



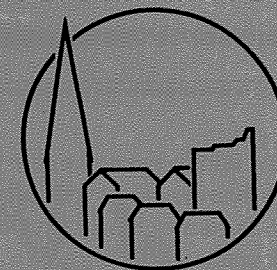
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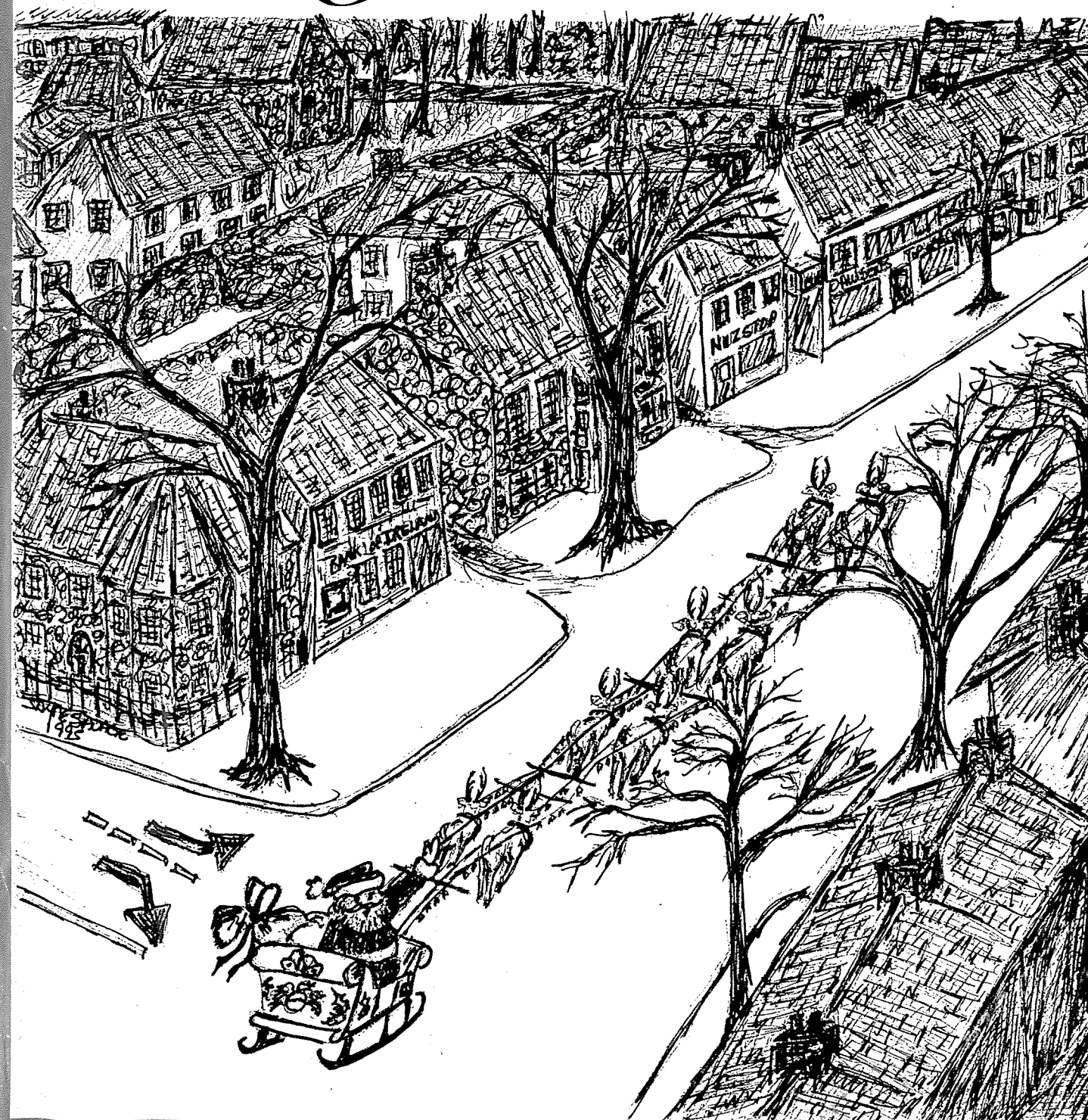


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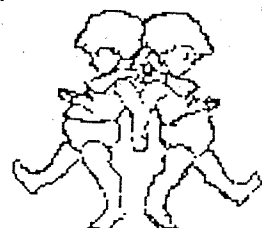
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**Letter to our Readers:** This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with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

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### EDITORIAL

Our December '95 "Christmas" issue is a bumper edition with pages of advertisements and articles of interest to put everybody in the festive mood! As well as our regular features we also have plenty of photographs of all the recent local events, including the Old People's Committee's Book Launch and the official opening of the Glenroyal Shopping Centre and Hotel.

The Glenroyal Complex is just one example of the new and exciting changes that have taken place in the last year. It was the opening of the Maynooth-Kilcock By-pass last December that started the ball rolling. Many changes followed including the major one - the long awaited face-lift brought about by the demolition of "The Thing" in the Square. The by-pass of Maynooth was a welcome development as it was going to decongest Maynooth of all the traffic from the Galway road. However, a year further down the road (excuse the pun!) the people of Maynooth are still suffering traffic jams and stoppages, albeit of a different sort, but nonetheless inconvenient.

Work on the new Straffan road linking Maynooth to the by-pass has been in progress for over a year now. This is all part of the 'Five Year Plan' for development of Maynooth. Everybody expects a little inconvenience when work on such a scale as that is on-going. However, the state of the Straffan road at present is totally unacceptable. With the winter weather it has deteriorated even further. After the heavy rain we experienced in November there were reports of flooding at the Old Greenfield Road which caused great difficulty for pedestrians and cyclists. Residents are very unhappy about the state of the road. There have been complaints made to the company which is carrying out the work on the road - but they have been met with very little understanding.

Residents along the Straffan Road are delighted about the changes and developments taking place in Maynooth at the moment. The future of Maynooth as a blossoming town depends on it and therefore they are happy to put up with a little discomfort. Yet it is important to remember that local residents on the Straffan Road are living with the roadworks on a daily basis, and it would be a great help to them if the pathways could be improved while work is on-going.

### APOLOGY

*A piece in last month's issue suggested that the present owner of Carton Estate was interested in acquiring the Harbour Field. This suggestion is entirely untrue and we wish to apologise to Mr. Lee Mallaghan, who has been a valued supporter of Maynooth Community Council, for any difficulties caused by our error.*

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## CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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If your wife had been getting a social welfare payment in her own right when you went on the scheme you would have got the single CE rate of £81.30. If she was on Unemployment Assistance (UA), that would be re-assessed and if she took up employment (part-time) she would have her earnings assessed against her daily rate of UA.

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Tues. : 2pm - 4.00pm (Maynooth Library)  
Wed. : 11am - 1.00pm (Dunboyne Community Centre)  
Wed. : 12pm - 2.00pm (Maynooth College)  
Thurs. : 10.30am - 12.30pm (Leixlip Library)

## MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

At time of writing we are a week away from our open meeting on the 1994 Tidy Towns results. This meeting was called to give the people of Maynooth an opportunity to talk about the Tidy Towns results and our plans for the future. If you did not make it to the meeting, we are open to comments, please write to our Secretary, Bridget Corkery %, Maynooth Community Council Office.

We would like to remind our readers of the various re-cycling containers in the Quinnswoth Shopping Centre, cans, bottles, newspapers especially during the Christmas Holidays.

We wish all readers, workers on Community Employment Project, County Council and staff a very Happy Christmas.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

## ASSOCIATION OF IRISH FLOWER ARRANGERS

The Officers of A.O.I.F.A. would like to thank, most sincerely, everyone who supported and helped in any way, the Flower Festival held in St. Patrick's College last June. The proceeds, after expenses of £21,500, will be given to the Alzheimer Association of Ireland, together with the Clubs of A.O.I.F.A. donations in March next year.

