Head to Mizen Head. Pat's bike was nicknamed "the gate". The C.Y.S. Maynooth College participated in a fund raising cycle to Galway and back (250 miles) on 10th October. Maynooth Boys' National School ran a sponsored cycle involving 200 participants.

## Badminton

Our local club trains in the Parish Hall and their 1st team won their section of the Dublin Novice Shield. They enjoyed considerable success in the Tallaght League. Highlights of snooker, rugby and greyhound racing will be reported on in next issue.

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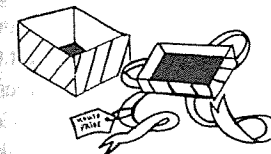


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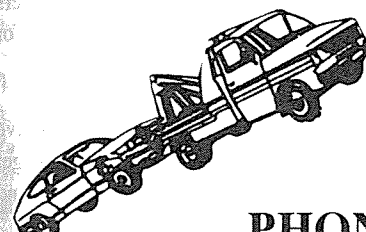
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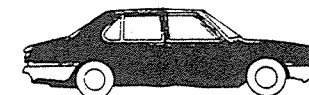
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## Political Party Notes

### DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

#### BY-PASS ACCESS ROAD

At the January meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Democratic Left, grave concern was expressed at the fact that work has not begun on the upgrading of the Straffan Road as far as the new by-pass, which is due to open in early 1995. Even if work was to begin right away, there is no way that it will be completed in time.

The opening of the by-pass will lead to a major increase in traffic flow on the Straffan Road, passing through Maynooth's main residential area. Major dangers to motorists, pedestrians and especially children will be created if the proposed improvements are not in place by then. These include wider footpaths, cycle lanes, traffic lights, and screening walls between housing estates and the road.

In addition, there will be absolute chaos if the improvement work is in progress after the by-pass is opened. Given that planning of the Straffan Road upgrading began some ten years ago, it is ridiculous that it has not got under way to coincide with work on the by-pass. Councillor Catherine Murphy is taking up the issue as a matter of urgency with the County Engineer.

#### URBAN COUNCIL STATUS FOR MAYNOOTH?

The meeting welcomed recent reports that Maynooth, along with Celbridge and Leixlip, may be accorded Urban District Council status in the forthcoming review of local government. It is entirely unsatisfactory that a town of Maynooth's size has no statutory form of local government of any description.

The meeting also ridiculed claims by the Labour Party that they are the only party with a chance of gaining three seats on Leixlip Town Commission in the elections scheduled for next June. In the previous election, the Democratic Left candidates got considerably more votes than did the Labour Party. In the last County Council elections, the Democratic Left and Labour Party votes in Leixlip were almost identical, even with Emmet Stagg in the field for Labour. Democratic Left is confident that they will be the party with three seats in Leixlip after next June's elections.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The meeting passed a vote of sympathy to former Branch Chair, Proinnsias Breathnach, on the recent death of his father.

### FINE GAEL NOTES

#### BACKBENCHER OF THE YEAR

Over the years Bernard Durkan's performance at both Dail and Constituency level has been high-lighted on many occasions by Political correspondents when reviewing the contribution of T.D.s to Dail debates and legislative matters. Last year was no exception. In his review of political performances in 1993, Irish Times correspondent Drapier, assisted by some colleagues, have voted Bernard Durkan, Backbencher of the Year. The choice was unanimous. Bernard received

the award for "his enthusiasm, his belligerence, his suspicion of all utterances ministerial, his contagious good humour and his ability to relate legislation to everyday problems". In concluding Drapier states that he "knows this award will be a popular one".

Besides performing well in the Dail, Bernard Durkan also undertakes a phenomenal amount of work for his constituents. This was highlighted in recent weeks when he was successful in preventing the eviction of a young mother and her children by one of the Building Societies. This is but the tip of the iceberg, many hundreds of problems are dealt with privately and confidentially. Should you wish to consult Bernard on a matter of concern to you contact him at his weekly clinic at the Roost on Saturdays at 4.00p.m. approximately.

