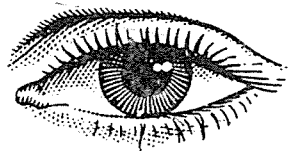


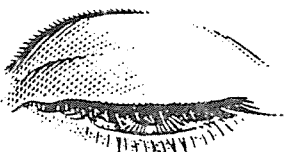
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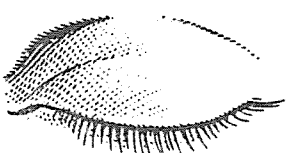
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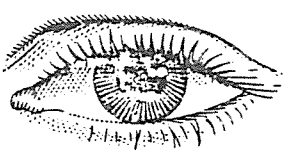
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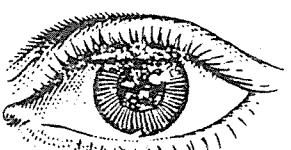
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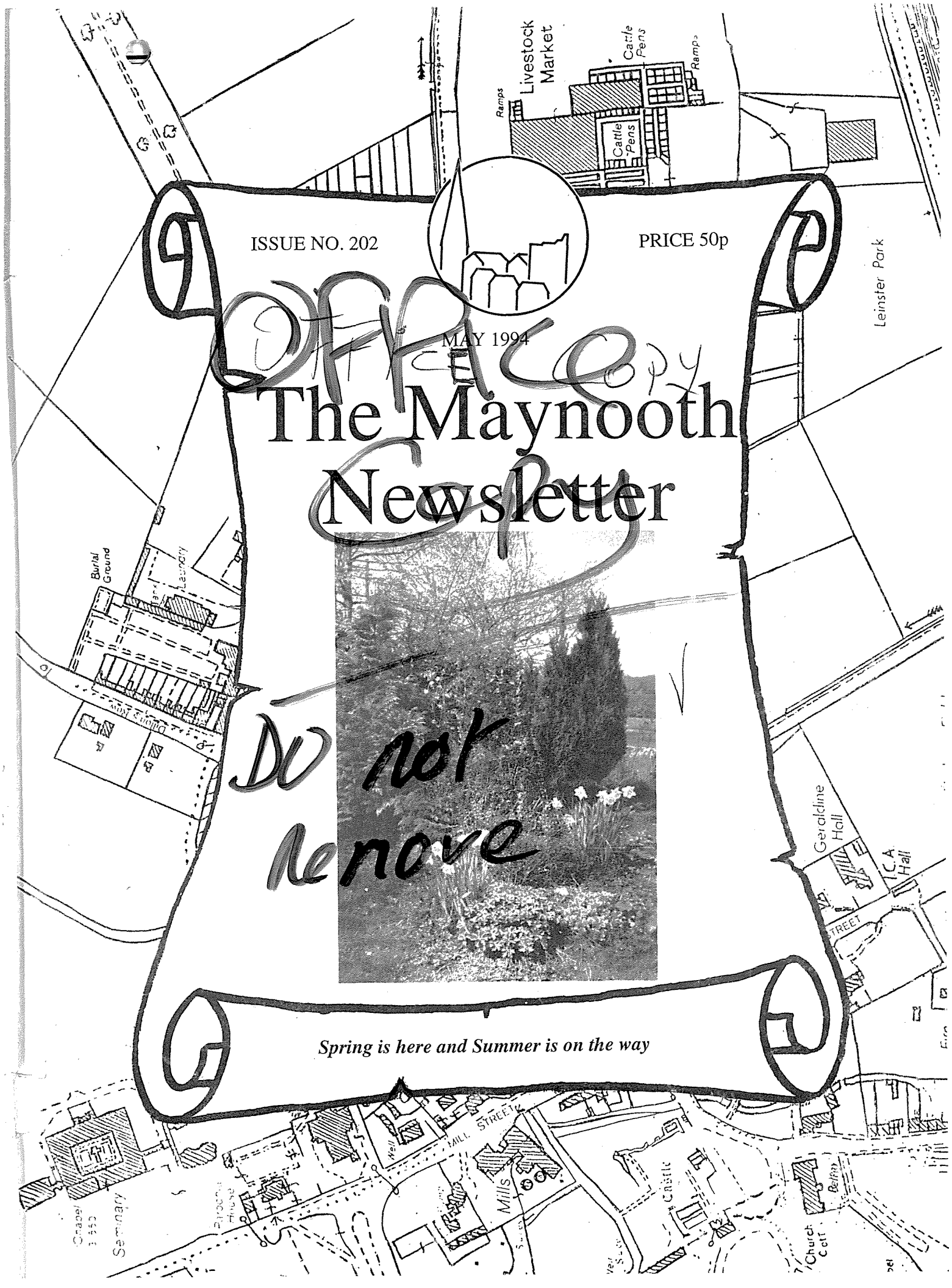
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**Letter to our Readers:** This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with 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

In this issue we carry an article on the Planning and Development Committee. It makes for sombre reading. As a society, too often we expect everything to be done for us. The Government, the Department, the EC should do it. That is not good. Communities must take responsibility for themselves. Otherwise they decline.

That is the importance of groups such as the Community Council, the Planning and Development Committee, the Castle Committee; they give us a voice in deciding the future of our town, what services are provided and how it looks. They empower, they allow people to shape the direction of their lives and the lives of the community.

This is why the **Newsletter** urges people to support the Planning and Development Committee. We are a town of stark contrasts. There are many dedicated people heavily committed to the development of the town, the silent majority. However, there is also another attitude which is prevalent. This can be called the "This is Maynooth and nothing can be done" theory. This is to be deplored. What the town needs is less of this negativism and more of the American "Can Do" philosophy. We believe the latter to be closest to the true nature of Maynooth people and urge you to support the various committees of the Community Council.

Finally, on a brighter note, the **Newsletter** applauds the efforts of the Post Primary School to build a Resources Room. This is a valuable investment in the future of our young and we urge all readers to support it.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs,

I write to you on behalf of the residents of Woodlands, Maynooth, County Kildare. As you are aware there is a footpath leading from the Railway Station at Maynooth up to Bond Bridge along the Royal Canal. This pathway is used extensively by our residents at present and by the residents of Beaufield, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Newtown and Meadowbrook. Given the number of pedestrians who use this footpath daily we cannot understand why this footpath is not maintained at all. During winter it resembles a bog and wellington boots are the only acceptable form of footwear capable of traversing the footpath. Furthermore to enable pedestrians to see where they are going when they alight from the evening trains a flashlight is a necessity as there is no standard lighting on the path. As you can imagine this makes the business of reaching Bond Bridge as hazardous as attempting an Army Assault Course.

We would request that you would urgently take steps to rectify this situation before someone suffers serious injury or before someone accidentally slips into the Canal. (Note there are no lifebuoys along this stretch of the Canal). There is also the possibility of assaults on pedestrians to be considered as this footpath is an open invitation to muggers.

We hope you will give this matter your immediate attention and we look forward to hearing from you with your proposals to rectify this problem.

Yours faithfully,

Des Matthews

Hon. Chairman

Woodlands Residents Association

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the out-going Parents Association of the Presentation Primary School, we would like to clarify a statement made in the April issue by Willie Healy; Quote "On the 15th October 1993 the greyhound owners of Maynooth ran a very successful fund-raising event in Harold's Cross for the Girl's Primary School in Maynooth. Overall they raised £4,500 (punts) for the upkeep of the school" Unquote. We wish to state "It was not the greyhound owners of Maynooth who raised this money; it was due to the hard work of the Parents Association and willing helpers who organised this event", and without the generosity of the following sponsors, i.e. The G.A.A. Club, Brady's Public House, The Leinster Arms Public House, Bruce's Betting Office, Maynooth, Dennis O'Sullivan, Frank Walsh, Glenkerrin Homes, Jim Hoare, Joe Mulligan, Colm Feeney, Paddy Mooney & Seamus Porter, Des & Jerry Cahill, this event would not have taken place. Our thanks also to local business firms for their advertisements, people who nominated dogs & the many people who bought tickets outside Quinnsworth Stores and through the school. We were shocked and dismayed by the misrepresentation made on behalf of the greyhound owners in Maynooth. As the Parents Association has no affiliation with the greyhound breeders other than Dennis O'Sullivan & Phil Brady who sponsored a race each,

we feel this was a wrong statement to make and we want it made clear who raised this money.

Lila Flynn

Outgoing Chairperson 92-93

Dear Editor,

In your March Edition two errors were printed. Brian Connaughton's shop in Newtown is exactly that - in Newtown - and not on Greenfield Lane. Greenfield Lane ends at the bridge outside Michael Riordan's gate. Also the Eastern Health Board houses, "Aisling House" are also in Newtown, not on Greenfield Lane.

We wish to draw your readers' attention to these errors of fact. Maps can be supplied if required.

Yours sincerely,

Manus McCarron

Chairman

Dear Sir,

Can you confirm the appointment of Eamon Dunphy as your Political Correspondent'?

Having read the biased report of the fictional survey "Maynooth a Profile" (lack of information on survey sample, anti Sinn Féin, Comparison of Maynooth with Basildon) I can only conclude that your 'Political Guru' is a graduate of the 'Walter Mitty School of Journalism'!

Perhaps this person's 'writing talents' could be better employed describing the pot-holes on the Straffan Road rather than 'sniping' at certain political parties. Do try in future to keep your 'Political Hound Dog on a tight leash or better still have him neutered.

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Patricia Condon  
Vice Chairperson

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin  
Secretary

Dominic Nyland  
Treasurer

Margaret Cline  
P.R.O.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee would like to apologize to Katie's Flowers for omitting to thank her from the reviewing stand during the Parade and in the April edition of the **Newsletter**. We are most grateful for your wonderful flowers and decoration of the reviewing stand and we hope we can rely on your support in future years.

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### BAND BULLETIN

To begin with this month I would like to thank my stand-in scribe for Last month's **BULLETIN** "Deputy Doc" Carroll, who stepped in to make sure that the results from the Maynooth and Limerick Parades were properly recorded in the **Newsletter**. Does this mean I will now be able to take the odd month off in future?

April has been a month of preparation for our "Summer" Programme which we hope this year will be accompanied by real old-fashioned **SUMMER WEATHER**, the kind we used to have in the nineteen 'when's'! Sure now that the rainy season is over maybe we really will get our wish.

We had an unexpected trip to the races last month when the Curragh management asked us to play at their first meeting of the season on 10th April. This was a direct result of our appearance at the Moyglare Stud Stakes meeting last year and we were really 'chuffed' to be invited back to play. The Gods were on our side and we were blessed with the warmest day this year. The crowd was great, the music was good and we were really appreciated. The only losers on the day were those who backed Peter Brazils tips. His "sure things" could still be seen cantering across the Curragh as we left for home. The good news is that the Curragh committee hope to have us back for a few meetings during the year.

Finally we would make our usual plea at this time each year. If you need the Band for a function could you please write, in plenty of time, to our Secretary Elaine Bean, Ryeview, Maynooth. Our diary is already filling up and we can only accept engagements on a first come basis.

We will be giving a full list of our recitals in our next **BULLETIN**. See you then.

### GRANGEWILLIAM CEMETERY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the above Committee it was arranged that Cemetery Sunday at Grangewilliam will be on 29th May 1994 at 3 p.m.

Also discussed at the meeting was the continued maintenance of the graveyard. We are appealing for the support of voluntary workers and we would also welcome any donations towards the ongoing expenses of weedkiller and equipment to carry out the work.

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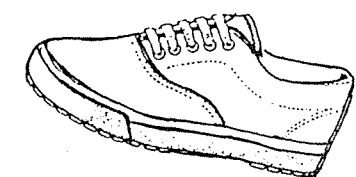
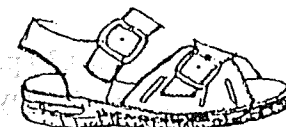
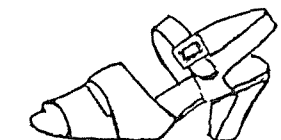
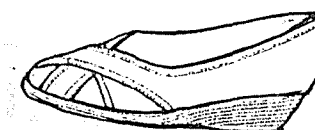
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### IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY LIFFEY VALLEY BRANCH

**May Events: Tuesday 17th May, 1994**

Outing to Donadea Woods, Rathcoffey, Co. Kildare.

**Meet at:** Car park, Donadea Woods 7.30 p.m. for evening walk.

**Saturday 21st May, 1994**

Bus trip to Shannon Callows for corncrakes, details from Fridolin, Tel.- 573698 (evenings).

**Brendan Murphy**  
P.R.O.

### JAMES CONNOLLY MEMORIAL INITIATIVE

The James Connolly Memorial Initiative was established in 1992 to bring about the erection of a suitable memorial to James Connolly (1868-1916), in Dublin where he worked, fought and died for the Irish Labour and National Independence Movements.

Memorials to Connolly exist in Edinburgh, his birthplace, in Troy, New York and Belfast, where he worked as a trade unionist and political organiser. A prominent memorial in Dublin is long overdue.

Those involved in the initiative include trade unionists, artists, unemployed people and members of the Connolly family.

I attach herewith a news release which announces details of the winning entry of our competition for artists which was run off over the last year :-

An open competition for proposals for a memorial to James Connolly has been won by Dublin-based sculptor Eamonn O'Doherty. The competition, initiated by the James Connolly Memorial Initiative and sponsored by SIPTU, attracted entries from both parts of Ireland and from Britain. It was judged by a panel of seven assessors, including representatives of the Association of Artists in Ireland, the Sculptors' Society, the Arts Council and SIPTU.

The winning proposal is for a bronze statue of James Connolly, slightly larger than life size, standing before a billowing Starry Plough flag, also made in metal. Planning permission will now be sought to place the memorial in Beresford Place, on the pavement skirting the western railings of the Custom House. In this position, the statue of Connolly would face across Beresford Place to Liberty Hall, headquarters of the union of which James Connolly was an early leader. It was also from Beresford Place that Connolly led a detachment of the Citizen Army to join the Easter Rising rebels in the G.P.O.

Announcing the result of the competition, Tom Garry, General Secretary, SIPTU, said: "SIPTU is very proud to be associated with the erection of a memorial to James Connolly,

trade unionist and political activist, whose contribution to Irish freedom is a significant one. It is wholly appropriate that Irish men and women should share a permanent and fitting memorial in the country's capital city to remind them both of the man and his achievements."

A campaign to raise funds to erect the memorial will start immediately within the labour movement and among the general public. It is intended that the memorial will be erected in 1994, the centenary year of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, in which James Connolly played an important role.

Eamonn O'Doherty, whose design won the open competition, has been responsible for 10 major public sculptures in Ireland, among them works in O'Connell Street, Dublin, Central Bank Plaza, Dublin and Eyre Square, Galway, and in Derry.

For further information contact, **Mike Fitzgerald, SIPTU**, tel; 01 8749731; or **Michael Quinn, James Connolly Memorial Initiative**, tel, 01 6285258.