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## BAND BULLETIN

Once again we have come to the final Bulletin of another year. It seems only the other day since the "Thing" was standing in the Square. Coonan's Bridge Fields were a splash of green as you walked from the Railway Station and weekend traffic was flashing Eddie Irvine style down Pound Lane to avoid the congestion on the Main Street. Amazing the difference a year makes, isn't it? This time last year we were struggling to clear the final balance on our new uniforms and the re-roofing of the Band Hall. Now, a year later, thanks to the generosity of the people of the town and our Main Sponsor for 1995, Maynooth Office Supplies Limited, that debt has been settled and we can now talk to our Bank Manager in a sitting rather than kneeling position.

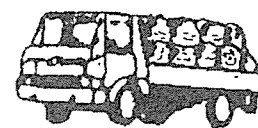
### November Review

Catching up on some outstanding November events, we had a most enjoyable morning at the opening of the new Glenroyal Hotel and Shopping Centre on Saturday 4th November. We had a grand stand view of the star attraction Reg, when he appeared on stage to perform the official opening. We had to choose from a wide selection of tunes to greet Reg such as Hair, Cats, The Wild Rover and The Bare Necessities but we eventually settled on the tried and trusted Coronation Street theme which everyone recognised. The Band played a big part in keeping the waiting crowd in good form until Reg arrived.

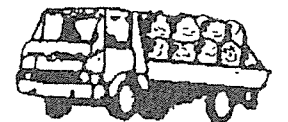
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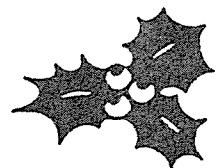


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## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

introduced some new music during the mass with a degree of success and we hope to continue in this vein next year. A special thanks is due to Fr. Supple for his continued interest in the Band and it's history and for helping to make people aware of the extent of the part St. Mary's Band have played in both local and Irish History. Unfortunately our after mass parade this year had to be curtailed due to the condition of the Square but hopefully things will have changed for the better for our next parade on Christmas morning.

At the time of writing our Annual Race Night has yet to happen but we are delighted with the response we have received from both race and horse sponsors. We will have more details on this function including a list of sponsors in our next Bulletin.

### December Events

The month of December means Christmas and Christmas means carols and once again we shall be upholding a tradition which has continued in Maynooth for almost a century, the visits to the houses in the area to provide Christmas music for adults and children alike. For many, many people in Maynooth the festive season would not be complete without the strains of 'Silent Night' or 'O Come All Ye Faithful' drifting through the frosty air and we in turn look forward to these visits, regardless of the weather. With the expansion of Maynooth in recent years it has not always been possible to call on all of the houses but we will make a special effort to include most of the estates this year. In any event we hope to be providing seasonal music at the Shopping Centres in the lead up to Christmas Day.

Speaking of Christmas Day, we will have our traditional Christmas parade after 11 o'clock Mass on Christmas morning, concluding (hopefully) with a short recital in the new Square to send you home with a Dustin-sized appetite for your Christmas dinner. Then to round off your seasonal revelling we have our again traditional New Year's get-together in the Square to say farewell to 1995 and usher in 1996. This event has grown from a handful of hardy annuals in former years to the hundreds of kissers and huggers who

now join in the celebrations, I suppose any excuse for an oul' snog.

As for the Band itself, well we have added a further year to its history and with the new classes now taking off we are optimistic that there's another good fifty years to look forward to. We would like to thank all those who have given us their support, financial and otherwise, throughout 1995 and perhaps there are some fine musicians out there who are making a New Year's resolution to come down and make music with us, there are no age barriers.

We take this opportunity to wish all our friends a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

## I.C.A. NOTES

The November Guild meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, on Thursday 2nd November. As is usual in November, we had a short ecumenical service at the meeting to pray for our departed members and friends. A lovely service was conducted by Rev. Jane Galbraith and Fr. John Dunne.

### Primary School Competition

Jo O'Connell, our Contest Secretary, thanked all the children from Maynooth who participated in the recent I.C.A. competition. She also thanked the teachers for their assistance and the judge who had a very difficult task selecting the winners, as the standard was very high. The winners of the four sections will now go forward to County level and we wish them every success.

### Winners

**Junior and Senior Infants - A Poster - Visiting Santa/Toyland**

1st Laura Corcoran, Presentation Convent - Senior Infants  
2nd Elaine Houlihan, Presentation Convent - Junior Infants  
(Only two entries in this category)

**1st and 2nd Classes - A Poster - The Circus**

1st Mark O'Connell, Boys National School - 1st Class

2nd Satomi Mochinaga, Presentation Convent - 1st Class  
3rd Eimear Flynn, Presentation Convent - 1st Class

**3rd and 4th Classes - An Essay - A School Outing**

1st Darryl O'Connell, Boys National School - 4th Class  
2nd Feargal Molloy, Boys National School - 4th Class  
(Only two entries in this category)

**5th and 6th Classes - An Essay - My Sports Hero**

1st Elizabeth Broderick, Presentation Convent - 5th Class  
2nd Mark Watson, Boys National School - 5th Class  
3rd Aileen Devaney, Presentation Convent - 5th Class

### Christmas Party - Change of Venue

The I.C.A. Kildare Federation Christmas party will be on 29th November. However, the party will now take place in Lumville House, The Curragh and not the Red House as previously stated. The cost will be £10.

### Crafts

The craft ladies have just completed the quilting classes and are now turning their thoughts towards Christmas. Over the next few weeks they will be making various Christmas decorations and also participating in appliqué classes to be conducted by one of our members, Mrs. Felicity Satchwell. Eight members are attending a Craft Day in Suncroft organised by Federation Craft promoter, Mrs. Eileen Bateson. Another group paid a visit to the Knitting and Stitching show in the RDS on 10th November. As you can see, Mary O'Gorman, our Crafts Promoter is really keeping the ladies on their toes!

### Art Classes

Art classes are in full swing in the I.C.A. Hall on most Thursday nights, starting at 8.00pm and the cost is £2.00 per night. Any member interested in participating in these classes should contact Pattie Lavin, our Arts Promoter on 6286696.



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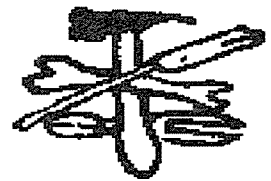
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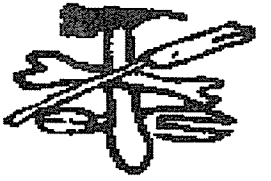


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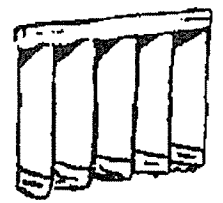




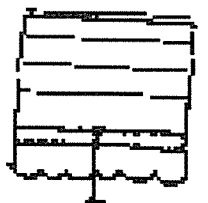
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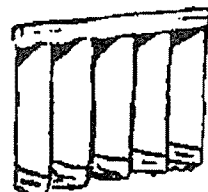



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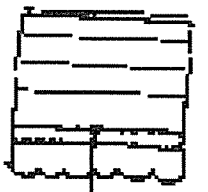



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## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Two months into our second term and it is great to see so many new faces. Just a reminder of the new venue, it's the I.C.A. Hall, but the date and time are unchanged, Monday 10-12 noon. We are still appealing for unused toys, you may want to clear out old stock to make way for the new dolls, bricks, cars etc. Also, we would appreciate if anyone has a Stair Gate they have finished using and would like to donate. Again a reminder all newcomers are welcome, it's a nice way to meet local mothers and their toddlers.

**Diane McCann**  
6289247

### The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club

The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club has recently commenced their third season. With the new season just after starting everything is running very smoothly, the new batch of Hosts and Hostesses have just completed their introductory training course and are really into the swing of things. The Hosts and Hostesses own sub committee undertook the task of decorating the hall for the Halloween disco. They are to be congratulated for the great job they did.

Admittance to all future discos and functions will be by ID Card only.

Only people with ID Cards or properly completed application forms will be allowed in.

### THE SEVEN CASTLES FLOWER CLUB

The Seven Castles Flower Club are to announce their annual Christmas Demonstration and Auction.

This year the proceeds from this evening will be donated to the Irish Cancer Association Home nursing group. The Demonstrator for evening will be Imelda O'Rielly best known to all from her "Live At 3" days. Beautiful arrangements and gifts galore will be available on the night for that perfect gift.