#### LOCAL CHARGES

The hypocrisy of both government parties in introducing a bill on Ethics in politics is highlighted by their attitude to local charges. Some years ago Fianna Fail in an election manifesto undertook to abolish local charges. What happened? Nothing!

The Labour Party have for years orchestrated a campaign against local charges. Nowhere has this campaign been more actively promoted than in Kildare. It is therefore difficult to understand Minister of State Emmet Stagg's attitude to these charges now that he is in government. When Kildare Co. Council wrote to him to ask if the Government would make up the shortfall in revenue if local charges were abolished he replied as follows: "As Minister for Housing and Urban renewal, I have no statutory or legal competence in the matters raised by you and it would, therefore, be inappropriate for me to comment on same"

In view of this reply Labour Councillors should either give up the empty charade of opposing local charges or else get their colleagues in the government to do the ethical thing and abolish them completely.

#### FLOODING OF MEADOWBROOK/PARSON ST.

Concern was expressed at a recent meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael that flash floods could become a problem in the Meadowbrook/Parson St. area due to the draining of water from the by-pass into the Joan Slade river. It was felt that the speed with which heavy rain would drain off the motorway could cause temporary flooding in the area. Bernard Durkan was asked to raise the matter with the County Engineer.

### MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### Bollards Greenfield

The County Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that he had received a number of solicitors letters questioning the legality of the Council's action. The Council's solicitors are looking into it. Minister Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have urged the County Engineer to proceed with the erection of the bollards immediately. continued

## Political Party Notes

#### Taking in charge of Kingsbry Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the work to finish Kingsbry Estate will be started in April at the earliest.

Cllr. John McGinley has advised Kildare County Council that this is totally unacceptable and that it is essential that work begin in April at the latest.

#### Completion of Moyglare Village Estate

John McGinley had asked Kildare County Council to put serious pressure on the builder to complete the Moyglare Village Estate. An enforcement order was issued by the Council last May and the next step is the calling in of the Bond.

#### Public Lighting at the Harbour

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley the County Engineer has agreed that this area would benefit from additional lighting and he has included it in the Maynooth Plan.

#### Maynooth Plan

As advised previously, Cllr. John McGinley tabled a motion to the Celbridge Area Committee of the council which called for the following.

- Paving of footpaths
- Undergrounding E.S.B., Telecom and T.V. Cables
- Erection of appropriate public lighting
- Surveying trees in Main Street and Lime Walk Avenue and replanting where necessary.

Cllr. John McGinley stated at the last meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council that this work should be completed before the bi-centenary of the College in 1995.

The County Secretary stated that it would be beneficial for the progress of the work if a local co-ordinating committee was formed between St. Patrick's College, the Community Council and the County Council. The Community Council agreed to this at its last meeting and they have requested the College to participate.

#### Refurbishment Works in Greenfields Phase 3

Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D., has issued approval to Kildare County Council to carry out refurbishment works to the houses in Phase 3 Greenfields.

The work consists of the replacement of front and rear wall panels, including new external windows and doors, the provision of fire breaks to party walls, new porches, fascia's, soffits, gutters and downpipes.

Kildare County Council will plan the phasing of the work and it is hoped that all works will be completed within the next 18 months.

#### Special Road Grant for Rathcoffey/Laragh Area

Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D., has advised the Local Branch that the Department of the Environment has allocated a special road grant of £70,000 to Kildare County Council to repair minor roads in the Rathcoffey/Laragh area affected by construction traffic from the Leixlip/Maynooth/Kilcock bypass.

The money will help to alleviate some of the worst roads affected by the by-pass construction office.

#### Labour Advice Service

Minister Emmet Stagg continues to be available to the people of Maynooth every Saturday at 4-00 p.m. in Caulfields (Private Meeting Room).

Cllr. John McGinley holds an Advice Service in Caulfields (Private Meeting Room) at 8-00 p.m. every Thursday. If you require assistance of a community or private nature please feel free to call.

