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## **Glenroyal Centre - A Plus for Maynooth**

November sees the opening of Maynooth's new Glenroyal Centre which should prove a great addition to Maynooth. The two anchors of the centre will be the Glenroyal Hotel and the Super Valu superstore. Over the past ten years the population of Maynooth has doubled without any major growth in amenities. But things are improving and proposed developments in the Square, the Main St. and the Castle will be complemented by the new hotel and retail outlets in the Glenroyal Centre with major car parking facilities.

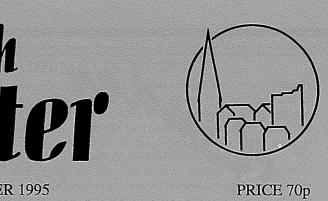
## **Glenroyal Hotel**

The Glenroyal Hotel will be a 3-star, modern hotel with 28 bedrooms, all ensuite with colour TV. According to reports it will be the first fully integrated computerised hotel in Ireland. The Obelisk 80 seater restaurant and bar will certainly increase the options open to Maynooth's diners and drinkers as will the Glen Lounge bar and carvery with seating capacity for 200 No doubt the Fitzgerald Banqueting Suite will prove popular for weddings, parties and other social functions. Next year the proprietors hope to add another 20 en suite rooms, a health and leisure centre with a 25 meter swimming pool coming on stream later in the year.

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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.

#### EDITORIAL

In a few weeks time we are being asked to go to the polls again and vote on whether the ban on divorce in Ireland should be removed. Back in 1986 Maynooth, along with all the major urban centres in the country, voted to remove the ban. In rural areas and across much of the west and south of the country people voted in large numbers against the introduction of divorce. The 1986 campaign had been divisive and much of the debate had centered around issues relating to land and property. Many people were certainly scared by the prospect of farms being divided and homes lost. Since then much has changed. A large body of Family Law legislation has been put in place with the result that the 1995 referendum is about the right to remarry. Some still argue that granting this right to remarry will destabilise all marriages and lead to yet higher levels of marital breakdown. On the other hand, the rate of marital breakdown had been climbing steadily since 1986 despite the absence of divorce. There is no one living in Maynooth in 1995 who hasn't some experience of marital breakdown whether within their own family circle, their friends or neighbours. One positive feature of the current debate on divorce is that much of the focus is on its potential impact on children whose fate was almost entirely ignored in the 1986 campaigns. The terms of the referendum and the body of Family Law which now exists certainly help to emphasize the central position of children in the whole business.

On November 25th it seems likely that a majority of Maynooth's voters will vote to remove the ban on divorce. Most will do so not because divorce is a 'good thing' but because they believe some of their less fortunate friends and neighbours deserve a second chance.

## Letters to the Editor

#### Dear Editor,

#### To Pee or not to Pee?

I, like the majority of the 'bladdered' citizens of our town, shared in the euphoria of the recent removal of the public urinals from our town. Obviously though, I am one of the rare few who realises that temporary problems have arisen from the ashes (and sewers) of our former public convenience.

As a male citizen fully equipped with a working bladder, I see no problem in urinating in designated public areas, i.e., behind trees, in bushes, in bins, etc., but it came to my attention recently that others do. As I emerged from a bush last week, a large crowd had gathered having heard my rustling while relieving myself. Imagine my surprise when I emerged from the bushes to be greeted by a hostile crowd. I fled for my life, fumbling with my zip, which unfortunately burst and now requires a safety pin to acquire stability.

Another problem with the recent lack of facilities raised its ugly head while I was urinating in a wheelie bin. I was standing erect in the bin, emptying my bladder when, out of the blue, a blast was released in the square which shook the square and surrounding areas. As a result of my shock and panic, the bin toppled over, I urinated in my trousers and my safety pin caused damage which required medical attention.

I acknowledge that the old public toilets were both futile and ugly. I can remember one instance while urinating there one winter's evening. The interior lights were defunct and as a result I urinated on a vagrant who appeared to be sheltering in the toilets for the night. Despite the lack of facilities, I prefer urinating in the old public toilets than to be subjected to public harassment while relieving myself.

The serious problems which I have brought to light do, in my opinion, have a simple solution. If the enterprises of the Community each provided containers outside their premises which we, the ordinary people of Maynooth, could urinate in, it would make life a lot easier. The container could be brightly coloured, carry a sponsor's name, or

perhaps have a theme running through, for example, clothes shops could place a plastic bag inside a sock, thus indicating that socks were available inside. Or the refuse disposal companies could provide a large skip at the top of the town. Imagine how long it would take to fill a skip, or perhaps the County Council could collect the old green bins and place them strategically around the locality.

However, I see it won't be long until the problem will be rectified, as a fountain is to be constructed in the square. Thank God for that. But what are we to do until then? I hope some shopkeepers are reading this and decide to take the remedial action outlined above.