Our auction will be the highlight of the evening with items not to be missed. Come early and catch some lovely bargains.

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**Time:** 8.00 p.m. sharp

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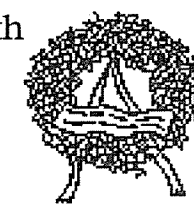
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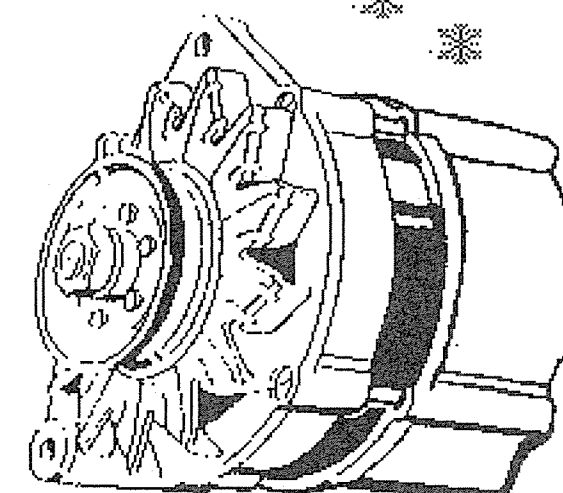
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## MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Unless you have been out of the country recently you will know by now that we celebrated our Pearl Jubilee on Sunday, October 22nd, in the Post-Primary School.

The evening began with Mass at 3.30 p.m. celebrated by Rev. B. Supple P.P. and assisted by Frs. John Dunne, Pat J. O'Connor and David Boylan P.C., and enhanced by the music of our own very competent Folk Group.

Fr. Supple in his homily thanked the committee for their dedication over the past thirty years, which of course included all our former members, most of whom attended the celebration.

The lessons were read during the Mass by Helen Doyle one of our present members and Marie Kelly one of our former members.

The offertory gifts were presented by our oldest resident Kitty Thomson and Dinny Breen our oldest man on the day.

Our Mass was followed by tea and plenty of chat. This was a delightful part of the evening renewing old acquaintances, and friendships which had drifted with the passing of time. Nostalgia was the order of the day — so with not a dry eye in the house we set about the formal launching of our Booklet.

On our panel representing the various aspects of the community were Emmet Stagg (Fundraising), Tom Ashe (Schools), Norah Campbell (E.H.B.), Joe Buckley (Sponsors), Fr. Supple (Parish) and of course Mary Cullen, who in association with our committee wrote the Booklet.

Kitty Thomson and Dinny Breen received a special edition of the Booklet on behalf of our Senior Citizens and of course, not to be out done by Gaybo, we had one for everyone in the audience.

The anniversary cake which was made by Patricia Cusker was cut by our first Chairperson Mary Cullen and our present Chairperson J. Moore, properly supervised of course by Kitty and Dinny (see photos opposite).

After the appropriate speeches and compliments, etc., we rounded off the evening with dancing and entertainment by Mick McGarry who not only is an excellent musician, but an old friend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who came along and made the day a memorable occasion. I thank our very capable committee who catered for

more than 150 guests and took the whole event in their stride. I thank Tom Ashe and the I.C.A for the open door, and finally our sponsors, Barton's Transport, Donovan's Newsagents, David Geoghegan (Town Centre Fuels), Seamus Grant (Mini Bus Service), Billy McCrory (Fuel Merchant), Moyglare Nursing Home, Joe Buckley, Ua Buachalla Shop, John Byrne, Joe Wall, the "No Name Club" and indeed all our supporters, without whose funding this space would be empty and so would a lot of people's lives.

Our Booklet is on sale at all Donovan's shops, Barry's Newsagents and Maynooth Bookshop. These shops are stocking our Booklet free of commission. All monies from sales comes back to us, and we thank them for this facility.

With all celebrations over, it's business as usual. Yes folks, November brings us those three little words "Sale of Work", which of course was a huge success again this year. You would think after all these years we would have become accustomed to your generosity, not only are you hospitable and generous to our callers, but you then come along in vast numbers on the day. A special thanks to Sean Donovan for all his kindness. "Nice one Sean".

Our net profit at going to print was £4,423.38 with some donations still to come. Whether you canvassed door to door in our name, sold or bought tickets for our draw or came along on the day to help or to spend, you are all a vital link in the chain that binds this community together. For playing your part we thank you most sincerely.

Congratulations to all the prize winners:- DRAW 1, 1st Prize. Monster Hamper, Marie Hannigan, Leixlip. 2nd Prize, £50, Claire Coakley, Old Carton. 3rd Prize, £25, John Sheridan, Kilcock.

DRAW 2, 1st Prize, C.D. Cassette Player, Liam McGeaney, Kilcock. 2nd Prize, Large presentation basket of assorted chocolates, Ray Noonan, Leixlip. 3rd Prize, Sheridan's presentation pack, Catherine Fay, Maynooth. DRAW 3, 1st Prize, Christmas Cake, Paddy Desmond, Maynooth. 2nd Prize, Bottle of Whiskey, Martha O'Rourke, Maynooth. 3rd Prize, Bottle of Harvey's Bristol Cream, Marie Nolan, Maynooth.

Our next event will be our Christmas Party, which will take place in the Post Primary School at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday 10th December 1995. Transport as usual and all our senior citizens are welcome.

Our club will close for holidays on Thursday 14th December 1995 and will re-open on Tuesday 9th January 1996. This is the time of year when our older people are most vulnerable. If you live near an older person, especially those living alone, do keep a neighbourly eye on them. Reach out to those who can not reach out to you.

Finally, may I wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and the best in 1996.

J. Moore

## Pearl Jubilee Celebrations



Cutting of the Anniversary cake by Josie Moore, present chairperson Mary Cullen, first chairperson, Kitty Thompson and Dinny Breen.



Enjoying the celebrations were Billy & Lima Higgins and Kevin McGovern.



Past Committee members & present Club members enjoying the party.



The folk Group who played the music during the Mass.



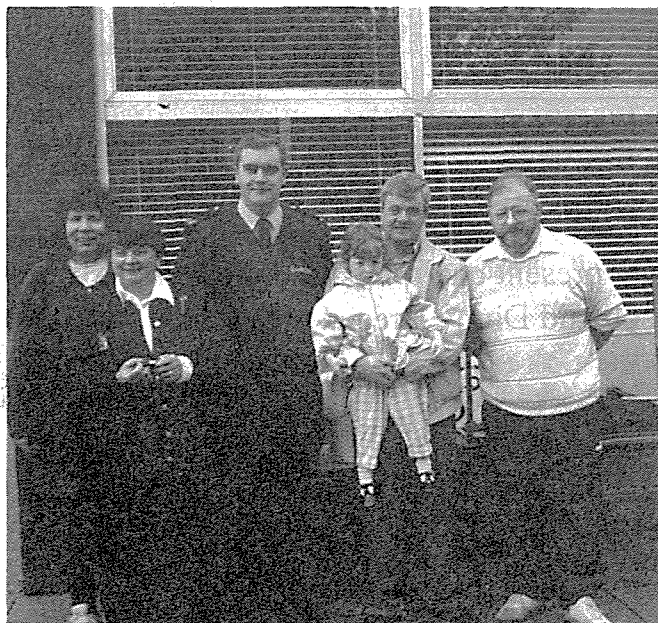
Tom Deane, Betty Farrell & Mary Deane relaxing at the Pearl Jubilee.



## ST. MARY'S BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Board of Management of St. Mary's Boys National School, would like to thank all the parents who helped to make the Sponsored Cycle a great success. It raised £3,833.28.

We would like to thank Sergeant Peter Kearney, his staff and Mr. John Hulsman of the Order of Malta and his staff for their presence.



*Helping Hands. Left to Right:- Lisa O'Farrell, Mary McInerney, Sergeant Peter Kearney, Colm Nelson and Daughter, Paddy Holmes.*

A special thanks to the Sponsors who helped with the prizes: Mr. & Mrs. J. Duignan, Moyglare Stud, Moygaddy Stud, Credit Union, Barton's Transport, A.I.B., Jim Cosgrove (Noones Garage).