### WATER RATES - NOT UNDER THE BRIDGE YET

All residents recently received demands for Water and Refuse Charges from Kildare County Council. These demands were accompanied by a News Bulletin that was so illuminating that you could easily light the fire with it. In the opening passage the County Manager refers to the "difficult task" he had in preparation of the estimates. I can assure him that his task is less difficult than for those who must pay his "demands". Indeed one can all assure him that our finances too are "constrained and the flexibility between competing demands is limited". Yes, we are trying to survive as well. We read that our charges are gone up to £70 for water and £60 for Refuse. Lavish figures are given on receipts of charges but as you might expect you are kept in the dark about spending allocations. Half a balance sheet is worthless. Our playground and footpaths apparently remain neglected despite these charges. Have you seen any improvements in your area?

#### Irish Language

The bulletin does refer to the allocation of £2,000 towards the Irish Language. One wonders do those who disconnect water supplies speak Irish. This donation towards national pride is absurd in a state or county where water disconnection agents are allowed trample on the rights of its citizens to an essential human service. This is typically "Irish". Then there is to be computerization of our Libraries - how wonderful, where would we be without that?

#### Elusive Discounts

They describe their discount scheme if you pay before the 1st February as "the best discount scheme in the country"! This shows how out of touch with reality they appear to be. First of all, most struggling families due to the enormous burden of expenditure at Christmas time, find their finances in total disarray in January. There are bills deferred and a lot of catching up to be done. For many of our residents the discount scheme is thus unattainable and irrelevant. Between Road Tax and Service Charges a lot of people pay over £360 per annum to the offices of Kildare County Council. This is despite the fact that most people already pay income tax and PRSI amounting to over 55% of their wages, after allowances. The injustice of these charges are that a person already having paid thousands of pounds tax can still be deprived of water over not having paid a lousy seventy pounds (punts). The refuse charge is equally reprehensible.

Many Councillors are against the charges, but they lack the conviction to go all the way on this. Their political futures seem more important in the end. The appointment of an Administrator would show up the true lack of democracy that is creeping into Irish affairs. continued

## Political Party Notes

### God-Given Rain

How the God-given rain that dampens all our lives can become a source of tax is unbelievable. The introduction of these charges shows a complete lack of understanding of the psyche of the Irish people. It is totally repugnant to the Irish way of Life.

Many people bravely resisted the charges initially and paid the price of having their supplies cut off. As good law observing citizens they did as much as they peacefully and democratically could. Politicians mumbled but the result was the same. The state and county council won using threats and jackboot tactics. It is a shallow "victory" and causes disgust in the minds of the people.

All these increases are happening at a time when the efforts of the protest groups are ebbing. They should revitalise their campaigns and at the very least articulate the peoples abhorrence of these charges. We all know that the alternative to these charges is a fairer taxation system. The government know this but continue to protect those who pay very little tax. They have offered a tax amnesty while leaving the tax collection service under resourced. They will continue to do this while it costs them nothing at the ballot box.

### Waivers

There are waivers for special categories but the lower paid must surely feel the brunt of false promises.

### Foul Act

To cut off a person's water supply is the most foul act imaginable. It stinks of facism and people cannot survive without water. It is a case of the state laying siege to the family home. Yet they rant on about helping families. It is a violent act against the dignity and life of the person.

### Essential Service

Water is an essential service to the home. If an industrial dispute disrupts essential state services, they have laws to protect the state. However when the state cuts off an essential human service there are apparently no laws to protect the citizen, only to protect the perpetrators. Thus it would appear the law is balanced against the individual. It should be a crime to deprive a person of their water supply.

### Posturing Politicians

Weekly, local people are expected to trudge their way through the wet and rain to Maynooth Library to hand over their hard earned cash which they badly need for other "essential" purposes such as buying meat for the table, clothing and footwear. Their County Council "demands" this.

They look up through an avalanche of bills and feel ground down by the state. Nowadays, rarely does anyone feel this is a good country to live in. They are not impressed by posturing politicians, who fail to deliver any relief to their situation.