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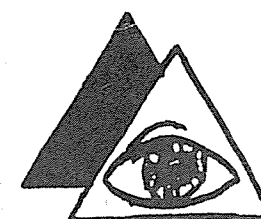
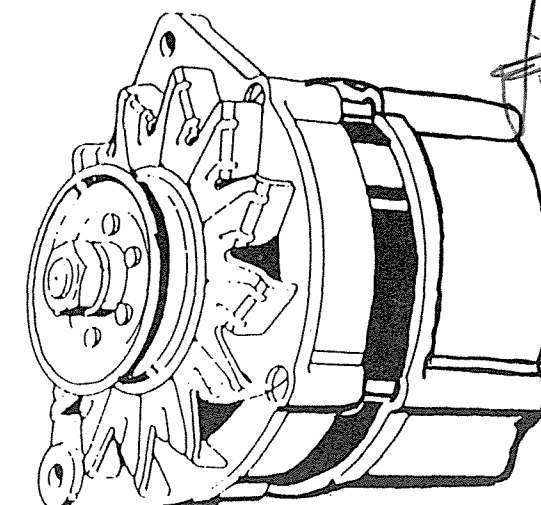
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### KILCOCK/MAYNOOTH NO NAME CLUB

On Saturday morning the 9th April our Hosts and Hostesses, accompanied by Adult Club Leaders travelled to New Ross, whose No Name Club played host to thirty four other clubs for the weekend. We stopped for lunch in Kilkenny. The reason for this get-together of seven hundred people, was the National Variety Competition Finals in New Ross on Saturday, and the National Youth Awards on Saturday night in Jury's Hotel, Waterford which was compered by Ray D'Arcy. This was followed by dinner and a disco. We left New Ross on Sunday morning after Mass in the Youth Centre, where a sleepless night had been spent, as the sleeping bags were used to sit on not sleep in, because the craic and chat, tea and sandwich making went on all night. We had lunch at the Pike, and visited Palmerstown for an hour of bowling, and finally arrived at Maynooth tired but happy after an enjoyable and action packed two days. We look forward to seeing you all at our May Disco, and don't forget parents, our monthly Discos are for over fifteens strictly.

Mary Carroll P.R.O.

### MAYNOOTH BOY SCOUTS

The past month has seen very little activities due to the weather conditions. Two patrols have been training for the camp craft competition. This competition was scheduled for weekend of 9th-10th April but was cancelled due to very bad weather. A new date has to be decided. For their help and advice the Scouts thank Ger McGlinchey, Garreth Galligan, Dervilla McDermott and Lynda Haren. All are ex members of successful patrols but are now too old and senile to compete.

For your continued support during 'Bob a Job' week we would like to thank you, the people of Maynooth.

Finally we wish every success to the people who are setting up the Youth Club.

Tony Muldowney,  
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##### Answer:

Yes, in your case you will be eligible for the Free Telephone Rental from July. When the details of the proposed changes were announced in January, the intention was that pensioners aged 75 or over who had lost the Free Telephone rental because they were no longer living alone, would regain it even if they were no longer living alone. As you never had this allowance, this change would not be of any benefit to you.

However, it has now been decided that eligible pensioners aged 75 or over will qualify for the Free Telephone Rental from July where only one other non-qualified person lives in the household. This means that a qualified pensioner aged 75 or over who goes to live in another household will be eligible provided only one other non-qualified person lives in that household. The telephone account will have to be changed into the name of the pensioner entitled to the allowance.

##### Note:

(1) Some pensioners who enquired into their position at the time of the Budget announcements may have been told that they would not benefit. In case they may be due to benefit from this further change pensioners aged 75 should apply in July.

(2) Widows between the age of 60 and 65 whose late husbands had entitlement to the Free Schemes will, from July, retain entitlement to them. This does not apply to Free Travel. The Dept. of Social Welfare are doing a review of the last 5 years for people who were aged 60 at the time of the husband's death. Widows in this situation who haven't heard from the Department by June should send in completed claim forms.

(3) Up to now a pensioner being cared for by a recipient of a Carer's Allowance would not have satisfied the living alone condition. From July they will retain eligibility or may qualify.

##### Question:

Can you tell me who is entitled to a Home Help and how do you apply for this Service?

##### Answer:

Home Helps are provided on the basis of need, and medical, family and income factors are taken into account when the assessment is being made. The three categories of people for whom the service is meant are families in stress, the aged and disabled. A Home Help may be provided in the following cases:

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- Assisting a family member with the care of a disabled or handicapped parent, relative or child.
- Preparation of meals, fires etc.
- Shopping, collecting pensions, prescriptions, budgeting, paying bills etc.
- Helping with essential household chores.

Application can be made through the family doctor, public health nurse, social worker or directly to your local health centre. In cases where Home Helps are employed by voluntary organisations application can also be made through the organisation.

The assessment is made on the basis of need and people will be asked to make a financial contribution based on a means test, if they are deemed by the Health Board to have sufficient means to do so.

Decisions as to who get the Home Help Service are usually taken by the Home Help Organiser in the local health centre.

**This column has been compiled by Maynooth Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.**

### Apology

The Editorial Board would like to apologise for some biased remarks that appeared in a features column in the April issue of the **Newsletter**. These remarks inadvertently slipped through our normally scrupulous proof reading.

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

### Chess

Maynooth were fielding a team for the first time and also had a youthful team, with two players in fifth class at primary school. They put up a commendable fight, but lack of practice showed in the end and their last player, Donal Smith, was eventually cornered in the 26th move.

### Community Games Chess (Under - 16): Kildare County Semi-Final:

At Straffan April 16, 1994, Straffan beat Maynooth 5.0. Eamonn O'Molloy (Straffan) beat Fergal Nangle (Maynooth). Maurice Hanafin (Straffan) beat Mark Quigley (Maynooth). Alan Pyne (Straffan) beat Philip O'Shea (Maynooth), Colm D'Rosario (Straffan) beat Donal Smith (Maynooth), Paul Dempsey (Straffan) beat Jennifer Fagan (Maynooth).

### Community Games Art Results

#### Girls Under 8

1. Nora McGlinchey 28.11.87
2. Jessica Perry 14.3.87
3. Ciara Ennis

#### Boys Under 8

1. Cian Byrne 30.12.86
2. Ronan O'Connell 23.8.86
3. Matthew O'Gorman

#### Girls Under 10

1. Ruth Hallinan 7.6.85
2. Triona Cahill 7.4.85
3. Emma Higgins 5.4.85

#### Boys Under 10

1. Mark Cummins 27.2.86
2. Mark Dunne 9.8.84
3. Sean Kennedy 1.5.86

#### Girls Under 12

1. Lyn Brennan
2. Sharon Cummins 30.12.82
3. Orlaith Tobin 14.7.84

#### Boys Under 12

1. Brian McLoughlin
2. Conor McGlinchey 18.1.93
3. John Perry 25.2.84

#### Girls Under 14

1. Claire Hogan 15.6.82
2. Therese McInerney 25.2.82
3. Sharon McLoughlin

#### Boys Under 16

- John O'Gorman 15.10.79

## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### Community Games Modelling Results

#### Boys Under 10

Matthew O'Gorman, 7.4.88.

#### Boys under 14

Finbarr O'Gorman, 10.11.83.

#### Girls Under 14

1. Geraldine O'Gorman, 29.4.81
2. Bríd Ann O'Shea
3. Sharon McLoughlin.

### Community Games Dates

**Swimming: 28th May - Stewarts Hospital 4 - 6 p.m.**

**Athletics: 29th May - G.A.A.**

## MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION LIMITED

### Bold New Departure

How do you find out for sure which office opening hours best suit Credit Union members? Well, you can do some research, such as our questionnaire of last November, which was reported here in February. As you may remember, that didn't yield a very clear result. People expressed some dissatisfaction with our present limited opening hours, but gave no definite leads as to what would suit better.

### Daily Opening

Well, not to be daunted, the Directors have decided to take a bold initiative in order to settle the question. For a trial period, from Tuesday 3rd May until Saturday 30th July, our office will be open for an additional 20 hours each week. Details are set out in a table below.

### Our New Opening Hours

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	(Office closed on Bank Holidays)		
Monday	10 - 12	2 - 4 p.m.	
Tuesday	10 - 12	2 - 4 p.m.	
Wednesday	10 - 12	2 - 4 p.m.	
Thursday	10 - 12	2 - 4 p.m.	7 - 8.30 p.m.
Friday	All Day, from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. including lunch-time		
Saturday	10 - 12.30		

At the end of the three months, the needs of members should be clear and some of the changes being tried out will most likely become permanent.

### Steady Growth

I was delighted to hear that new members are joining our Credit Union at the rate of about 30 per month, or an average of one a day. So, to encourage this growth to continue, it seems only natural to be making it easier for YOU to do business with US!

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### The Schools Table Quiz, Chapter Final

Well done to the girls on our fifth class team for their gallant effort in a tough contest in Palmerstown on 24 March. I believe that a mixed team from a school in Celbridge won on the night and we wish them all the best in the next competition.

### Good Luck in the Exams!

This is the last opportunity we will have to offer our best wishes for success in their exams to all the students who will be taking Junior and Leaving Certificate and College and Entrance examinations in the weeks ahead. Keep as calm as you can, do your best, skip the post mortems and reward yourselves for your efforts.

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## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The Club would like to say 'Thanks' to "Katie's Flowers" for sponsoring some of the flowers used to decorate the reviewing stand for St. Patrick's Day. Remainder was supplied by Flower Club and arranged by Felicity Satchwell and Mary Doyle.

On May 17th, we welcome Mr. Fergus Hemmingway from Wexford to demonstrate at our Monthly Meeting. He is a Teagasc Officer and has great interest in plants and flowers. Mr. Hemmingway has won many prizes in Ireland and U.K. for his flower arrangements and we look forward to a most interesting evening on the 17th. Venue usual Devine Word Hostel on Moyglare Road at 8.00 p.m. Remember all welcome.

June 25th is the date for our outing. There are a limited number of seats available for this trip to two fascinating gardens in Wicklow and Wexford. The day will end in "The Lord Bagnal" in Loughlinbridge with a beautiful meal on our return to Maynooth. More details from Club or from Organiser Maureen Stephens - 6287461.

The results of the Spring Show will be given in June Newsletter.

*Moirá Baxter*  
P.R.O.

### MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The April meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. took place in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday, 7th April. Our president, Imelda Delaney, welcomed all the ladies to the meeting. As I was unable to attend this meeting, I am very grateful to Rosemary for supplying me with the necessary details.

#### Daffodil Day

Our ladies and some of their friends were out and about on March 25th Daffodil Day, collecting for the Irish Cancer Society. The total collected was £830.00. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

#### Craft Display

There will be an I.C.A. Craft Display in Naas Library from 17-21 May. Mary O'Gorman, County Crafts Promoter, is organising this display and it should be well worth a visit.

#### Make and Model

Mary O'Gorman has been very busy recently, as she also organised the Kildare Make and Model Competition, which took place in Toghers, Naas, on 19th April. Maynooth Guild was well represented at this competition and the results will be in next month's Newsletter.

#### Healthy Eating Competition

Ursula Forde has submitted an entry to this competition. Ursula had to devise a recipe for a meal for a family of four for less than £5.00. We wish her every success in this competition.

#### Activities

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall as usual on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 10.45 a.m. There will be a Federation Badminton Competition in Rathmore Hall on 4th May. Good luck to our ladies.

Crafts are on in the I.C.A. Hall each Monday night starting at 8 pm.

#### Night Out

There is a night out to Clontarf Castle on the 19th of May. See Rosemary for details.

#### Competition and Raffle

The competition at the April meeting was a Bi-Lingual Quiz. Great fun was had by all. M. Haren's team came first with R. Hanley's team in second place and B. Duffy's third.

The raffle results were as follows: 1st - M. Halton, 2nd - C. Higgins and 3rd - M. O'Gorman.

#### Guest Speaker

Ms. Caroline Lane, C.D.A. attended our April meeting. She gave a very interesting talk on what the I.C.A. means to her.

#### Federation Meeting

The Kildare Federation Meeting was held in Rathmore Hall on Thursday, 24th March. Mrs. Nellie Dillon, President of Kildare Federation, advised the ladies of the benefits of breast screening in the fight against breast cancer. Nellie said the I.C.A. would be campaigning for improved screening facilities. Some members of the I.C.A. will be running in the mini-marathon in June to raise money for breast screen facilities.

The Federation AGM will be held on the 26th of May in Sallins at 8 p.m.

#### Next Meeting

Our AGM will be on Thursday, 5th May, at 8 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. We look forward to a large attendance at this meeting.

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## Provisional Programme

### FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

Guinness Jazz Band

### SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

Children's Treasure Hunt

Poetry Reading

Adult Treasure Hunt

Battle Of The Bands

### SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

#### FIELD DAY

Historic Display

Stalls

Fancy Dress

Baby Show

Tug O' War (Men & Women)

Guinness - Talent Competition

Over 18 Years

### MONDAY 13TH JUNE

Mr. & Mrs. Competition

- Prizes

### TUESDAY 14TH JUNE

Car Trials

Old People's Committee Cabaret

Al Brady's Guinness Music Night

### WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE

Guinness Table Quiz

Prize Money - £175

### THURSDAY 16TH JUNE

Irish Dancing

Accordian Band

Folk Dancing

Set Dancing

### FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

Guinness - Bachelor of the Year G.A.A

### SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

Athletic Club Fun Races

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Boy's Soccer U/11

Maynooth Garda Perpetual Cup Final

Maynooth v Esker Celtic

Fire Brigade Display

**Guinness - Karaoke**

### SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

Gaelic Final -

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### MAYNOOTH ANNUAL SHOW

This year the 23rd Maynooth Annual Show will take place in the Maynooth Post Primary School on 15th-16th July. The show is run under the auspices of Maynooth I.C.A.

This show offers the people of the locality the opportunity to display their talents in such areas as - flower arranging, arts and crafts, fruit, flower and vegetable growing, home baking and photography. There is a garden competition for gardens within a four mile radius of Maynooth. The teenagers and children are not forgotten either, with many classes to cater for their various talents.

Each year we depend to a great extent on local people and business for their support, through either class sponsorship or donations without this financial support the show could not take place.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed so generously to Maynooth Show in the past and we appeal to you for your support again this year.

Anyone who would like further information should contact me at 6286787. Next month's **Newsletter** will have details of where and when Show Schedules will be available.

*Connie Harpur*  
Show Secretary

### MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The Postponed Annual 156th General Meeting of the Society was held at the Registered Office on Sunday 6th March, 1994. There was a small attendance of members due to the inclement weather.

Mr. Owen Byrne presided, Mr. Paddy Nolan read the balance sheet as prepared by Frank Donnelly F.C.A. Hon. Auditor, and this showed that the society was still in a strong financial position. The Balance Sheet was unanimously adopted.

Get well wishes were extended to our Chairman, G. McTiernan and Kevin Murphy, Assistant Secretary, who unfortunately were in hospital at the time of our A.G.M.

The following committee were elected :

President: Jim Nolan  
Vice President: Phil Brady  
Chairman: G. McTiernan  
Vice Chairman: Owen Byrne  
Secretary: P. Nolan  
Assistant Secretary: Kevin Murphy  
Joint Treasurers: Leo Bean, Jim Brady  
Trustees: John Carey; Jimmy Barry & Noel Brady.  
Committee: L.O'Brien; Tom Flanagan; Sean Fay & P. Malone;  
Jimmy Mee; Mrs. K. Reilly; Tom Malone (Leixlip); Robby Savage (Leixlip); Terry Byrne (Kilcock)

A vote of Thanks was extended to the following for voluntary services to the society during the year :  
John Saults, Gerry Brady, M.C.C., Damien Maguire (Solicitor),

Mrs. Bernie Hatton, Patricia Nyland, Mrs. Kathleen O'Neill. Maynooth Newsletter, Ian Stuart (Leinster Leader), Phil Brady, Sean Reilly (Undertaker).  
A special word of thanks to the Editorial staff of the Maynooth Newsletter.

Reilly's Undertakers were retained as undertakers to the Society for the coming year.

*P. Nolan, Secretary.*



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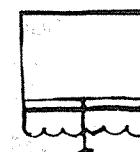
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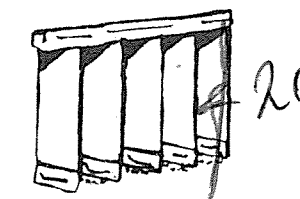
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### MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Sunday, April 10th, saw us through another successful Easter Party, which we held in S.V.D. House. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Phelim Jordan for his hospitality in this regard and Fr. O'Driscoll who saved the day by coming to celebrate our Mass at such short notice.

Our guests for the evening were a group of friends from Leixlip "Golden Years Club" who brought along their usual array of talent.