We would also like to thank those who supplied the drinks and snacks:

Jim Whelan (Mars Distribution), Premier Dairies, Quinnsouth, Donovans Londis Supermarket, Mr. Paddy Lavin.

Of course, we must not forget the cyclists who were responsible for raising most of the money. WELL DONE BOYS!

Congratulations to Aaron Donnelly who won the bicycle. Other prize winners were:

Kevin Gannon, Steven Clifford, Sean O'Farrell, Bryan O'Rourke, Brian Mitchell, Harninder Gill.

The Parents Association have sponsored The Sticks and Stones Theatre Group to come and perform a play based on bullying, for all boys in the school. This took place during the month of November and was a great success.



*Left to Right:- John Kelleher and Niall Cusker*

The envelopes for the Annual Subscription of £5 per family have been sent out and may be returned to the school at any time. This money goes towards educational and sporting equipment.

*Clare O'Rourke*

## GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since last reporting to you we have held an Estate Clean Up and we thank those who helped.

We are continuing our discussions with Bord Gais, Telecom Eireann and Kildare County Council on the various items which we reported to you during the year.

On behalf of our committee we wish our readers, residents and Community Council staff a very Happy Christmas.

*Richard Farrell P.R.O.*

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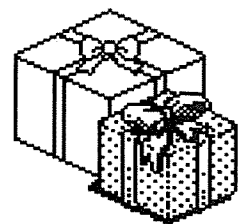
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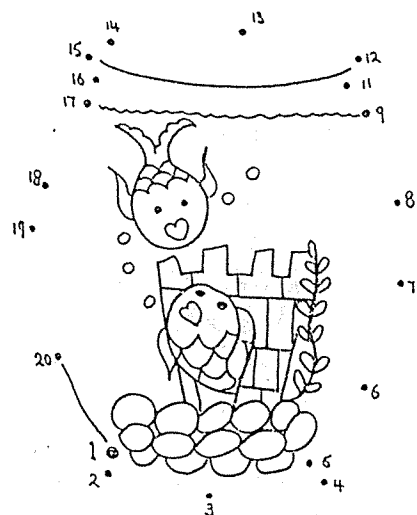




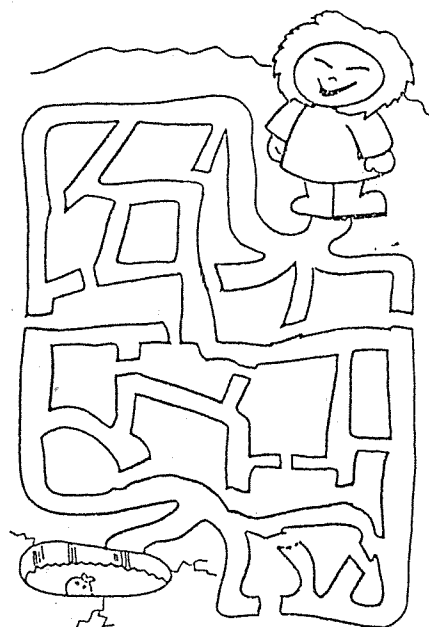
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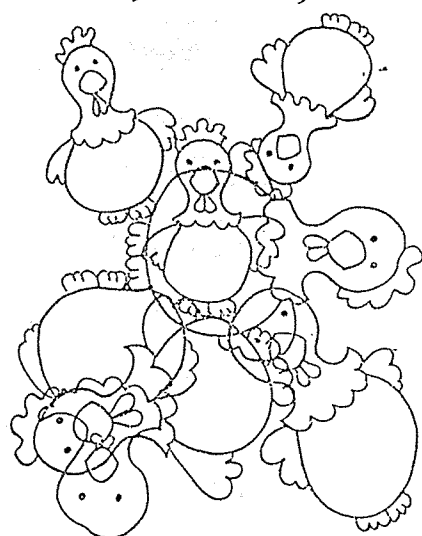
3rd: Mary O'Connor  
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#### 8-12 YEARS

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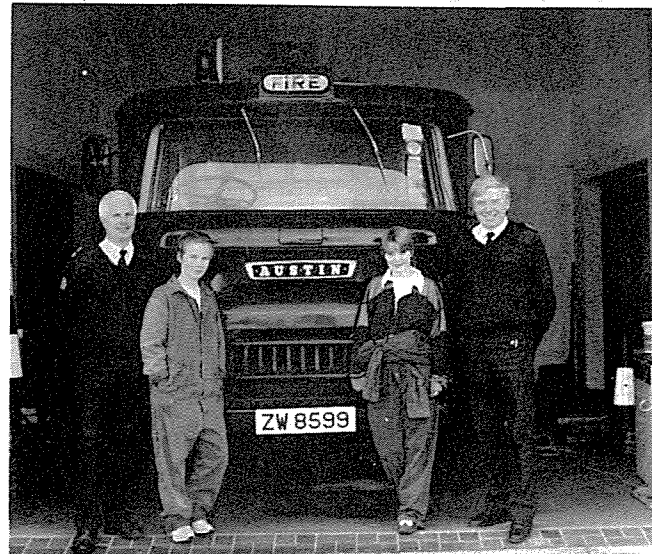


## Features

### COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN - RESTORATION PROJECT

Work is being done at the moment in the Maynooth fire station in order to get an old fire-engine back on the road. This engine, manufactured by Austin in 1962, is red in colour, weighs 3 tonnes 15 cwts, is being restored and is hoped to be seen driving through the Main Street of Maynooth on St. Patrick's Day.

The restoration of the engine commenced on the 27th of September and the work has been a success ever since. The project, which is part of the Gaisce (President's) awards, was set up by Niamh, Claire, Linda and myself, all students of Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip, has been greatly supported by the fire-men of Maynooth Fire-Brigade and our Gaisce leader, Martin Hewitt.



*Left to Right:- Peter Leahy, Station Officer Maynooth/Leixlip, Niamh Doody, Claire Cody, Noel Murphy, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Kildare Fire Service, in front of Austin ZW 8599 in Maynooth Fire Station.*

At present the main body work of the engine has been completely stripped and sanded, parts of the body have been rebuilt, all damaged timber has been removed, and is at present being replaced. The front and rear wheel arches, the hose reel, the footgrips and the cabin are getting our main attention at the moment.

We would like to thank all who have helped and supported us so far, and especially those directly involved in helping us. Those being, Peter Leahy the Station Officer, and Martin Hewitt our Gaisce Awards Leader.

I am sure you will all look forward to seeing the engine fully restored in the St. Patrick's Day Parade just as much as we will.

*Clodagh Ryan*

### COONAN AUCTIONEERS

#### £1m. AUCTION SALES LIST

Messrs. Coonan, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, specialists in the sale of stud farms and agricultural properties last week completed a most successful auction schedule with 3 properties being sold under the hammer for £1,000,000.

The properties in question included Greenfield House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, a residence on c. 10 acres sold for £260,000, 35 acres non-residential lands with development potential sold for £345,000 (i.e. £10,000 per acre) and finally Baltracey House, Nr. Maynooth, Co. Kildare on 42 acres sold for £390,000.

The agents expressed themselves extremely satisfied with the prices achieved in all cases and stated they presently had an excellent enquiry and demand for all kinds of property in the North Kildare area - an enquiry that they require several properties for.

In their opinion the property market had improved quite considerably during the year and given a continuation of the present favourable climate relating to mortgages and confidence they believe this increase will continue.

North Kildare has become particularly popular in their opinion due to the opening of the M4 Motorway to Kilcock which has made several areas in its vicinity far more accessible to the city.

### GARDA TALK

#### Drink Driving/Speeding

As we approach the Christmas festivities, we must advise our readers of the inherent dangers of driving a car under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and at excessive speed.

The protection of life stands uppermost in the functions of the Garda Síochána, and we will continue our policy of checkpoints and other measures in bringing the message home. To be fair, most drivers observe the traffic code, and by doing so, reduce the number of traffic accidents on the roads. The growth in taxi and hackney business means that such services are more available.

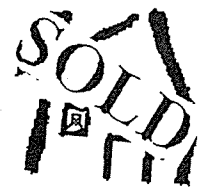
Be sensible during this season of good will, and don't allow your actions to bring tragedy to others. 'Safe motoring'.