Let them all know we see, we know what they are up to and we never forget.

Willie Healy

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Christina Cullen, 13 Vanessa Lawns, Celbridge, who is seven years old on February 3rd. With lots of love from Mammy, Daddy, Paul and Michael.

Mrs. Cissie Richardson, Mariaville, Maynooth, January 28th. Best wishes from husband Tom, son Joe, Maureen and grandchildren, sister Ita McTernan, brother Phil Burke and your many relations and friends in Maynooth and elsewhere.

Birthday wishes to Thomas Bean, Lemar, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrates his birthday on February 27th. Love from Dad, Mam, Tony, Mary and family.

Darren Naughton, Greenfield, Maynooth, aged 14 on February 14th. Love from Daddy and Mammy.

Mrs. Shirley Cummins, Highfield, Kilcock, on February 12th and to her daughter, aged 10 on February 5th.

This month, Rehab's retail training store in Maynooth is a year old. Situated on Mill Street, just off Main Street, it is still going strong and providing excellent training opportunities for people with learning disabilities. And we can be sure it'll be with us for many more years to come. Congratulations!

Phil Brady, Clock House, Maynooth, who celebrated his birthday on January 19. Best wishes from all the family and all your customers and many friends in Maynooth and elsewhere.

Happy 21st birthday to Martina from all in Greenfield.

To our darling son, Andrew. Happy second birthday. With all our love, Mommy and Dad. Hope you enjoy your party.

To my wonderful grandson, Andrew. Happy second birthday. With all my love, Nannie Nolan.

Happy second birthday to my darling nephew and Godchild Andrew. Hugs and kisses. Love Auntie Margaret.

To my dear nephew, Andrew. Happy second birthday from Auntie Elizabeth.

To our special grandson, wishing you a very happy second birthday. Hope you enjoy your big day. Love Nannie, Mary and Granddad Jack.

Best wishes Andrew on your second birthday. Love, Uncle Finbarr.

Happy birthday Mary Travers from all at Hillview and Riverview.

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Happy birthday to Paul McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, who celebrates his 18th birthday on February 14th, his sister Gillian who celebrates her 12th birthday on January 24th and to their cousin Maeve McTernan of Avondale, Leixlip, who celebrates her birthday on January 24th, Paul's Daddy, Larry, who celebrates his birthday on February 25th and his Uncle Gerard of Corraville, Maynooth, on February 26th. Last, though by no means least, best wishes to his Granny, Ita McTernan, of Parson Street, Maynooth, whose birthday was on January 11th, from all her family in Maynooth, Kilcock, Dunboyne and Leixlip.

## SYMPATHIES

Sons, Daughters, Brothers, Sisters, Daughter-in-Law, Son-in-Law, grand children, Relatives and friends of Lena McLoughlin (nee Quinn), Smithstown Maynooth, formerly Drumdiffer, Co. Leitrim.

Mother, Brothers, Sister, Sisters-in-Law, Nieces, Nephews, relatives and friends of Cecil McAssey, The Harbour, Maynooth.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late Cecil James McAssey wish to thank sincerely and profoundly everybody who helped and supported them in any way through Cecil's illness and departure.

The family of the late Mary Moran, Barrogstown, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and messages of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Fr. Brendan Supple P.P. and to Fr. Cogan for their kindness and support.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Catherine and Sean Fay, 14 Leinster Cottages, on the birth of their baby girl and sister for Edel and Susan. From her family and many friends.

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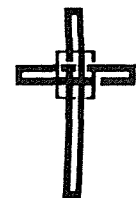
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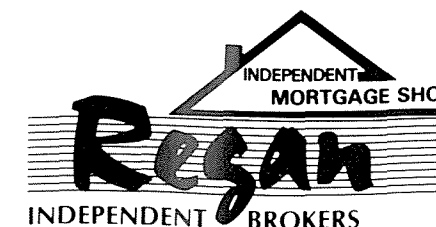
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