We held a raffle on the day, the proceeds of which go to Maynooth Post Primary school, the first prize of a £100 ticket for the school draw, was won by Kevin McGovern. The second prize of a bottle of whiskey was won by Peggy Edwards, who seems to be on a winning streak at the moment and Aileen Dunne won the third prize of a bottle of sherry.

The main event of the evening was our Easter Bonnet competition. Well done to all who took part and went to so much trouble to enter into the spirit of Easter. Congratulations to all the winners in both the competition and the raffle and indeed the various spot prizes won throughout the evening. A special word of thanks to Karen from the Newsletter office who did an excellent job in judging the Bonnets and to Harry who took the photographs.

Our next party will take place on Sunday May 15th in the Post Primary School at 3.30p.m. The Tony Smith memorial walk will also take place on that day, starting at the Post Primary school at 3p.m. This event is organised by the local branch of the Labour Party, the proceeds of which go into the coffers of our fuel and social fund.

Finally, our annual outing this year will be on Saturday June 11th so shake the moth balls out of the summer gear! Who knows? We might even get a fine day!!!

#### Apology

Due to a typographical error arising during the production of the April Maynooth Newsletter, some names were omitted from the report on the Maynooth Old People's Committee. We apologise to all concerned.

The complete list of names is as follows:

The elections then took place and the outgoing officers were returned unopposed. The committee for the coming year is as follows; Josephine Moore (Chairperson), Brigid Tierney (Vice Chairperson), Patsy O'Rafferty (Secretary), Joan

Lennon (Assistant Secretary), Catherine Mulready (Treasurer), Patricia Cusker (Assistant Treasurer), Lynne Whittaker, Marie O'Toole, Lily O'Riordan, Pat Nolan, Betty Moore, Kathleen McAtamney, Georgina Mulready, Ita Loughnane, Aileen Dunne, Helen Doyle, Imelda Delaney and Agnes Boyd".



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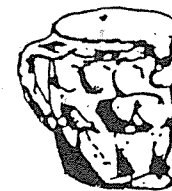
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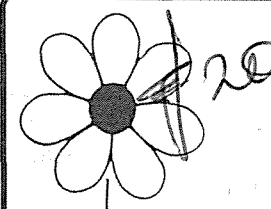
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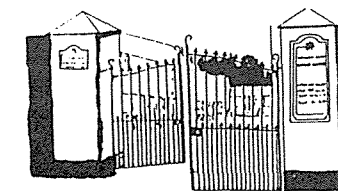
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### MAYNOOTH PARISH HALL

The last edition of **Newsletter** carried a 'Letter to Editor' which was scathingly critical of the manner of up-keep of the Parish Hall. It could even be suggested that this letter was insulting to the Parish Hall Committee comprised of Fr. Supple, Peter Finnan and Pat Travers. In conjunction with one of the offended parties namely Peter Finnan, this article seeks to provide some insight into the role and usage of the Hall.

The Parish hall was built in the 60's as an amenity for the people of Maynooth. It is situated on the Moyglare Rd., adjacent to the Boys National School. Initially it was used for dances and discos for the youth. This ceased when attendances dwindled away. More recently it has been the venue for Plays and Dramatic Society events which have always been well attended.

At present it is home to many clubs such as Gymnastics on Mondays. The I.C.A. ladies meet there on Tuesday at 10.30a.m. The same day there are Junior Badminton between 2-4p.m. and Senior Badminton between 7.30p.m. and 11 p.m. Wednesday is Bingo night. On Thursday there is the I.C.A. Ladies in the morning while in the evening Senior Badminton holds court. On Friday evening there is Tae Kwon Do, while on Saturday morning there is Speech and Drama, followed by Junior Badminton in the evening Sundays are mostly free except for the occasional Cake Sale, Trade Fair or Parish Auction.

As stated above the Hall is run by a Committee and Peter Finnan is acknowledged as it's main caretaker. He has been looking after the Hall for about thirteen years, free of charge, to keep the premises usable by clubs and the wider community. So it is not surprising that he was disappointed and upset at the aforementioned letter.

Speaking to the **Newsletter** he said, "They have opened a can of worms and I intend to put the lid on it". He added, "Of late the Hall has been abused by people to the extent of milk cartons, mineral bottles and Tayto bags being thrown about". He also sees footprints on sinks where youngsters stand up to look out the windows. Peter doesn't want to spoil childrens enjoyment but he feels that they should be better supervised. He continued, "Some people leave hundreds of cigarette butts on the stage and leave footprints on chairs that people have to sit on". He admitted that he had been wondering how this matter could be sorted out.

Peter feels particularly annoyed with these things and suggested that if the complainant had approached any member of the committee their problems could have been aired. Due to his commitment he deserved, at least this much. He said, "I honestly put around twenty hours a week into the Hall, that might not be necessary if people left it as they got it".

According to Peter outgoings of the Hall far exceed its income. Insurance alone costs £1,150 while heating works out at around £800 per annum. Looking ahead he said, "what I'd like to see in the Hall are the facilities for a public bar and some big events being held which might provide an income of around £4,000; then we could be talking about employing a caretaker". As it stands at present anyone wanting to run a big function would want to get a temporary bar licence, provided the Parish Hall Committee is satisfied with the arrangements. In 1995 he feels the committee may consider drawing

up a code of practice for clubs using the Hall. As well as doing light repairs and maintenance Peter also helps out new clubs, which would be taking up the Hall on special days.

There is no doubt Peter and his fellow committee members deserve the full appreciation of our community for their loyal and quiet service. Like so many other low profile community activists they get little thanks. Certainly, our town would not be the same without them.

*Willie Healy.*



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### MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

There have been some new exciting and enlightening additions to the bookstock. In the non fiction area, the following titles are available:

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 Teresa Gorman &  
 Dr. M. Whitehead - The Amarant Book of Hormone Replacement Therapy.  
 Charles Higham - Audrey (Hepburn)  
 W. H. Bates - Better Eyesight Without Glasses  
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 N. H. Leland - Lets Go London 1994  
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 S. Litvinoff &  
 M. Velmans - Working Mother  
 E. Kubler-Ross - Aids: the Ultimate Challenge  
 B. Kennelly - Breathing Spaces  
 L. A. Jones - Naomi  
 H. Palmer - The Enneagram  
 G. Sheehy - The Silent Passage

Some very comprehensive files on various subjects have been compiled and are available for reference. Subjects covered include countries - such as Japan, India, Great Britain among others - drugs information, careers and health are also included.

An anthology of writing from the participants in the series of Writers Workshops held in the library will soon be available - credit is due to Sheila O'Hagan, who led the group and provided constructive criticism and encouragement.

The BLACK Tulips will bloom in May - the first session is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd May - at 3.30 p.m. in the library.

Avril O'Gorman, who recently exhibited some fine examples of lace and crochet work, and whose display of doll's house furniture is currently on display, has kindly agreed to give a demonstration on how to make these delightful pieces, sometime during the summer. We would appreciate if people could donate empty matchboxes, scraps of material etc. for this demonstration.

Anyone interested in a further series of writers workshops, please leave your name and number, as a new series will be organised if the interest is there.

*Margaret Walshe Gannon*

### ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH BRANCH

#### Maynooth Fair

The Maynooth Fair which took place on Sunday 17th April, 1994 was a great success. Members of the public were able to avail of all the services provided and visit the many sale stands. The good weather was a considerable bonus and brought the people out. The committee would like to thank all those who helped to organise the event, all who took part, and Rev. Fr. Supple and the hall committee for the use of the parish hall. The proceeds will of course be put to good use in the continued restoration of this wonderful amenity. Anyone who has not visited the harbour recently should do so to see the fine improvements which have been carried out. I am confident that anyone who does will notice the changes which have taken place.

#### Water Levels

Water levels have now returned to near normal with the completion of work on a land sluice at the tenth lock in Leixlip. The committee once again apologises to the Angling fraternity and canoe enthusiasts for any inconvenience caused during this work. The work was carried out by the Office of Public Works (waterways section) with all haste and in their usual highly efficient manner to ensure minimal disruption.

#### 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 any committee member.

#### Committee

Your Royal Canal Amenity Committee appeals to any interested parties who wish 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.

continued

## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

#### 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.**



Sitting on the wall they built at the canal, scheme workers with Supervisor Kevin Breslin, looking quite happy

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### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

At time of reading, our entry for the 1994 Bord Failte Tidy Towns Competition will have been sent by our secretary Katherine Cafferty.

Katherine would like to hear from you, please write to Katherine c/o Maynooth Community Council office. We also need more helpers for an hour or two to complement the excellent work being done by the S.E.S. team. Our thanks to those who visited our stand at The Royal Canal Trade Fair in the Parish Hall on the 17th April. May we also thank Bob Reilly our Chairman for putting together the video on Maynooth.

•Ultravision Ltd., Maynooth Shopping Centre for lending us the Video and T.V.

•Ray O'Connor Midland East Tourism for Bord Failte video.

•E.N.F.O. - For all the environmental literature and posters.

Until next month,  
 Please make an effort to keep Maynooth tidy.

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

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

The table quiz which was held on April the 14th in the G.A.A. Hall was a resounding success. Thirty tables of four took part in the quiz. Seamus Kelly had set very original questions on a great variety of subjects and led the evening in a professional manner. There was a lovely atmosphere and a most enjoyable night for all present.

We want to thank everybody who has supported this event which will enable the school to sponsor two girls for the Irish College in August.

The following businesses donated prizes for the raffle for which we are very grateful:  
 Newtown Stores, Tinkerbells, Helen's Hair Affair, Maynooth Book Shop, The Mill Wine Cellar, Maxol Garage Greenfield, Carton Estate, Maynooth Photo Centre, Leixlip D.I.Y.

Also thanks to the G.A.A. for providing the premises on the evening.

## Residents' Association

### GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our re-convened A.G.M. resulted in the following Committee being elected:

Chairman: Mattie Callaghan  
Secretary: Ann Connellan  
Treasurer: Mary Farrell  
P.R.O.: Richard Farrell

#### Roads Representatives

Lawrence Avenue: Michael Quinn, Pat McManus  
Maynooth Park: Noel Lysaght, Dermot Nangle  
Greenfield Drive: John McGinley, Richard Farrell  
Straffan Way: Michael Quinn, Marie Gleeson, Orla Keane.

#### Future Policy

The following items will be addressed by the Association during the next year:

1. Grass Cutting
2. The quality of lighting
3. State of footpaths
4. Speeding
5. Straffan Road, Link road
6. Social Functions
7. Subscriptions/Fund Raising

If anyone wishes to have any item discussed by the committee please write to our secretary, Ann Connellan, 20 Straffan Way.

Finally, our collectors are presently collecting the annual subscription that goes towards the upkeep of the estate, grass cutting, insurance, care of equipment.

#### St. Patrick's Day

The R.A. greatly appreciate the kind words from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee regarding the help and co-operation of the residents of our estate on St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Richard Farrell  
P.R.O.

### RAILPARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The attendance at Railpark Residents' Association Annual General Meeting on 24th March was the largest in recent years, with standing room only. Nevertheless, everyone participated in the discussion and a number of issues were raised which will be passed on to the appropriate authorities for urgent action.

Chairperson Frank McCarrick welcomed residents, and reviewed progress since the last AGM. The main function of the Association is to keep the grass on the public greens cut, and to organise the annual clean up day and the Mid-Summer Barbecue. It has proved difficult to collect subscriptions from the occupants or owners of rented houses, and this reduces the amount of funds available to do anything other than

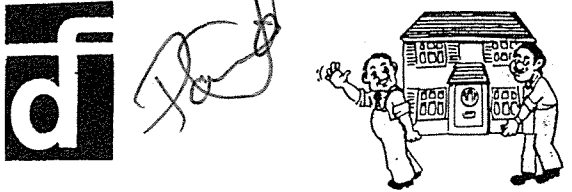
pay the contractor for grass cutting, and for hire of a skip on clean up day. The fee will remain at £12 for this year, however efforts will be made to encourage absentee landlords and amnesiac residents to pay up.

As some activities are taking place on the other side of the Atlantic around the usual time for the Mid-Summer barbecue, and certain key barbecuers will be attending these events, the Clean Up Day and Mid-Summer Barbecue will take place earlier than usual - on Saturday 11th June this year. All residents are welcome to attend this very popular occasion. No entry fee, just bring your own T-Bone steaks and sausages.

Among the concerns expressed at the meeting were the slow progress in upgrading the Straffan Road. As tenders had not even been advertised at the time of writing it looks like chaos will be the order of the day when the Motorway opens for business. Eddie Tobin and Proinsias Breathnach represent Railpark on the Straffan Road Committee which is monitoring developments. Some information has been received from the engineer - contact Frank McCarrick for further details.

The appalling state of the footpaths was once again condemned - it's only a matter of time before someone breaks their neck. The bus stop on the Celbridge Road has still to find a permanent home. At the moment it is planted in the middle of the green area, which is now a quagmire. Efforts will be made to persuade Dublin Bus to move this stop closer to Rockfield, and to have a proper shelter and waiting area constructed.

Last year's officers were returned unopposed, though all offered to allow anyone else the opportunity to step in. Frank McCarrick continues in his role as Chairperson, Kay MacKeogh is still secretary, and Eamonn MacKeogh makes sure the accounts don't dip into the red. Committee members elected unopposed and unanimously include Tom Killeen, Mick Higgins, Aine Hearn Kennedy, Brid Keenan, Mercedes O'Rourke, Eddie Tobin, and Finola McManus. Residents can expect a visit from committee members in the near future.



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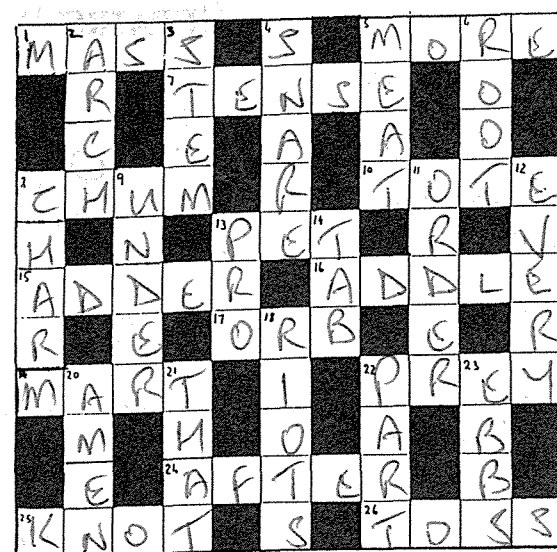
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## Tea Break Quickie



### Clues Across :

1. Plenty at the religious gathering. (4)
5. An extra amount. (4)
7. 10 South East could be stretched. (5)
8. A much mixed up friend. (4)
10. Haul, Carry. (4)
13. The favourite in the class. (3)
15. This snake could be good at totting up. (5)
16. Make or become rotten or muddled. (5)
17. Sphere. (3)
19. A place to sell livestock. (4)
22. Victim. (4)
24. Queen towards stern of Ship, was not before. (5)
25. This is tied when you get wed. (4)
26. Throw up in the air. (4)

### Clues Down :

2. Round shaped entrance. (4)
3. Stalk. (4)
4. Earns to catch. (5)
5. Flesh of animal for eating. (4)
6. Source, origin. (4)
8. Last month mixed up could delight you. (5)
9. Below. (5)
11. Book in advance. (5)
12. Always yes for each and all. (5)
13. A short sized professional. (3)
14. Label. (3)
18. Rebellious Battles. (5)
20. Name turned into the end of a prayer. (4)
21. Donning the hat after tea could give you the particular thing meant. (4)
22. Trap turned to give a portion. (4)
23. The tide does this. (4)

## Features

### ALTERNATIVE HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH

- 1538 - 1792 Nothing happens
- 1792 Wolfe Tone founds Fianna Fail
- 1793 Fianna Fail founds Wolfe Tones, Country and Western Music, Joe Dolan, P.J. Mara, beer-bellies and political U Turns. God plays a significant role in all of this for these are creatures beyond the abilities of men to create or understand.
- 1794 F.G. and the Ulster Unionist party formed . . . . simply to begrudge F.F.
- 1795 Maynooth College opens. There is absolutely no, we repeat, absolutely **no** connection between this and the events of 1792-4.
- 1796 Chocolate marsh-mallows; Coke, Fanta, black-shoes and umbrellas invented. The Roost builds first snug in Ireland.
- 1798 Rebellion strikes Ireland. The sword of liberty flowers brightly. Pitched battles, heroism manoeuvres and slaughter abound. In an impressive display of collective intelligence the peasants of Maynooth take to the hills and hide. Many shelter in the pot-holes of the Celbridge Road, their little faces looking up from the dismal depths within promoting a world-wide response of pity and a Bennetton advertising campaign.
- 1845 Famine strikes Maynooth in its non grip as a barge full of Guinness sinks on the canal. Willie Healy takes to writing poetry.
- 1848 Rebellion sweeps through Europe. Everywhere the fires of liberty blaze. All Ireland is aflame with the words of Mitchell, Davis, Davitt. In an impressive display of collective intelligence the peasants of Maynooth (cf 1798). The Chairman of Maynooth Community Council writes to Lord John Russell about the question of Town Commission Status for Maynooth, litter bins for the town centre and the status of the Thing. Unfortunately in those more humane times he is (sigh) merely deported to a life of slave labour in the colonies.
- 1800 In a rare moment of political lucidity England offers Ireland independence. Fianna Fail, however, oppose this vehemently demanding that divorce, abortion information and equality legislation be included in the package. The leader also criticises the concept of irredentist nationalism and the increasingly exploitative attitude towards Britain and Europe, calling for self-reliance and national responsibility. Puzzled by these big words the grass-roots vote overwhelmingly to retain the union. Later it is discovered that a pooka called



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Dessie had spirited away the leader of the party, replacing it with a changeling infected by post-modernist attitudes to out-dated beliefs and value systems. After a harrowing exorcism from which the concepts of the Ard-fheis and policy documents are born the old leader is restored and things return to normal as such.