#### Happy Christmas

It has again wheeled around to that time of year when we at Maynooth Garda Station would wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your co-operation and assistance throughout the past year. We would also like to wish all an extremely happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

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### Barcelona is a fabulous city, but be warned: *Watch out for those ladies who skip up and down!*

MEMORIES of that old ballad "Quare Bungle Rye" came back to me while on a visit to Spain recently. We were on a day's visit to Barcelona at the time, setting out to see all the sights. We had earlier been speaking to a Spaniard who advised us to visit Montjuic, which is a very high hill overlooking the whole city. So that's where we headed.

We found Barcelona to be an amazing place. The boulevards spreading in all directions as we left the railway Station were as wide as football pitches and seemed to stretch very straight as far as the eye could see. As we set out for Plaça Espanya, which is about a mile from Montjuic, we walked past towering buildings and crossed intersections that were as wide as Maynooth's Main Street is long.

Looking from Plaça Espanya towards Montjuic presented us with a stunning sight — certainly, when the planners of modern Barcelona decided on how they would plan the lay-out of their streets a major part of the plan was to give plenty of space to show off the very impressive buildings. In this case there are acres of space as Queen Cristina Avenue stretches to the base of Montjuic and then from the bottom to the top of

this mini-mountain is a line of fountains. The summit is crowned with the massive Palau Nacional (National Palace): Buckingham Palace, eat your heart out!

We were like kids as we made our way up to the palace. There was no great effort needed here because open-air escalators were operating. It was marvellous not having to make a weary climb up steps that seemed to go on for ever. It meant you could turn your back

*"Barcelona boulevards  
are as wide as  
football pitches"*

to the escalators and watch the huge unfolding picture of the city as you ascended. The only problem was that you'd nearly topple over as you arrived backwards at the top of each section of escalator!

We were soon at the viewing area just below the great doors of the palace and we were totally relaxed as we looked out over the city, identifying the high points with the help of a small map we had brought with us. It was then when the two brightly-clad ladies arrived. The first we knew of it was

when we discovered flowers being pushed upon us — one being thrust down the front of my shirt and another behind my wife's ear and the idea of what was going on being explained to us in a flood of Spanish. The message from the two women was that they were going round the town handing out flowers to foreign visitors in connection with a Flamenco dancing festival and in return everyone was to respond by giving one coin of their own currency (not Spanish) in return for the flower.

We seemed to be having difficulty explaining that we only had Spanish money with us, as I turned and showed one of the women a handful of pesetas and offered to pay something for the flowers. "No, no," said the other woman, "no pesetas, Irlanda money", as I turned to find she had my wallet in her hand. She was checking its contents as I grasped it from her and the other woman grabbed back the flowers explaining that they could not give us the flowers if we could not give them coin of our currency. They moved on and we passed it off as a minor unimportant incident.

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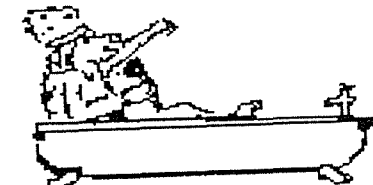
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## Features

### VIDEO REVIEW

#### The Shawshank Redemption

Tim Robbins plays a young man convicted of killing his wife and her golf-pro lover, and is sentenced to life imprisonment in Shawshank Prison. How he copes with prison life, and eventually finds a niche for himself within the regime, makes a very good story. There is naturally, a twist in the tail that will keep you guessing and will surprise you at the end. Definitely recommended.

#### The River Wild

Meryl Streep is Gail, a woman who is an ex-river guide. She's going through a bad patch in her marriage and decides to take her son and her husband on a "river run", on the occasion of her son's birthday, in the hope of bringing the three of them closer together. While on the trip, they encounter a couple of "nasties" in what is basically a film on the same lines as 'Deliverance'. Photography is excellent; you can almost smell the great outdoors. It's well directed and the whole thing gels together quite well. Reasonably entertaining.

#### Forrest Gump

Another winner from Tom Hanks as the innocent "thick" who finds himself in all kinds of bizarre situations as he goes through life taking everything seriously, with hilarious results. There is a clever combination of newsreel footage, with Gump superimposed, as he meets some of the Twentieth Century's most famous people, including a couple of late American Presidents, and the whole film is extremely well put together and is hugely entertaining. Excellent!

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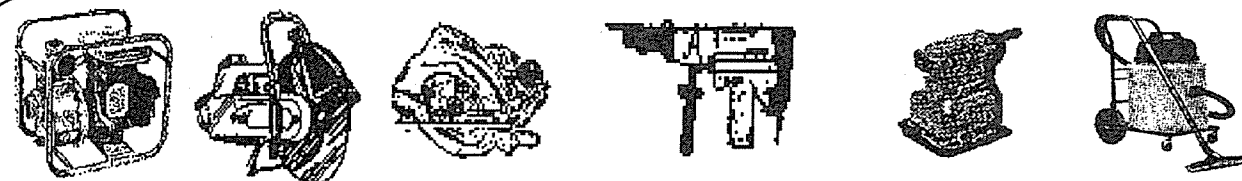
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# FIRST ENROLMENT FOR THE YEAR 2000.

Master David Folan will enrol at the North Kildare National School Project (N.K.N.S.P.) at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday the 25th October 1995. David was born on the 14th of September 1995 and will be 41 days old on Wednesday when he will become the first child to enrol at the school for the year 2000. His enrolment will be accepted by School Principal Rita Galvin.

The school, which is beside the Setanta House Hotel in Celbridge, is the first and only Multi-Denominational Co-Educational Primary School in County Kildare.

Because of the huge demand for the limited number of places at the school, David's parents, Gerry and Gina, are making sure that David's place in the school is reserved in plenty of time. They have two other children already attending the school, Sarah aged 9 and Dara aged 5.

"We are delighted with the new addition to the family", said David's mother Gina. "We are also delighted that his place in the school has been reserved for the 1st of September 2000!" said David's father Gerry who is on the Board of Management of the school.

The school accepts children, boys and girls, of all creeds and none, on a strictly first come first served basis. No other criteria applies and the school has no set catchment area for admission and already caters for children from Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and further afield.

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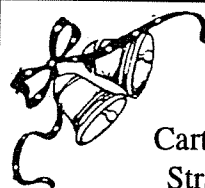
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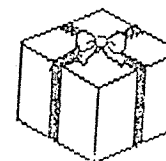
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# Guiltrip - Maynooth On The Movie Map

The film Guiltrip, shot on location in Maynooth last Spring, went on general release on November 17th to critical acclaim. The film could best be described as a tense domestic drama, played out over a 24 hour period, where a husband's psychological and physical domination of his wife continually threatens to topple over into violence. The backdrop is small town Ireland. The husband, Liam, played by Andrew Connolly, is a corporal in the local army barracks who imposes army discipline and order on his domestic arrangements. His young wife Michelle keeps her head down, knowing that at the end of the day she must report her every movement and justify every item of expenditure - down to the purchase of a packet of Hobnobs in the local supermarket. Towards the end of the film it emerges that both have been guilty of a transgression during the course of the day, though the scale of their crimes is very different.

The director Gerry Stembridge, of Scrap Saturday fame, maintains the tension through all of the 85 minutes of the drama. Much of this is down to the performance of Andrew Connolly who, with the exception of one or two scenes, comes across as a manipulative and potentially violent figure. His bullying behaviour at home reflects the brutality of army life where he treats his colleagues in the same manipulative way in which he treats his wife. There are some comic elements but in general this is a grim, tense, adult film which reflects great credit on all associated with it. Already Guiltrip has created some controversy among army personnel. They argue that it portrays army life in a very dark light and implies that army husbands may have a propensity to be violent towards their wives. Stembridge, though, has defended the film's portrayal of a particular army marriage and Guiltrip certainly raises some painful issues relating to domestic violence and chauvinistic values.

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Jeremy Farrell, of 28 Carton Court, Maynooth, a past pupil of Maynooth Post Primary School, received his Diploma in International Trade & Marketing from the Irish Exporters Association at a presentation in the Head Offices of An Bord Trachtála on November 7th last. Jeremy, who attended Coláiste Ide in Finglas, was among more than 50 graduates from colleges all around Ireland who received their Diplomas.