1798 French troops land in Killala. Fianna Fail, Fianna Gael, Labour and the PDs criticise the level of European aid. The Europeans promise to review the situation and in 1916 further supplies are sent by Germany.

1890-1910 The rise of the Gaelic League, the poetry and literature of Yeats, Synge, etc. etc., sees Ireland in the grip of a cultural renewal from which we have fortunately escaped. With the devious cunning of a people long oppressed Maynooth evades this and provides the Irish representatives for the European Song Contest for 20 years running. Other cultural activities in this time of national renewal include the devising of all RTE comedy to 1994. This writer is puzzled that these cultural triumph have been forgotten though local lore suggests The Thing in the Square may have been built to celebrate the brilliance of these anonymous artistes. It is indeed an apt memorial.

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## BIG QUEUES FOR J1 VISAS

Five hundred extra J1 Working Visas for America went on offer on Wednesday 6th April. This caused chaos all over Ireland, with supply and demand being the obvious difficulty. Maynooth was no exception to this with people queuing outside Travel Options from Tuesday night equipped with their flasks and blankets. I don't know whether you remember Tuesday 5th ..... what was it they said? "It was the coldest Easter in living memory!"

A lot of students came out from Dublin as queues in the city had become unbearably long. Around 50 students braved the icy night while a further 38 arrived the next morning bright and early. I spoke to some of these night owls with their icy complexions and sunken eyes who seemed to have kept up their spirits as they were joking away.

When the doors finally opened on Wednesday morning, there were chants and cheers from the crowd according to Michele Dempsey, Manager of Travel Options. She said they were not expecting as many in the queue and got quite a shock. The number of visas allocated to different offices was undefined. However they managed to secure 48 on the day, with the final 40 pending until the following Friday.

So 40 students were left waiting tentatively for that phone call from USIT'S head office on Aston Quay. That very word came through on Friday evening with good news for those 40 students confirming their visas allowing them to set sail for America in Summer '94.

I'm sure I'd be safe in saying a very "warm" thank you to Travel Options for their efficiency from all the students concerned.



Still smiling after a long night, students queuing at Travel Options in Maynooth for J1 visas

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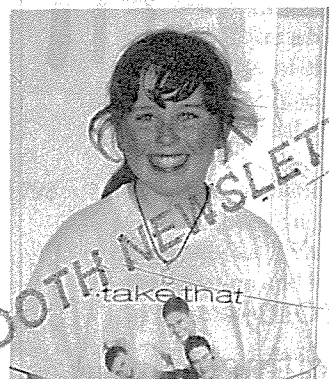
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## COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER



**Smiling Stacey McGovern... a future artist for Maynooth maybe!**

People may think we don't get many entries for children's competitions in our Newsletter....Not so folks!!

One family who continually send entries in for our colouring competition is the McGovern family from 820 Old Greenfield.

It came to our attention recently that it's not just our competition they enter when We saw Stacey McGovern's name in the Liffey Champion for winning a colouring competition therein.

Stacey and her sisters Karina, Michelle, Debbie and Regina all enjoy colouring but Stacey was the lucky winner this time. Their contributions are much appreciated by the Newsletter team and we wish them every success in future competitions.

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## EYE HEAR

### Maynooth a Cycling Disaster Zone

With the advent of spring there has been an upsurge in physical activity by our residents; from walking to running or cycling. Many locals walk the canal banks which is an excellent amenity to the area. However there is a dark cloud hanging over our town and that is the dangerous conditions of the roads for cycling. Road edging and hard shoulders around Maynooth are very poor with everything from rough surfacing to pot holes. We can only live in hope that no one will be seriously injured as a result. This traditional healthy and environmentally friendly mode of transport should be encouraged.

## GLÓR NA nGAEL

### Maigh Nuad

D'irigh thar bharr le Limeachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig agus is mian leis an choiste a mbuíochas a ghabháil chuig gach éinne a bhí páirteach sa lá mór Gaelach seo. Comhghairdeachas chuig Comhairle Phobail Maigh Nuad dá bharr an paráid mór, don Chumann Lúthchleas Gael dá bharr na cluichí iontach agus do Cumann Uí Ghranhnaigh dá bharr an oíche ceol breá in áras an Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. Tá daoine fós ag caint faoi an taitneamh a bhaineadar as an tAifreann Gaeilge a bhí a cheillúradh ag an tAth. Cogan.

Tá sraith ranganna nua beartaithe againn do mhí Aibreáin agus Bealtaine, is iad seo a leanas sonraí an úr-chúrsa.

The Maynooth choiste of Glór na nGael wish to thank all who helped in making 'Lá Fhéile Pádraig' a memorable day in Maynooth. To Fr. B. Supple and Fr. B. Cogan, for the celebration of Mass 'as Gaeilge' on the feast day of our national Patron Saint.

Congratulations to Maynooth Community Council for a splendid parade, to Maynooth G.A.A., for providing great sporting entertainment during the afternoon and to 'Maynooth Traditional Music Society', St. Patrick's College for providing a great evening of traditional music in the G.A.A. social centre.

Now is the time to brush up on your conversational Irish with a short basic five week course which will leave you capable of conducting a basic conversation in Irish. Bí linn.

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## LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Bookings are continuing for the German/French Summer School at Lucan Community College. The course which is of four weeks duration commences on Monday 4th July and finishes with presentation of examination results and certificates on Friday 29th July. The course will concentrate on written and aural skills and will be of special interest to 5th Year and Transition Year students. All activities during the four weeks will be conducted through the Medium of French and German including extra curricular and leisure time activities. Many parents in West Dublin are delighted to have this opportunity on their doorsteps and feel that their son/daughter will improve their German/French in a relaxed and convivial manner. In fact the whole programme is devised as an alternative to student exchanges and live-in Summer schools. The fee for the four week course is £100. The course co-ordinators, Patrick McDermott and Don Nicholl will be delighted to answer any queries at 6282077.

## MARKING BABY'S GRAVE

I am writing this month to let readers know about the responses there have been to what I wrote last month about the baby that was buried in Laraghbryan on 10th March. There have been three separate responses that I know of, two from groups and one from an individual reader, all wanting to ensure that the baby's grave is not neglected or forgotten. I have played my part by sharing with each one all the information I have. And these notes will keep readers in general informed.

## Groups and Individuals

One woman has offered to contribute a specific amount of money towards a marker for the baby's grave. Garda Martin Keane, who is involved with the No Name Club, has the initial marking in hand and the members of Maynooth Mortality Society have offered to help with the cost of the final marker.

## A Blending of Young and Old

I am struck by a certain representative quality in these responses. They combine younger and more senior groups: the No Name Club not only consisting of young people but also being one of the newest groups to be formed in the community; and the Mortality Society being one of the oldest; and these are accompanied by a woman's response.

## The Official Yields to the Informal

The task of seeing to the burial fell to the gardai, as readers already know, and to Sergeant Joe Canny in particular, supported by his team. Now that the formal requirements have been seen to, Garda Martin Keane and some of his colleagues are keen to follow through.

## A Cross Bearing an Inscription

Garda Keane has arranged with Walsh Monumental Works to have a simple wooden cross placed at the head of the grave. They had to decide how to inscribe it, and, remembering that the baby's body was found in February, it was suggested that Brigid or Bridget might serve for a name for now, accompanied by the date and place of finding.

## A More Permanent Marker

When this first marker is in place, Garda Keane and some of his colleagues from the Station will spread some topsoil on the grave and level the surface and leave it looking well. The idea is that later, say in about a year's time, a more permanent outline might be added, along with some marble chips and an inscribed plaque.

## Standing In for the Family

My impression of people's reasons for wanting to mark the grave clearly - and these may be shared by readers - is the thought that some day, the people to whom this baby belongs - and especially her mother - may want to know where her body was laid. At the same time, it is important not to put our stamp too strongly on whatever is used to mark her grave, because in other circumstances, the choosing would be rightly theirs and not ours.

## Keeping Readers Informed

I will continue to report on progress and circulate information until this matter of marking the baby's grave is taken care of. This is my contribution to the community's reaction, channelled mainly through the responses described above.

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## Features

### MAYNOOTH STUDENT HAS HISTORIC VICTORY

Ronan Barry, an inhabitant of Maynooth and a student in St. Patrick's College, recently was elected as Student Union Vice-President by the student body. This was an historic victory for Ronan as it was the first time ever that a candidate got in on the first count exceeding the quota by a big margin. It also was historical in that he is the first local student to be elected to a sabbatical position.

Ronan is the youngest son of James and Anna Barry who formerly had a newsagents on Maynooth's Main Street for many years, the Barry name being held onto by the new owners as it had become such a landmark in the town.

I asked Ronan some questions about his feelings on taking up this post which will commence on July 1st.

**Q:** How do you feel about getting in on the first count and what do you think contributed to this?

**A:** I felt great. I was involved in student groups who raised monies for charities and in other clubs and societies in the college and therefore my profile was very strong. One big factor which I feel contributed to my suitability for the position was that I was the first Student Union treasurer in four years to balance the accounts (..... shop work could be a major factor ..... blame it on the Father!!).

**Q:** Being a local and a student, do you feel students conduct themselves in an orderly manner in Maynooth?

**A:** The vast majority of students do, but within any community of people there will be problems.

**Q:** What approach would you take to break down barriers between residents and students in Maynooth?

**A:** By integrating clubs and societies in the college into activities of the Community e.g. Guides and Scouts, Environmental Groups linked to the Tidy Towns Committee, and for Friends of the Travellers to work with people interested in developing skills towards a more progressive way of working with travellers in our community. Also, by being a representative on Maynooth's Community Council I feel that progress can be made. I would also gladly accept invitations from residents' associations for student involvement.

**Q:** What issues do you feel are top priority to be dealt with in your Students' Union.

**A:** In my manifesto I have stated that there are many important issues for students to be dealt with. I believe that the aims I stand for are practical and not pie in the sky. The main issues I will be dealing with are:

a) Welfare of Students regarding accommodation problems, delays in grants, ensuring better health facilities and bringing up the issue of holiday periods with an aim to reviewing it.

b) Education: To continue improvements for all students regarding second-hand bookshop, appeal system, study groups, liaison with faculties etc.

c) Rights:- Introduction of Equality/Rights officer to ensure fair dealing with all minority groups in the college. To move towards improving lighting on and off the campus. To revitalise S.C.A.R.E.D. which is a group who escort girls home from the Union. This, I feel, is very important as many girls have been attacked in the past.

d) Jobs:- Helping students find work to help meet their college costs.

e) Under Union, Clubs and Societies, my main aim would be the training of all representatives to ensure better operation.

**Q:** Would you be interested in pursuing a career in politics?

**A:** No. The area I would like to get into is Youth and Community development work.

Ronan certainly has his work cut out for him next year but from speaking to him I'm sure, with his motivation, he will aim to do all he possibly can to improve student life.

*John McLoughlin*



Ronan Barry, a native of Maynooth, looking happy after his convincing victory in the recent Students' Union Vice-President elections

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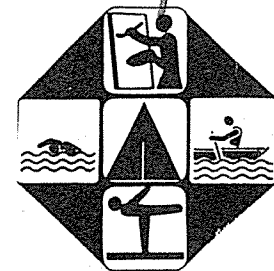
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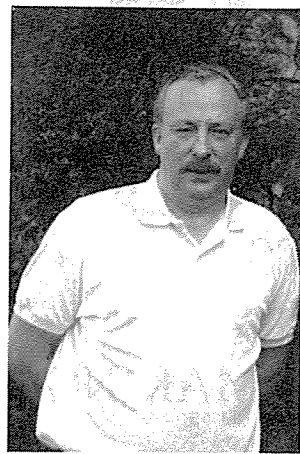
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### Leonard Murphy

Leonard Murphy, commonly known as Lenny, is a true blue Maynooth man. He is sub-station officer of the Local Fire Brigade and is one of the main driving forces behind Maynooth Town A.F.C. He was born on 1st march 1943 and was reared at Lough House in Laraghbryan. His father Joe was from Maynooth and his mother came from Enfield.

Lenny's education began in the Convent School before going to the B.N.S. After leaving Primary School Lenny worked in jobs for short periods here and there. At that time there was no shortage of work. He became an Apprentice Barman in Kiely's of Donnybrook. Among his clientele were writers Myles Na Gopaleen and Patrick Kavanagh.

Around this time in 1964 Lenny married his wife Lilly, a native of Carlow in Donnybrook Church. They have a family of six, including, Anita, Fiona, twins Leonard and Orla, Eilizabeth, Michael and two grand children Daryl and Lauren.

In 1965, Lenny and Lilly returned to Maynooth and he began working in the old Corner House (now the Roost). He later worked in the Leaf Chewing Gum Factory in Kilcock before being made redundant in 1978.

### Joined Fire Service

Lenny became a part-time fireman in 1979 where he had the unusual distinction of working alongside his father Joseph for six years. Joseph retired aged 64 after giving twenty seven years to the Maynooth Fire Service. In those days firemen were summoned by a siren placed on the top of a pole. There were also bells in houses before the present bleeper system was initiated. As a fireman he always remembers the tragic events, but there were also good days when they performed their job well minimising damage, helping to save lives or rescuing people from traffic accidents. Ever involved in the development of Maynooth Fire Service, Lenny attained a certificate in Fire Engineering. This was a mammoth achievement considering that a lot of aspects of this course were not part of his former education; such as science, mechanics and hydraulics. He had to study very hard.

He is now sub-station officer, which involved taking charge of certain situations, making initial decisions as to how incidents may be handled. To him the Fire Brigade means being involved in a local service where at times he has to deal with some very dangerous situations.

### Worrying Times

Presently in Maynooth, all the Fire Officers are married men. When they get a call-out during the day or night their families also experience and share in their worries for their safety and well being while performing their duties.

### Love of Soccer

Lenny had a great love of soccer; while he is also a fan of the native game of Hurling. In the late late 1950's he was involved in the formation of a soccer club in Maynooth which was based at the rear of what is now Leinster Park. He had the pleasure as a minor of playing against Shelbourne Minor Tony Dunne who later won a European Cup Medal with Manchester Utd. in 1968 and was capped by Republic of Ireland. Lenny regrets that he didn't reach these dizzy heights, but feels that if he had, he might have missed out on so many happy memories that he has experienced. He played at Junior Level with a number of clubs such as Beechill Utd; where he played at right half back.

He received a bad shoulder injury which curtailed his involvement in football at a serious level. To keep in touch with the game he sat for the Referees Exam in Dublin which he passed. He retired from refereeing league matches in 1990 as this post prevented him from being a member of a club. He had earlier become involved in coaching the School Boys team in 1982. He later became involved with the Senior team and is now club PRO.

### 25th Anniversary

This year along with his colleagues he will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the club as it is presently constituted. Their target is to own their own grounds eventually, if land becomes available at the right price. Every day of his week is taken up by some aspect of the game. (For a number of years he was chairman of the North Kildare Guinness Darts League). Manchester Utd. is his favourite team and he generally makes a point of travelling to Old Trafford at least once a year.

### World Cup

He feels that if we qualify for the play-off stages of the World Cup, it will be a great achievement as many of our players are nearing the end of their international careers. He expects that the hype and glamour created by the Americans will uplift and boost his beloved sport.

### Musical Interests

Lenny played the Clarinet with the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band from his 'teens to his early twenties. He enjoys military music and light opera of the Gilbert and Sullivan mould.

### Early Memories

Nowadays the students of the College mix freely with local people. Lenny remembers a time when students were taken out for supervised walks by clerical staff. He also recalls that Ordination Day was a big event in Maynooth, when young and old gathered at the 'College Gates' to get a blessing from the newly ordained priests.

His philosophy in life is that if you make a decision, stick to it. He finds it easier to say why he did something than to explain why he didn't.

His community spiritedness stems from the influence of his late father, Joseph, who was a great friend and adviser to him. He derives a soft spot for the Royal County from his mother. He is a committed local man who does Maynooth proud.

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## Features

### NATIONAL YOUTH FEDERATION

#### Conascadh Náisiúnta Na nOg

##### Variety Show Finals 1994

The National Youth Federation Variety Show Final '94 was held in the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare on February the 26th.

I'll give everyone the benefit of the doubt for knowing where Kildare is, where Maynooth is and where St. Patrick's College and the Aula Maxima is . . . I will explain what the National Youth Federation is.

The National Youth Federation is the co-ordinating and representative body for independent voluntary local youth services in Ireland. It is Ireland's largest youth work organisation.

**Their Vision:** "Local Communities throughout Ireland promoting the personal development and social education of young adults by providing them with opportunities for full and active participation in the life of the locality." (Sounds like a would-be FAS scheme!)

**Their Mission:** "To promote Comprehensive Community-based youth services throughout the country to support their member youth services in developing youth work practice, by, with and for young people and to provide a focus for the work".

So with all this in mind I stroll into the Aula Maxima on Saturday the 26th of February . . . the air is electric. Youth leaders, stage hands, officials, the paparazzi and of course the participants, their handlers and their fans have all descended on Maynooth in what portends to a tremendous night.

Most of these clubs have fought from local level, to regional level and through the National level for a place in this final.

Youth Clubs from Limerick, Donegal, Wexford, Kerry, Louth and Clare are represented (not a Kildare being in sight save for ghosts of glories unconnected with the N.Y.F. held in times past in the Aula).

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**Drama:** The award for Drama (and this group also won the award for Best Original item) went to Torc Youth Club, Kerry, their piece on Aids was rightly recognised.

**Dance:** "Northside Link Limerick for Mr Vain".

**Duais Na Gaeilge:** (Bronnta ag Bord Na Gaeilge) was won by Aine Cronin from Moyrane Youth Club in Kerry for two beautiful songs as Gaeilge.

**Solo Instrumental:** There was a flautist from Ferns Youth Club - she won the solo instrumental and Ferns also won the **Group Instrumental** (Talented lot these Ferns ones!)

**Solo Singing:** Caherdavin Youth Club, Limerick.

**Group Singing:** The award here went to Ballyduff Youth Club, Kerry.

Michaél O'Muireathuirtigh presented the prizes. There were loud cheers of joy (what am I saying?) they cracked what was left of the walls as each group realised that their club had won a particular category, the joy of collecting your prize in front of your friends on the stage of the Aula Maxima is a rare and splendid thing.

. . . [All along I kept thinking is there one of these organisations in Kildare? surely with the huge population of young people in Maynooth . . . surely there must be?]

I asked one of the organisers about the National Youth Federation and these are some of the things I found out.

It has a paid staff of over 250 and over 5000 active volunteers. Through its network of nineteen regional youth services the Federation supports:

- Neighbourhood Youth Projects [ 36]
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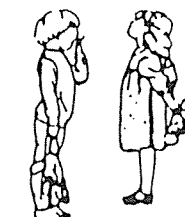
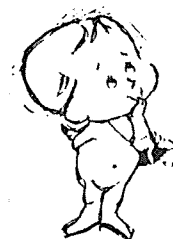
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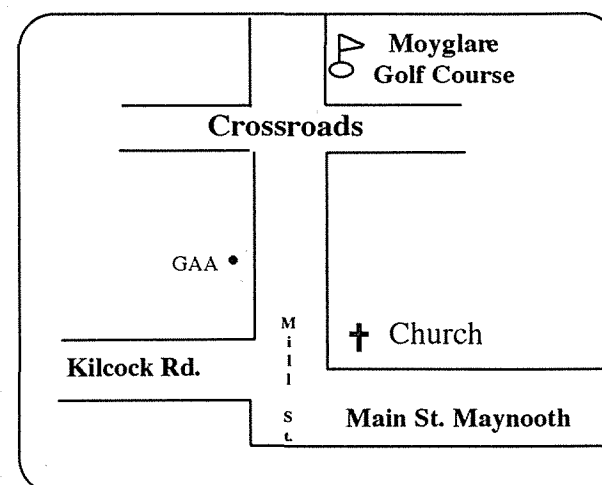
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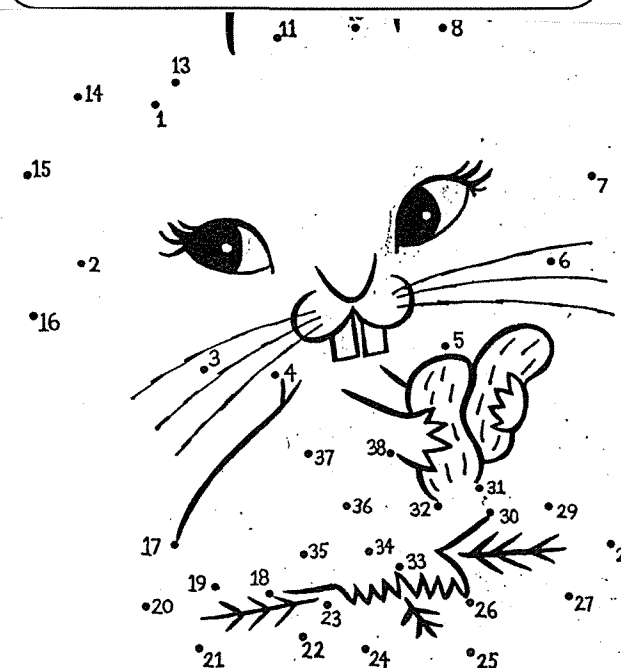
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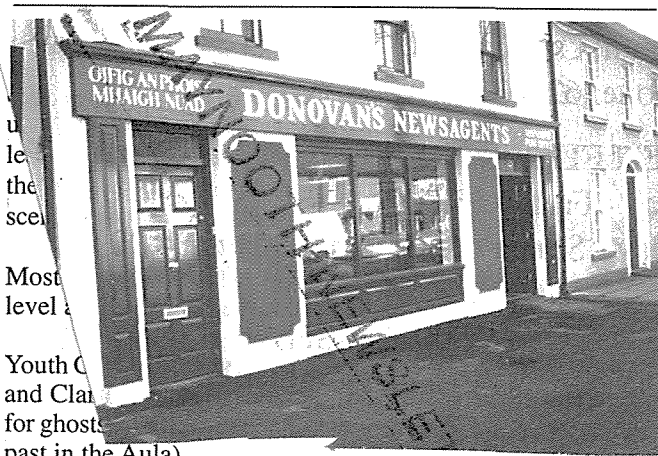


## NEW LOCATION FOR MAYNOOTH POST OFFICE

Maynooth Post office moved to its new premises on Monday 28th March. Situated at the rear of Donovan's Newsagents also newly opened on the same date. The post office has more space and a better set up for the postmen. After 8 years in the shopping centre, the post office has returned to the Main Street and the Postmaster, Eugene Donovan, feels that the new premises is a step up in the right direction. There is more secure parking for vans out the back and room for development as the town grows.

Moving to the Main Street will show a loss in some areas and a gain in others. Whereas people from outside Maynooth would have previously used the post office when shopping in the shopping centre, now the locals who did not avail of it will find it a lot more accessible. At one time An Post saw the idea of post offices in shopping centres as a viable option but having done a survey on the local area it was discovered that the present location of the post office was half a mile nearer to the locals and while in keeping with the development of the town it is also in keeping with tradition.

The best of luck to Maynooth Post Office in their new location and also to Donovan's Newsagents on their new enterprise.



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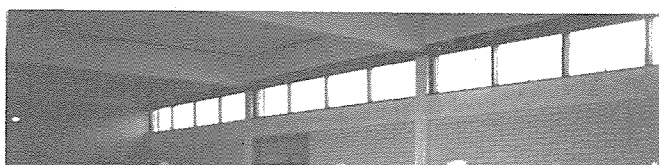
## OLD PEOPLE'S EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

The Divine Word was the location for the Old People's Easter Bonnet Competition. The event started with a mass for the club members and after a leisurely repast the music got under way. The entertainment was provided by Josie Moore and Kevin Mc Govern, who sang some lovely songs while playing the guitar. There appeared to be few contestants for the competition at first but as the music progressed they appeared from every corner of the room. The standard was very high indeed and one must appreciate the hard work these people put into making their bonnets. The thought came to mind that it's a pity the young people don't continue this tradition also as the fun and delight that the older generation get from this occasion cannot go unnoticed.

The competition was judged and prizes awarded for different categories, i.e. most Easterly bonnet, most colour co-ordinated bonnet and even most alluring bonnet.

There were tickets given out for spot prizes and also tickets sold for a raffle for the first prize of a £100 ticket for the Post-Primary School draw where cars, money or even TVs can be won. The winner of this ticket was Kevin Mc Govern and hopefully it will lead to even greater things for him in the big draw.

The evening appeared to be very successful and the committee, who organised this event should be proud of a job well done.



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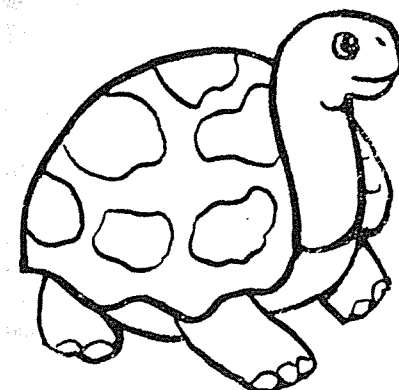
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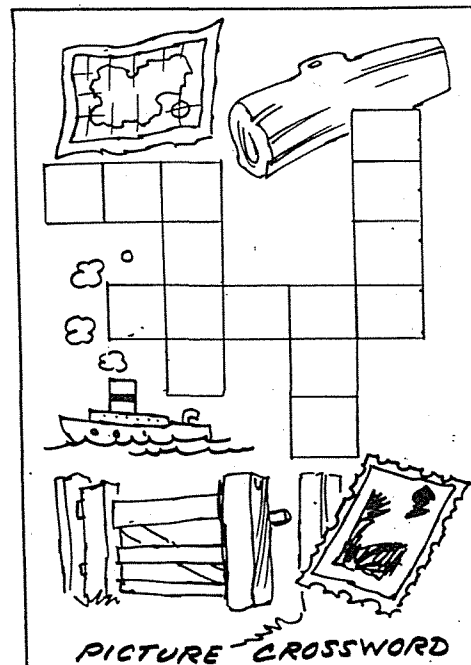
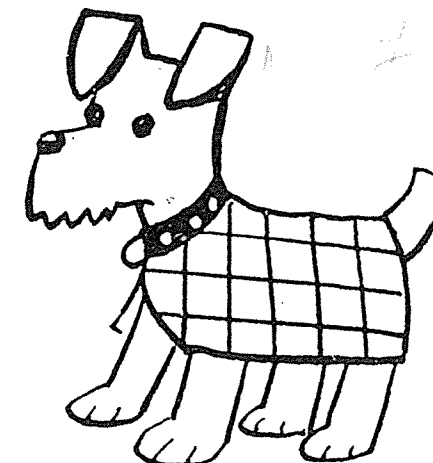
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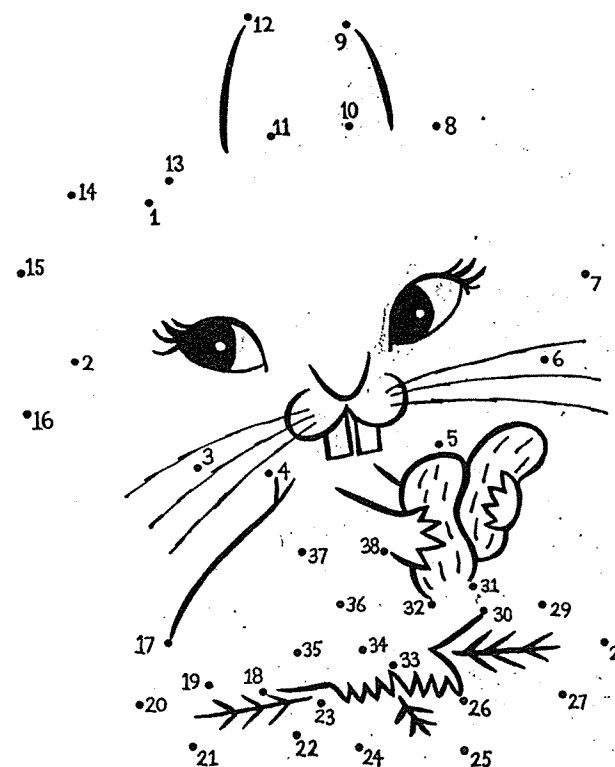
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## WINNERS OF MARCH COLOURING COMPETITION

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## Features

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOL MONSTER DRAW

The draw for the 5 day trip for two to the U.S.A. to see Ireland play Norway in the World Cup will be held on Tuesday 10th May 1994 at 9.00 p.m. in the gym of the Post Primary School - (This prize includes flights, hotel accommodation and match tickets).

Only tickets fully paid on or before that night will be eligible for this Early Bird prize and all are welcome to attend. A special appeal is being made to anybody with tickets who wish to be included for this special prize to hand in their ticket and money as soon as possible in order that it can be included.

The other prizes of car, videos, tvs, camcorder and £25,000 in cash will be given away on 30th June and the rest of the prize fund of two cars, videos, t.v., camcorders and approximately £25,000 will be raffled on 30th November next. There is still time to purchase tickets - so get your money and ticket in as soon as possible to ensure you qualify.

T. Ashe.



The Parent Teacher Association Committee of Maynooth Post Primary School in session.