But the big surprise for Jeremy and his parents Liam and Mary Farrell was when he received a prize presented by the Insurance Corporation of Ireland for the best International Trade Practice Project. "I was really delighted, especially with mum and dad there", Jeremy told us.

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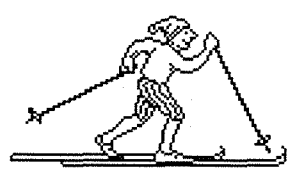
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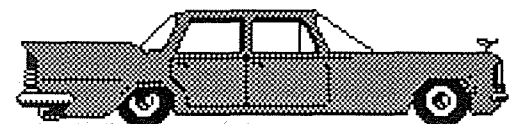
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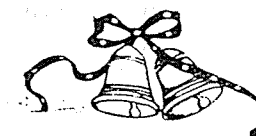
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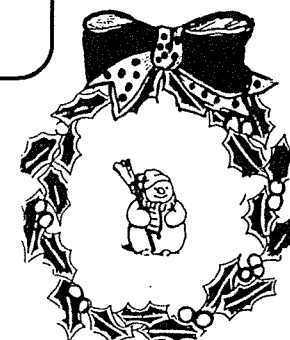
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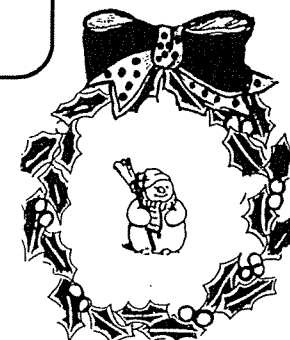
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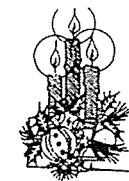
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### School Tour to Barcelona

Barcelona was the destination for the 1995 Maynooth Post Primary School tour, which left the school gates on Wednesday 25th of October. The trip, which consisted of 110 students and 14 teachers, included a brief tour of Paris en route to Barcelona. Visits to Monserrat, the famous Barcelona football grounds and the Salvador Dali Museum were planned for the students. The trip also included a shopping spree. Throughout the entire tour, the personal safety of the students was a high priority. Such tours are of great educational value and broaden the mind. Considerable credit is due to Mr. O'Donnell, the tour organiser, and to the many teachers who assisted him in this mammoth task.

### Graduation of the 1994/95 Transition Year

On Wednesday 4th of October, a ceremony was held in Maynooth Post Primary School to celebrate the passing out of the 1994/95 transition year students. This graduation ceremony was a very important occasion as it was our first transition year. Both students and parents were present at a gathering in which the students were presented with certificates on the successful completion of the first transition year at Maynooth. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Patrick Hogan from Maynooth College. A very entertaining evening was had by all. Considerable credit must go to Mr. McKeon, the transition year co-ordinator and also to Miss K. O'Leary who assisted in the organising of this successful event.

### Transition Year visit to the Bog

On Friday 6th of October, the present transition year class went to the exhibition at Peatland World and then visited a bog. Bogs are areas of great educational interest as they have links with history, science, geography and art. The students were accompanied by Mr. McManus and Mrs. Mahony of the science department and were introduced to the flora and fauna of the bog. It was considered a very worthwhile study.

### Debs Dance for Maynooth Post Primary Students

The sixth year debs dance was held on Friday 13th October in the Keadeen Hotel Newbridge and was attended by pupils, past pupils and parents. It was a very successful event and credit must go to Mr. S. McManus, the year head who organised the event.

### Intel Bursary to Maynooth Student

Maynooth Post Primary School is proud of Miriam Gormally who got a bursary of £1000 from Intel on the strength of her Physics result in this years Leaving Certificate Examination. We are grateful to Intel for encouraging students in the sciences.



*Pictured above is Miriam Gormally, extreme right, after receiving her Bursary from Intel*

### Maynooth Post Primary Success in Essay Competitions

Our hearty congratulations to Janice Walsh who won the Michael Sweetman Scholarship for her essay on Europe. This is a considerable achievement and we are pleased to state that Janice is the third of our students to win this award (See Article below). Our congratulations also go to Una Burke and Anna Martin who were highly commended for Irish essays, written as part of St. Patrick's College Bicentenary celebrations.

The following is an account by Janice Walsh who won the Sweetman Essay Competition. Janice is a Sixth Year Student at Maynooth Post Primary School. This essay is an account of the prize which she won in the essay competition.

*Michael J Walsh*

### An Account of the Prize

Nobody was as surprised as I was when the news came that I had won the Sweetman Essay Competition! First of all I had to write an essay about the Inter-Governmental Conference of 1996, and after that twelve of us were shortlisted and called for an interview. I wasn't too pleased by how the interview had gone and I was quite taken aback when I was told I was one of the four chosen to go on a trip to Europe. At that stage all I knew were the names of the three other winners as well as the name of our supervisor, Loman Conway, so I didn't really know what to expect.

The trip started on 5th July, with lunch in Dail Eireann with former Taoiseach Garret Fitzgerald. This was very interesting and the time passed quickly until the 4 o'clock flight to Brussels. We were staying in the centre of the city, close to all the tourist attractions. The two days here flew and included meeting with Commissioner Padraig Flynn, seeing Bruges and the Grande Place and seeing all the EU buildings.

Paris was the next city on the agenda and we arrived here on the afternoon of the 7th July. The heat was stifling, but it did not stop us seeing any of the sights! During our three days here we saw the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Versaille, Sacre

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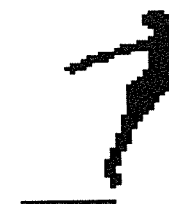
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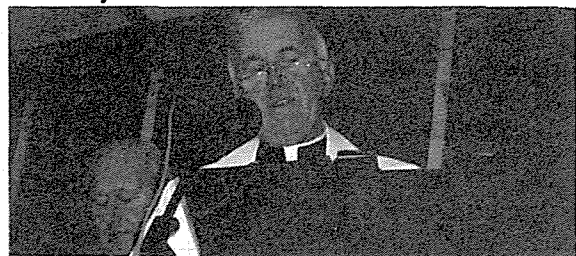
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his way into the Centre, signing autographs along the way. We found ourselves immersed in celebrity euphoria with everyone there fighting for a second of his attention. Chaos broke out as Reg disappeared in the



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WALK NO. 3:

## The circuit of Glendalough

The circuit of Glendalough is probably the best transition year. Both students and parents were present at a west, 195 degrees) about one and a quarter miles away. You will travel only half this distance before changing direction at the mid-way high point.

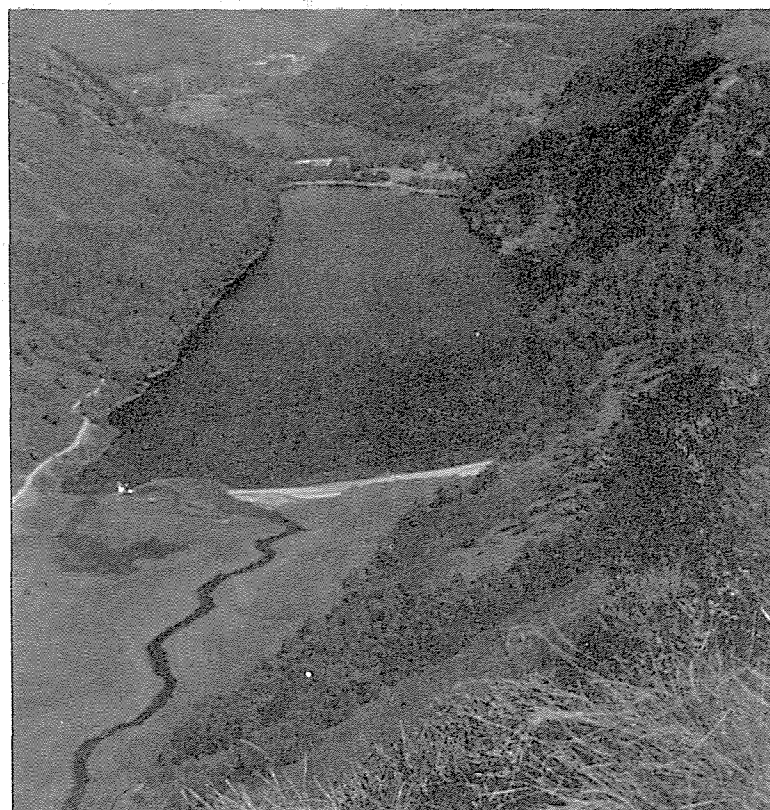
As you now change your bearing to 310 to bring you onto the ridge for Lugduff you can take in your splendid isolation: as you make your way along the ridge you'll be looking into Glenmalur to your right while across the tail-end of Glenmalur you'll see the massive great bulk of Lugnaquilla. However, these are just distractions because your walk will take in neither of them.