### THE MISSING PEOPLE OF MAYNOOTH

The Planning and Development Committee was set up as a response to the significant growth of the Town and surrounding areas. Its basic role was to involve itself with plans for the town and to see how they would impact on the character of the town and to provide a central body through which all people of Maynooth town could have an input into how they would see their town develop. The Planning and Development committee have no powers to implement or prevent changes but it was envisaged that through the combined awareness of all representative bodies within the Planning and Development committee our wishes could be made known with a very strong voice.

We would seek to have positive change and are active in a number of areas towards this end. There is a F.A.S scheme

working for us in conjunction with the Tidy Town's Committee. This scheme has already undertaken some very good basic work and will provide a strong basis on which to build a pleasant, neat town in which to live. We have made submissions to the County Council in relation to the Draft Development Plan for the Town. These set out our views on how we felt the town should be best developed to enhance its historical features, its potential for tourism, its role as a university town and as a residential town for over six thousand people, amongst many other items addressed in the document. This Development is under review currently and we are pleased to see that our views have been taken into consideration in the County Development Plan. Currently there are ongoing communications to secure the Geraldine Hall and Harbour field as community facilities under the management of the Planning and Development committee.

All of the above and many other lesser items have been on the agenda of the Planning and Development since its formation. Every one of these items relate to the Town of Maynooth and seek to improve the environment and facilities of the town for the people of the town. Our committee is voluntary and geared towards the best intentions of Maynooth without vested interest of any kind. The Planning and Development is supposed to be made up from representatives from all sections of the community so as to provide a forum for all opinions on all matters of concern to those parties. Sadly as it stands today this committee cannot claim to fulfil this objective. There is not sufficient interest, representation, support or input being given to the committee in order that it can meet its goals.

It is disappointing after the work that has been done to date to find such apathy from the community at large. It is obvious that there are a lot of people prepared to leave a small number of people to do all the work of the community and to use them as the fallguys for all that is wrong in Maynooth.

Maynooth belongs to no one person, group, committee, or body, it belongs to us all and if nothing happens in the town then it is everybody who is to blame not just those trying and failing in their endeavours to move forward. I find it hard to balance the lack of interest in the town as an indication that Maynooth is doing very nicely, thank you!! Our committee and all the other groups etc. in the town are there for you and they need support through your ideas, energy and time on the many issues that face our expanding town. We cannot serve your requirements if we do not know what they are and we cannot know your requirements if we do not know you.

I would ask for a greater interest and input into our committee and an opportunity arises at our AGM on the 28th April at 8 p.m. to become involved in having a say in how Maynooth should be, as we head into the 21st century.

*Tony Bean,*  
Chairperson P & D Committee

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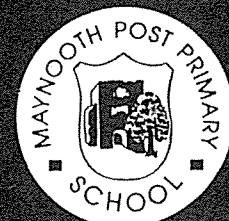
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# GARDA TALK

## CHILD PROTECTION:

Recent incidents of attempted child abductions reported in the public press have generated a degree of anxiety and concern among parents. From the outset its important to stress that the practise is minimum and not wide spread and the subject needs to be viewed in perspective, calmly and objectively.

Outlined hereunder are a few simple guide lines for parents:

1. Anyone calling to your home fully check out their identity.
2. Ask for Identification.
3. Any bona fida Health Board/Public Official will have no difficulty co-operating with parents requirements regarding clarification of identification.
4. Such public Officials as Health Nurses, Social Workers etc. who supply their names and addresses and I.D. should then be asked to wait (if they are not known to you) until the parent checks back with the appropriate authority as to the correctness of the names etc. supplied.
5. Do not at any stage leave your child alone with such callers.
6. Apply common sense combined with prudence, alertness and vigilance at all times.

## Young Children attending School:

Many parents arrange to leave very young children directly to the school; where school bus transport is availed of its advisable that a parent or responsible adult see such young children onto the bus and similarly meet such child from the bus on their return journey from school. Any slackness in this regard could be exploited by would be deviant opportunists. Otherwise alert the relevant school authorities of any other variable arrangements.

On the general subject of Child Protection we have obtained from the Garda Siochana Community Relations Section, Garda Headquarters an informative list of procedures relative to this most sensitive matter which are set out hereunder in writing and diagram form.

## THE GARDA'S ROLE

The Garda Siochana accepts a responsibility for protecting all our citizens, and makes a special effort in those cases where the person is particularly vulnerable.

We are especially concerned to ensure that children should be safe, and free from all forms of criminal abuse. In achieving our goals it is vital that adults appreciate this concern, and that children understand that we are here to help.

## INVESTIGATION

If cases are not reported, then one of the main deterrents to future offending is absent. Reporting is often the first step towards ending these crimes. It may also help the child realise their 'innocence' and the 'guilt' of the other party.

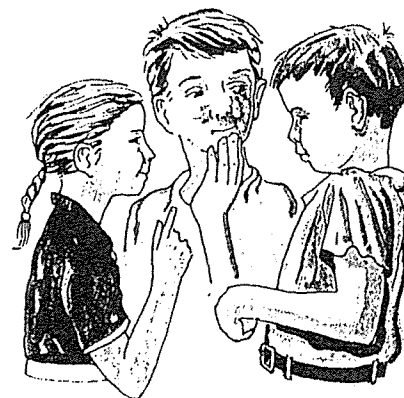
In any circumstance where abuse is suspected, we would urge that all information is given to the Garda Siochana, as soon as possible.

These matters will be dealt with discreetly, and sensitively.

## CHILDREN AT PLAY

When children are at play, they are generally beyond your immediate supervision. Here are some points which you should raise with them, and which they should remember.

1. They are always safer playing in groups, than alone.
2. They should not play in secluded, or dark places.
3. They should always tell you where they are playing, and play only in that place.
4. They should not involve unknown adults in their games.



# GARDA TALK

## CHILDREN WITH ADULT

While we often talk of the dangers of strangers, many abusers are actually known to their victims. Before entrusting children into the care of adults, assure yourself that they are trustworthy, and reliable.

1. Use recommended babysitters whenever possible.
2. Be alert to danger signs, for example, if your child exhibits strange or reluctant behaviour in the presence of a particular adult.
3. Warn children against talking to adults they do not know.
4. Children should be cautioned against going off with adults without their parents permission, even when they are known.



## SIGNS OF ABUSE

There are very many signs which may indicate abuse. They are not conclusive in themselves, but should give grounds for suspicion. some of the main indicators are listed below:

1. The child has injuries which it cannot explain, or explains inappropriately.
2. The child exhibits fear in the presence of certain individuals, and does not want to be in their company.
3. The child appears withdrawn, or exhibits abnormal behaviour, which is markedly out of character.
4. The child appears to be underdeveloped, constantly sickly, ill-kept or malnourished.

## APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES

Sometimes, it can be difficult for a child to know who to go to for help and assistance. Parents should always provide a 'listening ear' for their children. Children should know that the right thing to do always is to tell a parent what has happened. They should not fear criticism for being foolish, or disobeying your previous instructions. Of course, it should be made clear, that under no circumstances are they to be blamed.



## PROTECTING CHILDREN

Please let your children know that they can always go to any member of the Garda Siochana if they need help. The Gardai can be contacted 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Let them know that **THE GARDA IS A FRIEND**





## Art and Music

### COLLEGE WINS PRIZE IN DRAMA FESTIVAL

You may remember a review of the play 'LOVERS' by Brian Friel, which was performed by THE ROSCIAN PLAYERS (MAYNOOTH COLLEGE DRAMA SOCIETY), in the March issue of **The Newsletter**.

I had said that it was an excellent production and this excellence paid off in the Irish Student Drama Association's (I.S.D.A.) festival in Galway recently where Emma Colohon, who played the part of Mags, picked up the award for Best Actress. I was not a bit surprised at this result, except for the fact that I.S.D.A. has a very high standard and Maynooth's performances in the past have had a tough time gaining recognition. However, in saying this, they did give 'Lovers' its just reward.

The play was also nominated for best production and best direction which was a great feat for the college.

With standards like this I often wonder why more local people don't go to see some of the productions in the College. So all you drama buffs out there, keep an eye out for the future production posters (which probably will not be until October due to exams) and make sure not to miss their very high standard productions.

Once again, well done to Emma. I really feel she will be a name to look out for in the future if her performance in 'Lovers' is anything to go by.



Emma Colohon pictured here with Billy McGee, director of 'Lovers' by Brian Friel after their success at I.S.D.A.

### Maynooth Parish Folk Group

Once again Maynooth Parish Folk Group appeals for new members from all you singers and musicians out there.

Feedback from the congregation suggests that you continue to come to 9.45 am Sunday Mass because you enjoy participating in this particular form of celebration.

Apart from attendance at this Mass, the only other commitment you would be asked to make is on Wednesday evenings

at 8 O'Clock in the Convent Primary School for selection and practice of material.

We look forward to a big response at either Mass or practice in the near future.

Patricia Harkin  
Maynooth Folk Group

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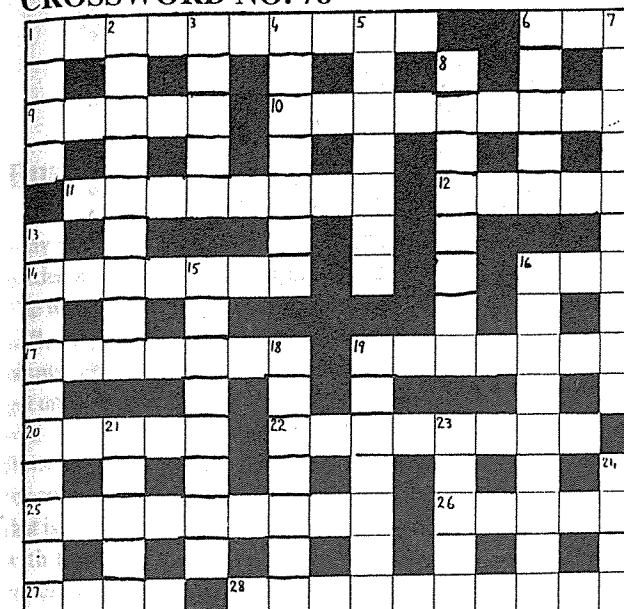
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## Crossword

### CROSSWORD NO. 78



Entries before 5.00 p.m. Friday, 20th May.

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

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

#### Across:

1. Prisoners on the bus service took a chance at the end to solve the person's mind. (10)
6. Mr. McGuire had a stronger drink than tea out of this. (3)
9. Sat or turned to the rosters. (5)
10. Last months first gotcha. (5,4)
11. Scores in rugby? (8)
12. Choose carefully for someone working for your rights. (5)
14. Great! So the provisions are here (7)
16. The blackbirds are in this! (3)
17. Taint national school for its quick answer. (7)
19. See lass 'e's mixed up his social groupings. (7)
20. Lately, out the east, I keep the score. (5)
22. The clock doesn't tick, never I say! (2,2,4)
25. Ciss ran to us all mixed up about the flower. (9)
26. Thorn turned away from south. (5)
27. With the oddness knocked out of him he ended up on the level. (4)
28. 'E's smartest for doing these medical examinations. (5,5)

#### Down

1. Sounds like truck turned abrupt. (4)
2. In the end small particles may need symbols, not at the beginning! (9)
3. In India, this part of society sound like they're in a play. (5)
4. Doing the test first the learner in the physical education class was illustrating the general rule. (7)
5. The corporal on the Social Employment Scheme brought out dead bodies. (7)
6. Strangle someone in the car. (5)
7. Sounds like the pretty parrot studied many gods. (10)
8. Praise the lord! (8)

13. Giving help to the donkey who is light brown at the end of the fence. (10)

15. Slain, say, for your part in the separation of the thing into its elements. (8)

16. Blotches on the letters could ensure they get there. (4,5)

18. Held ransom after tea under the lintel. (7)

19. Stan can play this game with two packs. (7)

21. Big mixed up glare! (5)

23. Back to front belief? (5)

24. This way the doctor throws his theology at us. (4)

#### Solutions to Crossword No. 77:

##### Across:

1. Determines, 6. Map, 9. Rondo, 10. Sterilise, 11. Particle, 12. Tress, 14. Heights, 16. Boa, 17. Septic, 19. Bashing, 20. Barge, 22. Peacocks, 25. Asks to tea, 26. Error, 27. Dodo, 28. Platiudes.

##### Down:

1. Dart, 2. Tantalise, 3. Roost, 4. Insects, 5. Everest, 6. Maize, 7. Press Gangs, 8. Mistress, 13. Chess Boards, 15. Hitherto, 16. Blinkered, 18. Capital, 19. Blatant, 21. Raked, 23. Overt, 24. Iris.

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Serves: 4  
Prep: 5 mins  
Cook: 10 mins  
Cals per portion: 162

**These spicy cod steaks are a delicious healthy meal to prepare and cook when you're in a hurry.**

#### Ingredients

2 tsp/10 ml black peppercorns  
1 tsp/5 ml allspice berries  
1 tsp/5 ml paprika  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
2 cod steaks  
2 tbsp/30 ml sunflower oil  
2 oz/50 g unsalted butter  
Juice of 1 lime

#### Garnish

Fresh parsley  
Lemon wedges

#### Method

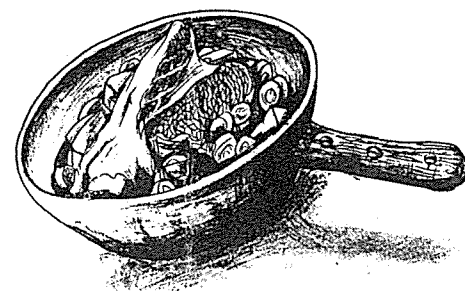
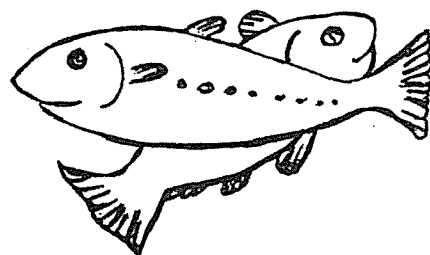
•Crush the black peppercorns and allspice berries either in a food processor or using a pestle and mortar. Mix in the paprika and crushed garlic and rub each side of the cod steaks with this mixture.

•Heat the sunflower oil and butter together in a frying pan until it starts to go foamy.

•Add the cod steaks and cook over a moderate heat for about 5 minutes on each side, pressing down firmly with a fish slice. The fish flesh will turn white when it is cooked.

•Add the lime juice to the pan. Transfer the fish to a serving plate and garnish with fresh parsley and lemon wedges.

Serve the Spicy Cod Steaks with new potatoes and steamed green beans, broccoli or a green vegetable of your choice.



#### English Pot Roast

Serves 6  
Prep: 20 mins  
Cook: 1 1/2 - 2 hours  
Cals per portion: 421

**This delicious pot roast is made using one of the most economical cuts of beef you can buy.**

#### Ingredients

2 tbsp/30 ml oil  
2 lb/900 g rolled brisket  
4 oz/125 g large mushrooms sliced  
3 carrots sliced  
3 potatoes cut into chunks  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 pt/300 ml beef stock  
1 tbsp/15 ml tomato purée  
3 drops Tabasco sauce.

#### Method

•Preheat the oven to Mark 4/350°F/180°C. Heat the oil in a roasting pan on top of the cooker and brown the brisket all over. Remove and place in a casserole dish.

•Arrange the mushrooms, carrots and potatoes around the meat in the dish.

•Add the bay leaf, then pour the stock, purée and Tabasco sauce over the meat.

•Place in the oven and cook for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. To check the meat is cooked, insert a skewer into the joint. If the juices run clear, it is cooked. Serve sliced with jacket potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

#### Tips

To make a thicker gravy, blend 1 tbsp/15 ml cornflour with 3 tbsp/45 ml water. Stir this into the gravy after the meat is cooked. Bring mixture to the boil and simmer for 2 minutes.



## GARDENING HINTS

### Busy Month

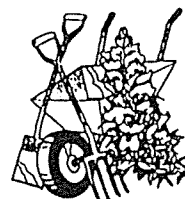
May is one of the busiest months in the garden and also one of the most enjoyable. The warmth and wet of the last two months will, one hopes, have brought outdoor plants on fast, and flowering will really get under way. This year's spring bedding will need clearing away and spring-flowering bulbs can be lifted to make way for summer bedding. They are heeled in, that is, laid at an angle in a shallow trench, with the leaves exposed, but the bulbs covered with soil to finish ripening, so that the embryo flower can form, ready for the next season. Sweet pea supporting and training, if grown as cordons, should start.

### Container Planting

For those whose gardening may be confined to window boxes, tubs or other containers on a roof garden or patio, half-hardy annuals are probably the best bet. These can be planted out as young plants in May and will soon start to flower. Suitable half-hardy annuals for growing in containers are antirrhinum, petunia, fragrant stocks, annual chrysanthemum, cherry pie (heliotrope), lobelia, Phlox drummondii, African and French marigolds and other showy plants.

Hanging baskets are also most decorative when filled with heliotrope, trailing lobelia, free-flowering nasturtium, petunia and other summer-flowering plants.

Many shops and nurseries now stock hanging basket kits which reduce the initial work when planning your basket. Remember that the site of the basket is important - it will not thrive in a windy position and will need the sun and a certain amount of feeding, not to mention watering, if it is to do well.



### The Lawn

Grass cutting should continue at five-day intervals, and a combined feed and weed application will do much if applied now, when weeds are at their highest rate of growth. Lawns sown from seed last month will need topping this month.



### Keeping Plants Healthy

Nowadays there are two types of insecticides: *systemic insecticides*, which enter the sap by absorption through the foliage and are used against sap-sucking insects, and *contact insecticides*, which destroy leaf- and bud-eaters by direct contact with them. Systemics are of no value against the latter, because they do not imbibe sufficient sap to poison them. The systemics are effective for about one month after spraying, whereas the contact types must be applied whenever the insects appear. A number of proprietary insecticides are mixtures of both. **Warning:** Do not spray roses, for example, too soon because the larvae of ladybirds, hover flies, lace wing-flies and braconid wasps, which are the natural enemies of greenflies, appear at about the same time as the caterpillars. It is better to hand pick the latter and destroy them rather than spray them.

### Vegetable Garden

Cucumbers, marrows, celery and melons brought on and potted last month, can go out at the end of the month, into rich, well-prepared soils, though cucumbers and melons can also be grown in the greenhouse, and may do better there in cool seasons. They will need strong supports in that case, and regular training and tying in with removal of unneeded sideshoots.

Vegetable seed sowing can continue, of beetroot, ridge cucumbers, lettuce, radish, spinach, turnip, peas, runner beans and French beans.



## Sports News

### G.A.A. NOTES

#### 1st Team Results since April Issue

##### 1. Ballivor 1.12 Maynooth 1.9 (Challenge)

**Scorers:** Paul Garvey 8 points, Joey Edwards 1 goal and Johnny Nevin 1 point.

**Best for Maynooth:** Joe Conway, Paul Garvey, Noel Reilly, Johnny Nevin and Killian Fagan.

##### 2. Maynooth 13 points Straffan 1.9 (League)

**Scorers:** Paul Garvey 10 points, Liam O'Toole 2 points and Joey Riordan 1 point.

**Best:** Paul Garvey, Ken Killoran, Liam O'Toole, Joe Conway, Johnny Nevin, Paul Stynes and David Mahony.

The Ballivor Intermediate team provided a stiff test for the local squad at the Arts Block pitch and showing a greater appetite for the battle and a wonderful awareness of where the posts were they emerged deserving winners. Maynooth failed to cope with the difficult underfoot conditions as well as their opponents and struggled all through to contain them. Nevertheless it was a useful work-out in preparation for the more important fixtures coming up.

The performance against Straffan was more pleasing as the team, despite being short a number of key players, came from behind to win against a big, strong, determined Straffan outfit. Straffan although playing against a stiff breeze in the 1st half dominated the exchanges to lead by 2 points at the break. Maynooth reserved their best efforts for the 2nd half however, and with each member of the team stepping up a gear, held on for a narrow but encouraging win. A feature of the game was the pinpoint accuracy displayed by corner forward Paul Garvey who slotted over 10 excellent points. There were also very important contributions made by Ken Killoran, Liam O'Toole, Joe Conway, Johnny Nevin, Paul Stynes and David Mahony.

#### Leading Scorers after 6 Games

- (1) Paul Garvey 25 points
- (2) Liam O'Toole 2.5 (11 points)
- (3) Joey Edwards 1.5 (8 points)
- Joey Riordan 1.5 (8 points)

#### Important Date to Note

The team are fixed to play Sallins in the first round of the Junior 'A' Championship on May 1st. The game will be played in Newbridge and your support is earnestly requested.

We would like to thank Frank Regan and Brian Cleary of Regan, Cleary, Estate Agents, Maynooth House, Maynooth, for their kind sponsorship of our Junior 'A' Football team. More information in June issue of *Newsletter*.

#### North Kildare League

##### U - 13

##### Maynooth 4.5 Carbury 5.6

First game in the League. Maynooth found themselves down 1.3 to 1 point after ten minutes. However good play by Diggins and O'Sullivan and two goals from N. Healy left it

2.4 each at half time. The second half was even with Carbury getting a vital goal near the end. This was a good performance from Maynooth and with a bit of luck could at least have got a draw.

#### Scorers:

N. Healy 3 goals, S. Lennon 1 goal, D. Campbell 3 points, A. McCarron 1 point, K. Ennis 1 point.

**Best:** P. King, A. McCarron, P. O'Sullivan, N. Healy, C. Diggins, K. Ennis, D. Campbell, D. Carr.

##### U - 11

##### Maynooth 1.4 Carbury 2.1

Played in a near gale both teams played good football, Maynooth leading 3 points to nil at half-time. However Carbury got two second-half goals and Maynooth had to pull out all the stops to score 1.1 against the wind, a very good team performance.

**Best scorers:** P. Campbell, S. Healy, A. Baxter M. Sweeney, G. Quinn, D. Adderley, P. Ennis.

#### Lotto Result 13.3.94

Numbers 1, 9, 22, 24. No winner. Jackpot £1260.

5 x £10, D. Casey (Jun.), P. Tracey, J. Gilton, J. Dempsey, Sandra Moore.

#### Lotto Result 20.3.94

Numbers 5, 10, 12, 22. No winner. Jackpot £1350.

5 x £10, Catherine Mulready, Frank Buckley, Denise Geoghegan, Eddie Dunne, Donal Downes.

#### Lotto Result 27.3.94

Numbers 1, 5, 6, 13. No winner. Jackpot £1400.

5 x £10, Michael Kelly, Sonny Kearns, Margaret Gillick, Danny Casey (Sen.), M. Stynes.

#### Lotto Result 3.4.94

Numbers 1, 3, 7, 20. No winner. Jackpot £1470.

5 x £10, Gerry Whelan, John Flatley, Ann Walsh, Michelle Farrell, P. McAvinue.

#### Lotto Result 10.4.94.

Numbers, 3, 5, 10, 15. No winner. Jackpot £1560.

5 x £10 Ann O'Riordan, Ken Killoran, Peggy Edwards, Ken O'Brien, Brendan Payne.

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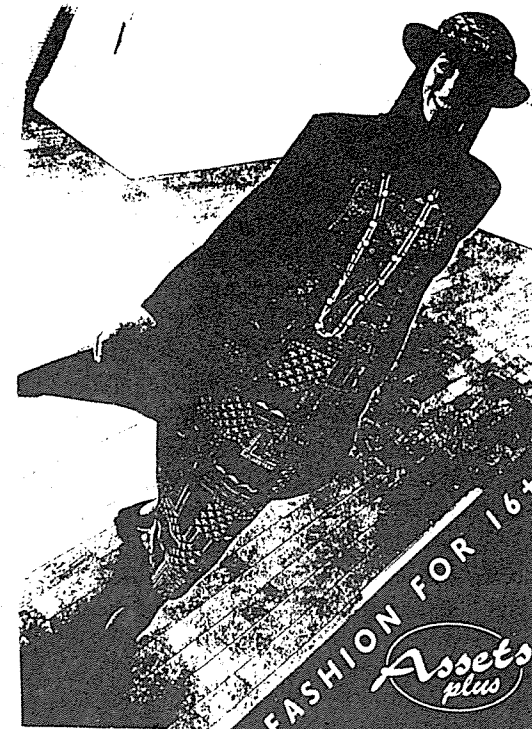
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## MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

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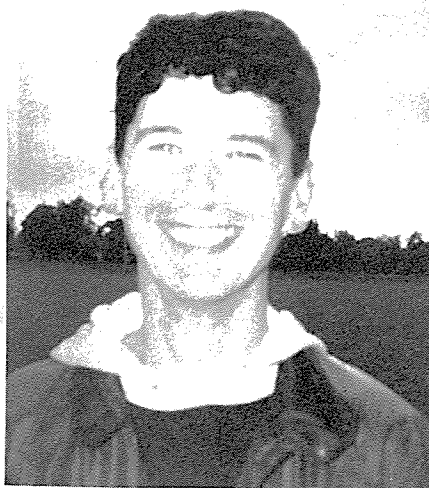
Results as follows:-

(O.35's) John Campbell (1st)(200)(800)(2000)m.  
 (O.45) David Jolley (3rd)(800)(1500)m.  
 (U.13) Karl Ennis (1st) walk.  
 (U.13) Conor Diggins (2nd)(300)m.  
 (U.13) (4 x 250 relay) C. Diggins, K. Ennis, P. King and D. Campbell (2nd)  
 (U15) Michelle Gillick (3rd) walk  
 Finalists (U13) Patrick King, David Campbell  
 High Jump, Long Jump and Hurdles  
 (U15) Declan O'Rourke (60m) (300m)  
 (Junior) Martin Cunningham and Christopher Byrne (1500m)

Road Walks - All Ireland  
 (U11) 1st Philip Campbell  
 (U13) 1st Karl Ennis (2nd) David Campbell  
 (U15) (1st) Michelle Gillick who beat the two girls who were 1st and 2nd in indoor.

Bohermeen Cross Country  
 (O.35) 2nd John Campbell  
 Lusk Road Races  
 (U10) (1st) Philip Campbell (U14) 2nd David Campbell  
 (6th) Conor Diggins  
 Kildare Primary Schools Cross Country  
 Senior (1st) Conor Diggins

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**John Campbell**  
 enjoying a very  
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## MAYNOOTH GLIDING

Maynooth glider pilot Michael O'Reilly, of Dublin Gliding Club, has been active lately. In spite of the rain-sodden conditions which have not favoured flying in recent months, he squeezed out the year's first bit of soaring in January with a fifty minute flight from his club's airfield near Naas. And with two other Kildare-based pilots, Ciaran Sinclair of Straffan and John Finnan of Athy, he has bought an IS-28 Glider, a metal two-seater of which great things are expected this season.

This is just one of a number of new aircraft. The club has recently added an extra two-seater training glider to its fleet, to cope with the steady interest of new members from all over Leinster. The Dublin Gliding Club is the most active gliding outfit in Ireland. In spite of its name it caters for members from all over Ireland, some of them coming from as far afield as Limerick for instance. The club has a long association with this area. It started at Weston over forty years ago, before moving to Baldonnell, and then to its present home at Gowran Grange next to Punchestown, where it has been for nearly fifteen years.

Anyone from the age of 14 can start learning to glide—and there's no upper age limit! Why not visit the club some weekend, and perhaps take a trial flight with an instructor? Better still, the club will be offering week-long courses this summer in mid-July and early August—and ideal way to experience the delight and challenge of controlling an aircraft in silent flight. For further information, contact Peter Denman at Leinster Park (01-6285464) or ring the airfield at (045-97681, weekends or Wednesday evenings).

*Peter Denman*

## MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The second outing of the year was to Tullamore Golf Club on the 16th April. The outing generously sponsored by Maynooth Bookshop (John Byrne) was played in ideal conditions on another fine course as the scores below indicate. The total turnout of 39 players included all the local big names, Declan "Boom Boom" Dooley, John "Seve" Nolan. Tommy "Left/Right Hand" Sheehan, to name but a few. A most enjoyable day/night was had by all.

Next outing is the week-end trip to Midleton on 27th to 29th May. Names to any committee member before 20th May.

*V. Par*

**Tullamore Results 16.04.1994**  
**Sponsors : Maynooth Bookshop**

1st Overall Terry Moore 44 pts.

CLASS 1:

1st G. McTernan 39 pts.  
 2nd R. Delemere 38 pts.  
 3rd J. McKeown 34 pts.

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CLASS 2 :

1st G. Coulton 41 pts.  
 2nd D. Nyland 39 pts.  
 3rd L. Farrelly 38 pts.

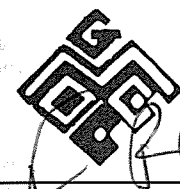
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 2nd W. Moore 42 pts.  
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## MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT NOTES

Well it looks as if somebody somewhere does have influence over the weather in spite of all the pessimism about the rain never stopping. The course opened as promised on Good Friday with the usual sprinkling of rain. However since then

there has been a tremendous improvement in ground conditions. Signs on it players have been at last able to take advantage of the longer evenings to get in a round of Pitch & Putt.

If there are any groups or clubs who want details of special rates please contact me at the phone number below for details. Our next notes should contain the results of those competition mentioned and some details of special one day offers.

During the coming weeks we will return to running the competitions much enjoyed by all last year. This time round we will run some competitions specifically for junior and senior players. Notice of these competitions will be placed in the clubhouse well in advance of each event.

*Tony Bean, 6285233*

## MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

At long last the terrible weather which we had been experiencing has relented and we are now beginning to reduce our enormous number of back matches at all levels.

Our first team had a recent game against Ballyoulster Utd which could be classed as a local derby with no quarter given or asked.

Our second team have also been in action but unfortunately went out of the Conway Cup in the quarter final.

Our schoolboys teams have also got back into action with progress being made at all grades.

## Match Reports

Conway Cup Quarter Final  
 Maynooth Town 0 Sandyhill F.C. 0 (A.E.T.)  
 Sandyhill won 5 - 4 on penalties.

The disappointment of defeat was somewhat cushioned by the excellent all round display in a gallant effort to stay in the cup. Several reputations were enhanced in this performance with pride of place going to Barry Farrell, Johnny Thompson and the ever improving Derek Dolan. Both defences were on top through the game and the respective forward lines were given a torrid time. The ninety minutes of normal time failed to produce a goal and it was hoped that the extra time would provide an outright winner. This was not to be and it was left to a penalty shootout to decide the tie.

Successful strikes by Michael Murphy, Mickey Kelly, John Murray and Robert Thompson were not enough to save the day.

## Division 3 Private Grounds.

Ranelagh Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 2  
 Maynooth recovered from the disappointment of the recent cup defeat to register a good morale boosting win at Herbert Park. The concession of an early goal failed to unsettle Maynooth who took control and could have won by a much wider margin. Two goals by Michael Murphy helps to keep Maynooth on the heels of the front runners in the league.

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## Sports News

### Division I Sunday

Ballyoulster Utd. 2 Maynooth Town 2

This was probably Maynooth's best display of the season when they dealt a severe blow to the title hopes of near neighbours Ballyoulster Utd. Maynooth took the lead twice but were unable to press home their advantage against a resolute home side who battled away to the end.

Maynooth had a number of top performers in keeper Mark Murray, John O'Neil, Paul Byrne and Joey Dempsey.

A first half goal by Martin McTernan and a second following a wonderful five man move by Joey Dempsey gave us a deserved share of the spoils.

We are very pleased to announce the selection of two under 15 players selected to travel with the Kildare team to Kentucky U.S.A. for tournament in July. The two players to receive this honour are Darren Naughton and Eamon Gallagher. Congratulations to both for bringing such honour to themselves their proud families and the club.