### Change of direction

You stay with the ridge for two miles until you are at the high point a half mile short of the summit of Lugduff. Here you change direction to 95 degrees, which is almost directly east. This will take you away from the ridge track across an area of tall grass as you drop down towards the Spink: this is the ridge which overlooks the southern side of the Upper Lake. The best views of the whole walk will now be opening up as you look down to see the lake in the reverse manner to the way most visitors see it (see picture). Down below you the Glenealo river twists snake-like into the lake. You now continue making your way along the Spink: a track will soon

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Paddy Caulfield



Looking down on the Upper Lake from the western end of the Spink.

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Often the biggest treat was the trip to see the Crib in the nearby church, the children had to be on their best behaviour or they would be barred from going. Brigie's father worked as a steward on an estate owned by a British officer, and she still remembers the shilling he gave her and her youngest brother with some pride, a shilling was a lot of money for a young child in those days.

Christmas day was a day for family; aunts and uncles would come to share the day. In a family of eight, a few more faces at the table were still welcome to join in with the festivities. Brigie remembers one incident when she was reprimanded by her father for sitting on the steps outside the door of her house. This was Christmas morning and one did not move past the threshold as it was a special day.

Mass on Christmas morning was a family occasion, where the whole family dressed in their best. Older family members assisted the younger children to speed their departure. On the road to mass, friends and neighbours gave their Christmas greetings and wishes for the Holy day, while children stole whispered conversation about the contents of their Christmas stockings and made plans for Wren day.

"The wren, the wren, king of all birds.....". After the solemnity of Christmas day the antics of the 'mummers' and 'wren boys' provided a more exuberant feel to the season. An old tradition that barely survives today, it is a part of Christmas that Brigie fondly recalls.

Those earlier Christmases passed as one for Brigie, until 1925. In that year, two of her brothers died on April 25th and October 25th. It was also the year that her Christmas changed forever. On Christmas morning her older sister May, died as the family were preparing for mass. That morning for once the old tradition was broken as the house was filled with grieving friends and neighbours. Christmas for Brigie was never the same after that.

Brigie moved to Maynooth in 1930, two years after her mother died. She went to stay with her uncle and lived in a large house, where Parson Court stands today. Maynooth changed everything, as her life before that was too familiar with tragedy and death. She remembers the local band marching down from the Minstrel Gate to the church on Christmas morning. She also remembers coming back from mass to find her uncle having prepared the table for dinner. Her first taste of wine was at her uncle's insistence. "Don't talk about Confirmation pledges on Christmas morning", he said. Her uncle believed, because our Lord's first miracle was to turn water into wine, it was only proper to toast his birthday with a glass.

She spent several years in England and recalls her first taste of champagne, which was nice, but made her walk crooked! When she returned to Ireland after the outbreak of the war, there was no more champagne. The Emergency and rationing meant that Christmas became a test of ingenuity. Brigie's banana soufflé, made from dry boiled parsnips, sugar and banana essence was one example of the lengths to which people went to retain the element of celebration associated

## Party Political Notes

with Christmas.

This is perhaps what one would associate most with Brigie. Despite the tragedies of the past, she looks forward to Christmas, to old friends and new visitors dropping in for a chat and a slice of cake.

These days Christmas is associated with the hustle and bustle of shopping and the whirl of the social round. Brigie Saults represents the spirit of a Christmas that has passed us by, a more simple but a somehow more celebratory Christmas. And one whose spirit is kept alive in someone like Brigie.



Brigie Saults enjoying her 80th Birthday Party in Caulfields

## FINE GAEL NOTES

Re: Celbridge Interchange

Mr. Bernard Durkan, T.D., stated at a recent meeting that the motorway scheme for the Kilcock/Maynooth/Leixlip By-Pass provided for an interchange on the by-pass to the west of Lucan with a new link to the existing Lucan/Celbridge road. Access for Celbridge traffic is also provided at the Straffan Road Interchange to the south of Maynooth. The question of providing additional access for Celbridge traffic to the Kilcock/Maynooth/Leixlip By-Pass would only arise in the event of Kildare County Council preparing a new motorway scheme in respect of such an access. It would be a matter for Kildare County Council to determine the scope of the works to be included in such a scheme. Any such scheme would have to be the subject of a public inquiry, at which evidence in all aspects of the proposal would have to be presented, before I could make a decision on the motorway scheme.

Responsibility for the improvement and maintenance of national roads and motorways is a matter for the National Roads Authority who are also responsible for the allocation of grants for individual schemes.

At the October Meeting of the Maynooth Branch Cllr. Senan Griffin welcomed the following grants allocated by Mr Bernard Durkan Minister for State at the Department of Social Welfare.

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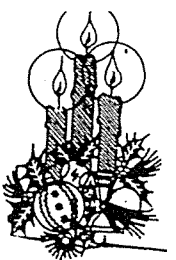
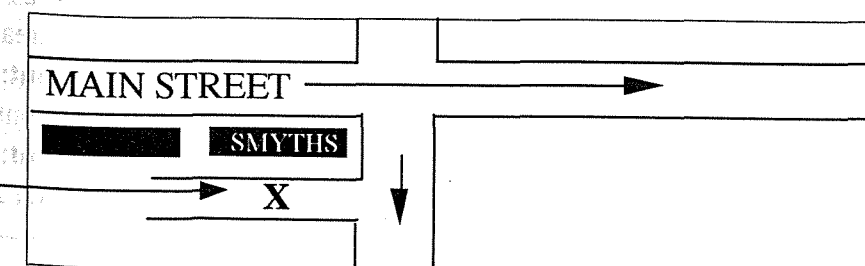
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1. £3000 to Celbridge Friendship and support group for Separated people towards cost of reprinting of information booklet.
2. £900 for Leixlip Resource Centre for the unemployed, towards the cost of courses in Personal Development, Debt Management and Vocational Skills.
3. £1,800 Balya Rural Enterprise Development Association, Johnstownbridge towards the cost of a P.C. and printer for the production of community newsletter.

Councillor, Senan Griffin informed the meeting that he has submitted the following motions to Kildare County Council:

1. "That the County Council appoint caretakers for Laraghbryanand Donacomper Cemeteries"
2. "That the County Council provide proper footpaths on the Moyglare Road up to the nursing home"

At the Celbridge Area Meeting held on Friday 17th November 1995 it was decided and agreed by all councillors to make the following allocation of public lights.

1. Greenfield Lane (6 lights).
2. Leinster Street (Harbour) (3 lights).
3. Maynooth Road, Celbridge, from the Main Street to Telemecanique. This section of roadway is in urgent need of attention and the extra lighting will be of benefit to road users. The total cost of item, which will include a new stand location, is approximately £10,000.

## MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### New Public Lights

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the County Engineer to erect a further 6 lights on existing poles on Greenfield Lane. This area is very dark and extra lights will only cost £1,200.

### Greenfield Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has asked Bord Gais to unblock the shores in Greenfield Estate. The shores were blocked during the pipe laying by Bord Gais and flooding has taken place in a number of areas.

### Celbridge Road, Maynooth

The County Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that he intends to resurface this road from the motorway bridge to Straffan Road during 1996. This road is in a terrible condition and the promise of resurfacing comes after prolonged pressure from both Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., and Cllr. John McGinley.

### Cluain Aoibhinn/College Green

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have accepted the need to carry out a major resurfacing job in Cluain Aoibhinn during 1996. John will continue to press the Council on this matter to ensure that the work is done.

### Maynooth Development Plan

The Celbridge Area Committee will hear submissions from those who sought oral hearings on 8th December. It is unlikely that the revised Draft Plan will go before the full Council before the end of January 1996.

### Traffic Calming Measures - Parson Street

Following a meeting with local residents in Parson Street, Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., has asked Cllr. John McGinley to table a motion for the next Celbridge Area Committee of the Council requesting the provision of traffic calming measures at Parson Street. We will be seeking the provision of Wide Footpaths, Raised Kerbing and Ramps.

### Kevin (Sam) Murphy

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our comrade Kevin (Sam) Murphy. Kevin was the longest serving member of the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party. He was also an Honorary President. He also was involved in many community activities in Maynooth, being a founder member of the Community Council and the Citizens Information Centre. In addition he was an active Committee Member of the Mortality Society. The Branch extend their sympathy to his wife and family. He will be missed.

### Happy Christmas

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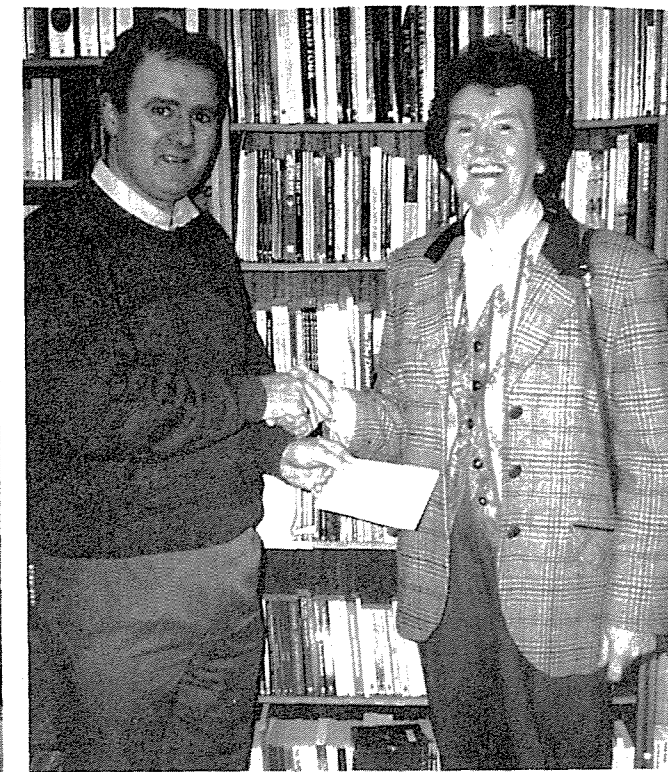
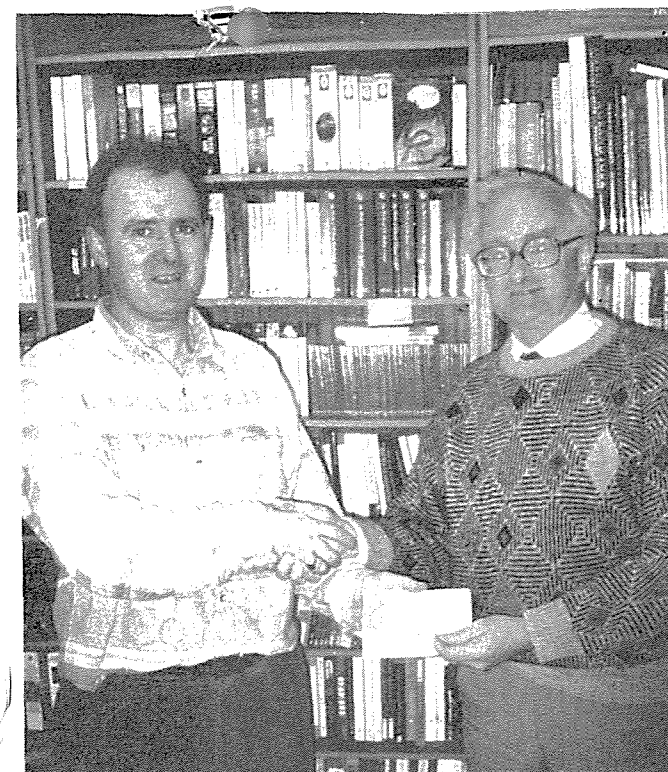
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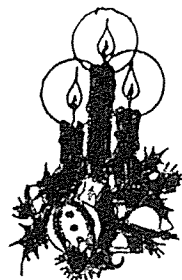
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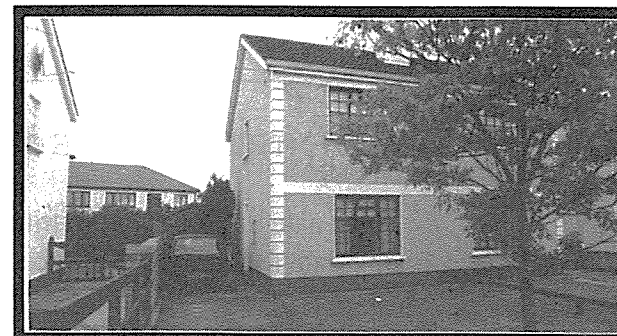
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## Birthdays, Acknowledgements, Classifieds

### BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Brigid Saults, Parson Street who celebrated her 80th. Birthday November 1st. A surprise party was held in The Geraldine Arms Lounge Bar attended by family, neighbours and a host of friends - a wonderful time was had by all.

Jimmy Foy, Double Lane, whose Birthday was on November 4th.

Birthday greetings to Noel Cassidy, The Roost whose Birthday is December 9th. Best wishes from wife Ann, family, staff, customers, the Roost and friends. Hope you enjoyed the film Noel.

Birthday greetings to Clare McTernan, Greenfield whose birthday is December 12th. Best Wishes from Daddy, Mammy, brother Gerard, Grannies and Grandad.

Jim Smyth (Butcher) Main Street whose Birthday is December 16th. Best wishes from all your customers and friends.

Birthday greetings to Trevor Naughton, Greenfield, age 14, November 19th., his sister Aimee, age 6, November 29th. Best Wishes from Mammy, Daddy, brother Darren and sister Cheryl.

Happy Birthday to Ashling Bean, Nuada, Dunboyne Rd., Maynooth, who celebrates her 10th birthday on December 14th. With love and best wishes from her Daddy, Mammy, brothers Brian and Conor and Grandparents.

### SYMPATHIES

The wife, sons and daughter of the late Harry Kelly wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who attended the removal and funeral Mass, those who sent Mass Cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple & Fr. Dunne S.M.A., Dr. Cowhey all his friends and relations for all their kindness, the holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Wife, Son, Daughters, Brother, Sisters, Son in Law, Sisters in Law, Brothers in Law, Grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces, relatives and friends of Kevin (Sam) Murphy, O'Neill Park, Maynooth.

To Phil Brady of the Clock House, Maynooth on the death of his sister Kate. Kate (97) will be missed by a very large circle of relations (brothers and sisters down to great grandchildren) and friends. May she rest in peace.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Thomas Fay, 545 O'Neill Park, on his conferring from Sligo R.T.C. and for receiving a special award for best overall student in Food Science.

Congratulations to Noel and Ann Cassidy, The Roost Inn who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary November 15th. Best wishes from all your family, staff, customers, The Roost and your many friends in Maynooth and elsewhere.

Congratulations to Sean and Breda Horgan, Keeley's Corner, Main Street, Maynooth, who were married recently. Love and best wishes from their families and many friends.

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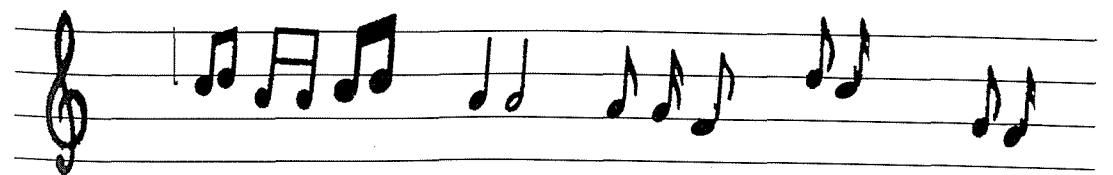


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