Profiles of both players plus schoolboy match reports in next issue.

### MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C. TRIP TO LLANDUDNO.

Our club trip to see Manchester United play Chelsea at Old Trafford was the highlight of our season so far. The match result, a rare defeat for United, did very little to dampen the spirit of our party and a great weekend was had by all. Our party left Dún Laoghaire on Friday, 4th March, for Holyhead and right from the start it looked like a torrid time was in store with high winds and rough seas, with the ship getting a fierce buffeting right from departure. Our party of ten adults and sixteen boys made every effort to settle in but not everyone was able to withstand the rocking and rolling of the ship. Many drinks were bought but not all were consumed. With the drinks imitating Torville and Dean demonstrations by skating over the glazed table tops a lot more time was spent catching the drinks rather than consuming them. With so many green faces in evidence our party looked more like Republic of Ireland supporters than Manchester United followers. After the initial trauma our group settled down and made themselves comfortable as possible for the remainder of the voyage. Our courier Micháil Dempsey kept a watchful eye over everything and ensured that everyone was well catered for. The usual card games were often interrupted by toppling glasses and the game was up from an early stage.

Despite the poor weather conditions we arrived at Holyhead on time to be greeted by weather similar to our own, wet and windy. On our coach trip to Llandudno we savoured the beautiful scenery of the Welsh countryside which strongly resembled many similar beautiful areas of Ireland. One striking feature of this road journey was the total lack of potholes. A beautiful smooth road journey which would be difficult to find in Ireland and especially in Kildare.

On arrival in Llandudno we were met by our host at the Craig-Ard Hotel who allotted the various rooms to our party. After

changing we went shopping in Llanduduo where the usual presents were purchased for the mams and dads at home who had provided the expenses for their offspring. After the arduous journey it did not take long for the boys to settle down for the night. It was then that the more nocturnal members of our party went into action and took delight in experiencing the various items of entertainment on offer.

The next morning and after a hearty breakfast we set out for Manchester and the high point of our weekend the visit to the Theatre of Dreams, Old Trafford, home of the great Manchester United. Pre-match shopping was done at the massive Arndale Centre which is one of the biggest in Europe. While some had their pre match meal in the inevitable McDonalds the more hardened warriors had liquid lunch in the Nearby Crown and Anchor. We made the short trip to the ground at 1.15 where we were met by a cacaphony of noise and massive crowds despite being well ahead of kick-off time. The usual souvenirs were purchased from the great array of traders scattered along the approach to the stadium.

Everything was now ready for entry inside the ground and the excitement on the faces of our young party made all the hard work worthwhile.

This was a scene which would leave an indelible imprint on their memory forever. Our seating could hardly have been better, being in the front row of the Lower North Stand with the world famous Stretford End to our right with the scoreboard choir to our left with Peter Schmeichel giving his Malcolm Sargent conductor demonstration during stoppages in the game. Even the less fervent members of our party had to admit that there were scenes which would hardly be evident in any other football stadium in the World. We were in good company as the now world famous "Davy Keogh says Hello" tricolour was prominently displayed in front of our row of seats. The mastermind behind the banner, Davy himself, was in good voice throughout the game and kept the spirits up after the Chelsea goal was scored.

The final whistle brought no relief with United failing to save the game in the dying minutes. The trip back to Llandudno was as good humoured as earlier despite the disappointed lads who were slowly recovering. Late dinner was eaten and various card schools were littered about the hotel. An early night was being had because of our planned game against Abergele United from the Welsh Schoolboys League next day.

The following morning saw us depart from Llandudno on our way back to Holyhead, taking in Abergele for the schoolboys' match. Despite the hectic schedule of the previous few days our boys put on a magnificent performance to defeat the local side by seven goals to one. There were many stars on the team which has become known as "Gerry Folan's Blue and White Army" but the eventual man of the match award went to the diminutive Charles Gallagher. Half-time entertainment was provided by a number of our senior party who shall remain nameless to protect the innocent. Playing Gaelic football with a soccer ball on a rugby pitch defies description and has to be seen to be believed. After sampling the hospitality of the local club after the game we set off once more for Llandudno on the final part of our road journey. After ensuring that everyone was present we boarded our ship for the sea journey home to Dún Laoghaire.

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Rousing sea shanties made for a party type atmosphere with various individuals displaying their individual voice talents. The journey did not seem as long and we arrived at Dún Laoghaire by our convoy of vehicles for our short trip to Maynooth. On arrival home at The Square everyone made their way home to their own abodes to relate their own stories and experiences of a most enjoyable weekend.

Our next club outing takes place in April to Anfield to see Liverpool play Newcastle United who have such a strong Anfield connection through their Manager Kevin Keegan.

More about that anon.



Maynooth Boys under 12 Soccer team outside the Craig Ard Hotel, Llandudno before their departure to Old Trafford to see Manchester United play a recent league game.

## TUG O' WAR REPORT

Sometimes I feel very lonely wondering if anybody reads this report. Then I wonder if they think that its all old rope. I wonder do the higher social classes ever discuss it over dinner; are young ladies enchanted by our exploits? Do people gather in houses to hear extracts read out?.....Wishful thinking I suppose! I'll be lucky if I get a mention in Brady's. I can reveal that our annual festive Tug O' War tournament will be one of the star attractions of the Field Day on Sunday 12th June at 3 p.m.

Three training camps are up and running.

**TAGHADOE** is home to Brady's The Clock House team on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.30 p.m.

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Fogra! Left sided steel-capped boot size 12 wanted in good condition. Also eight one-legged strap-on milking stools required to keep team up off the ground. (Old stools used for Papal visit might do)

Willie Healy

## DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

### Pothole Misery To Continue

North Kildare has one of the busiest networks of local roads in the country. This is due not only to the growth of the residential population, but to the amount of through traffic bypassing west Dublin. The volume of traffic passing through Maynooth grew by no less than 40% between 1988 and 1992 alone. How many times have readers encountered big trucks on local roads which were never designed to take them? Is it any wonder that the local roads around Maynooth are falling into a state of disintegration? Of course, matters have been made worse by the awful and prolonged winter we have just suffered through.

What has been Kildare County Council's response to this deteriorating situation? Well, believe it or not, spending on local roads in North Kildare is to be reduced by 25 per cent in 1994 - from £314,000 in 1993 to just £233,000 this year. This is to cover Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. This figure is supposed to cover footpaths and street lighting as well as road repairs. So it is clear that anyone who hoped for some decent footpaths in Maynooth's Main Street can just forget about it.

It is clear that the Government has no idea how much suffering is being generated throughout the country due to the collapse of the local road system. Public anger at the neglect of this key element of everyday life is palpably growing. Those who thought that having a local Minister in the Department of the Environment might lead to an improvement in the situation have had their hopes dashed. Road repairs provide lots of employment and use mostly native material. It is high time the government reversed its priorities on this issue.

### Service charges: More Broken Promises

In their 1987 General Election campaign, Fianna Fail promised to abolish service charges if elected. They were duly elected (remember their slogan: "There is a better way") but of course reneged on virtually every promise they made in their campaign, including the abolition of service charges.

In 1991, the Labour Party circulated a strongly worded leaflet around Maynooth, attacking Fianna Fail for going back on this promise, and committing Labour to abolishing service charges when returned to power. Now both Labour and Fianna Fail are in power together. Emmet Stagg, who used opposition to service charges to launch his political career, is a Minister in the government department responsible for levying service charges. So what has happened? Well, instead of abolishing service charges, they have been extended to the new Dublin county councils.

Is it any wonder people are becoming increasingly disenchanted with the so-called "democratic process" in this country, when even the most loudly-proclaimed promises are quickly discarded once the chauffeur-driven Ministerial Mercedes has been delivered to the door.



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## Political Party Notes

### Welcome Back To The Post Office

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### MAYNOOTH COLLEGE DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

The A.G.M. of the Maynooth College branch of Democratic Left was held on the 28th April. Party members, supporters and friends reviewed a successful year. From once a recruiting and information stand was launched last October, the party has found itself in the position of being the only actively organised political party branch in the college. The party leader, Mr. De Rossa, first visited the campus last November - to speak at an SU organised seminar on unemployment and social exclusion. During December, ironically on the very day the UK government announced the go-ahead of Sellafield Thorp 2, John Bowler of Greenpeace spoke at a public debate organised by the DL branch on the issue. Deputy Liz McManus was the main speaker at a debate organised for the SU's Women's Week. Deputy Pat Rabbitte was the guest speaker at an open discussion organised by the branch on industrial and economic policy. Des Geraghty MEP also visited the college, to speak at a discussion on the European Union held by the branch. The Maynooth contingent contributed successfully to the DL Youth Conference in February, an event which we hope to stage in Maynooth next year. Deputy Eamonn Gilmore took up our concerns on various educational and welfare matters and raised them with the Minister for Education. Some progress has accordingly been achieved on the implementation of an NUI Exam appeals system, better conditions for H.Dip students and the reviewing of some cutbacks. The branch have continued to be involved with the party's youth executive and has worked with Cllr. Catherine Murphy at Kildare Constituency Council level to place the concerns and welfare of Maynooth Students on the local political agenda. The branch recently organised a letter-writing campaign to TDs from all over the country on the Sellafield issue. We are awaiting the replies with interest. Throughout the year our members have been to the forefront in promoting the Peacetrain organisation within the college. The branch is pleased that many of our ideas, concerns and policies have been taken up. We look forward to continued co-operation from individual students who recognise the need to tackle the inequalities, injustices and inconsistencies we have highlighted. Following the election of officers at our

A.G.M., the party leader Mr. De Rossa spoke to a large gathering about the future for Northern Ireland. The fact that ours is the only party in the Dáil to be organised and represented on both sides of the border gives us a more informed outlook on this issue. Our branch is confident that time and patience will prove to be the ingredients for the growth of Democratic Left, which is only two years old as a political entity. With such high unemployment, social exclusion and inequality evident in Irish society there is a need more than ever for a political movement that can represent the marginalised and press for change and campaign for a fairer society. It is likely that electoral successes for Pat Rabbitte and Eric Byrne this summer will prove to be pertinent indications that the public look to, and recognise, the appeal of Democratic Left.

*Fiachra O Ceilleachain*

### MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### No Toll Road Threat

We see that the Maynooth Branch of Democratic Left have now taken upon themselves to speak on behalf of Minister of State Emmet Stagg, T.D., by indicating in last month's issue that he said that the minimum annual charge to commuters using the Maynooth By-pass will be £300 when Tolls are introduced.

The use of the word when is very interesting as the Minister has never said that Tolls would be introduced on the By-Pass and Democratic Left can be rest assured that Minister Stagg's position of opposition to Tolls will have considerably more influence than their's.

Reading the Democratic Left notes it seems that Tolls are certain on the Maynooth By-Pass. To put the matter in context the National Roads Authority must consult Kildare County Council on the matter, they also must give public notice prior to submission to the Minister. The Minister is obliged to hold a public local inquiry where there are objections. The Minister has the final decision but will take due regard to the diversion of traffic likely to be caused by Tolling. This will take cognisance of the types of traffic likely to be diverted, the probable impact on adjacent residential areas and the expected additional road construction/maintenance cost arising from the diversion.

Taking the above and Minister Stagg's position of opposition the residents of Maynooth can be assured that public roads will not be tolled with the support of the Labour Party.

#### 67A Bus Stop, Celbridge Road, Maynooth

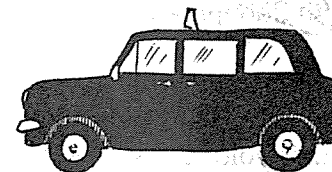
Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley, Dublin Bus have agreed to erect a shelter and a hard stand in this location. Dublin Bus advise that the work will be done within the next few months. Thankfully, Dublin Bus customers will no longer have to stand in the mud.

#### Kingsbry Estate

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the County Secretary at the Council's meeting on the 11th March that despite two reminders the Insurance Corporation of Ireland, who are the

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bond holders, have failed to respond. The next stage is for the Council to institute legal procedures to call in the bond.

### Road Block Grants

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- Kilmacreddock - £20,000 - strengthening.
- O'Neill Park - £15,000 - Footpaths and Road.
- Greenfields - £6,000 - Footpaths.

### Maynooth Employment Office.

Minister of State Joan Burton has further advised Minister Stagg that practical arrangements are now in place whereby applicants for unemployment payments no longer need to have recourse to Supplementary Welfare Allowances while awaiting decisions on their claims.

The transfer of the parent functions for Maynooth Office from Gardiner Street Office to the Ballyfermot Office is designed specifically to introduce these procedures for customers in the Maynooth catchment area and will eliminate any unnecessary delays in dealing with cases.

The procedures facilitate the payment of unemployment assistance and unemployment benefit by the first pay-day, in 60% of cases. The average time for processing 90% of cases is now 1.14 weeks for unemployment assistance cases and 0.60 weeks for unemployment benefit cases. The only cases delayed are those which need more thorough examination and/or customer co-operation.

The transfer of functions to Ballyfermot requires the upgrading of technology in the unemployment payments computerised system at that office and this is hoped to be completed by the end of April.

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## Birthdays

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To Gemma on May 8th., lots of love, Dad, Mam, Lynda and Paul.

Happy 7th., Birthday to Morgan on May 31st., from Peadar, May, Gemma, Linda and Paul.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mary Nolan, 7 Castlebridge, Maynooth and Leon Casey, Leixlip on their engagement April 6th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, sisters Colette, Janet and Margaret.

Belated congratulations to Joe and Kathleen O'Neill, Greenfield, who celebrated their 45th., wedding anniversary (April 18th). Best wishes from all your family and friends. Also to Jim and Patsy Leavey, Greenfield, who celebrated their Silver Wedding (March 17th). A double for Patsy as it was also her birthday. With very good wishes from your family and friends.

Belated congratulations to Helen, Danny and staff on the first anniversary of the opening of Helen's Hair Affair Studio. Well done from Mam, Dad and all the family.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of the late Mary Kavanagh, Collon, Moone, Athy, wish to thank all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement Also those who sent Mass Cards and floral tributes. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

## SYMPATHIES

Sincere sympathy to Raymond and Deirdre Kavanagh, relatives and friends on the recent death of their son, Patrick Thomas William.

Sincere sympathy to the wife and family, relatives and friends of the late Gerard O'Sullivan, Innishmaan Rd., Whitehall and late of O'Neill Park, Maynooth.

Sympathy to Sr. Aquinas, Presentation Convent, Maynooth, on the death of her father, Patrick Gannon from Dublin. Also sympathy to his two sons, daughter-in-laws, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

The entire community was saddened at the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Donovan, from 356 Old Greenfield on Thursday 17th March. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing sons, John and Gerard and their families. Also her brothers, Laurence, Patrick and her sister Sarah; relatives and friends. She was a very unassuming neighbourly and kind person to all who knew her. She was a devoted wife to her husband Patrick and loved to cycle around Maynooth on her trusty bicycle. She will be best remembered for her smile. May she rest in peace.

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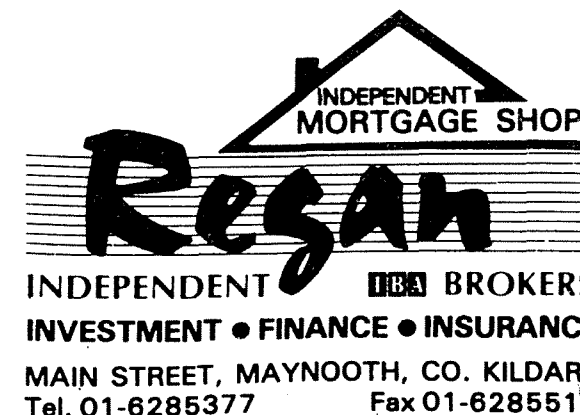
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