Yours in wait of relief. Walter Cooper-Keogh.

P.S. How come nobody complains about trains anymore?

#### Dear Editor,

With the great improvements taking place around Maynooth, it's time something more was done with the Harbour Field. It's a great local resource that is not being utilised to the fullest extent possible. I know that it is used as a football pitch but more could be done with it, given its central location. At present it's not a very pretty sight.

There have been improvements to the canal bank up towards the Rathcoffey Road and these are most welcome. However, the side of the Harbour Field near the ICA Hall is in bits! So too is the old children's playground beside it. And the pedestrian entrance into the field near Silken Vale is not great either.

I remember that a substantial sum of money was collected in the early 1970s for a swimming pool to be located in the Harbour Field. What happened this money? Could it be used to improve the amenity now?

Lots of things could be done with the Harbour Field. My favourite suggestion is that of one Pat, who suggests that the field be banked and turned into a canal marina!

Ray Grehan Managing Director

Maynooth as the Venice of Ireland? Don't laugh - the idea is so crazy that it's bound to be feasible. I can see it all: dozens of colourful canal and lake cruisers tied up while the sailors sing canal shanties in the town's watering holes, festivals, flags, races, a small but busy dry dock for essential repairs and service. Ah, take down me old sailor suit, I think I'll go for a cruise.

#### Paul Mooney.

## **Dear Sir**

I refer to your feature article in this month's edition entitled "Glenroyal, a good old Irish Name".

I am happy to take the opportunity to inform your readers of the background to the selection of the name Glenroyal for our new Shopping Centre and Hotel Development in the town. Glenkerrin Homes Limited is a locally based Company, proud of its development record in the town of Maynooth having completed over a hundred and fifty homes over the past six years. Any choice of name is guided by local, historical and cultural considerations; for example, after thorough research and consultation we named our recent Apartment Development at the Presentation Convent, "Charter House", on account of the origin of that educational establishment in the Charter School established by the Duke of Leinster on the Site.

In the case of our Shopping Centre and Hotel Development the name Glenroyal represents the association of our Company name with that of the Royal Canal which adjoins our development which is one of the dominant physical features of the town.

May I assure your readers that, far from "slapping posh names" on our developments we are conscious of our role in the locality and our duty to respect the heritage, history and culture of the town. May I take this opportunity of welcoming all the towns people to avail of and enjoy the facilities of the Shopping Centre and Hotel when we open on November 4th, 1995.



# **Maynooth Community Council Notes** MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Since we last reported to you the Tidy Towns report for 1995 has been sent to us

•As can be seen in the report we gained an additional 5 points on last year.

 You will recall we thought long and hard about entering the 1995 competition.

· We thank our Community Employment workers and the Business Residents' Association for all their hard work and the Community Council for their support. •There are a number of areas that need addressing. We will deal with these over the coming months. • We are holding a public meeting on Tuesday November 21st in the Maynooth Post Primary School at 8.00p.m. We would welcome your views and ideas at this meeting.

#### **PROGRESS REPORT 1995**

Centre: Maynooth, Category: F County: Kildare, Mark: 133 Effort Max 45, 1994 29, 1995 31

Tidiness Max 40, 1994 15, 1995 15.

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Maynooth is a hive of activity with much building improvements to roads and the Royal Canal Restoration Scheme. The adjudicators were impressed with the submission and it is nice to see a two year achievable action plan. Such reconstruction of the bridge and the building has an obvious effect on the tidiness of the town. The adjudicators look forward positively to it's completion. It is excellent to see progress within the town. With new development often comes landscaping which will add considerably to the town in many ways. Commendation to the committee in working and maintaining a good effort through the transition stage of the town. Now that the by-pass is completed, it is important that visitors will be encouraged to visit the town. The Castle will provide a nice attraction, the Main Street shops and places to eat should be welcoming. Tidiness

The general tidiness of Maynooth was reasonable on the day of judging. Grass had recently been cut though attention is required to weeds at base of walls and around trees. There was a scattering of litter around the Railway Station car-park and through some of the estates as well as on the main street. A "Tidy Litter Campaign" including the students, might help. If a group of students could be encouraged to help keep the town tidy, it would aid the committee in their job.

#### PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS

Maynooth has a number of well presented buildings including the Garda Station and Geraldine Hall. The Church of Ireland requires tidying up. In the main street many of the shops look well including The Mill Wine Cellar, Elite Confectionery, Coonans, Donovans, S. Ua Buchalla.

The Shopping Centre complex including Donovan's Superstores, will hopefully present itself better with the completion of the road, hanging baskets and tubs would look well. St. Columbans is well presented and a number of buildings on the Moyglare Road should be commended on their presentation. Quinnsworth and Esso Garage on the Dublin Road should really make an effort to welcome people. The Livestock Market also requires better presentation.

#### PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES

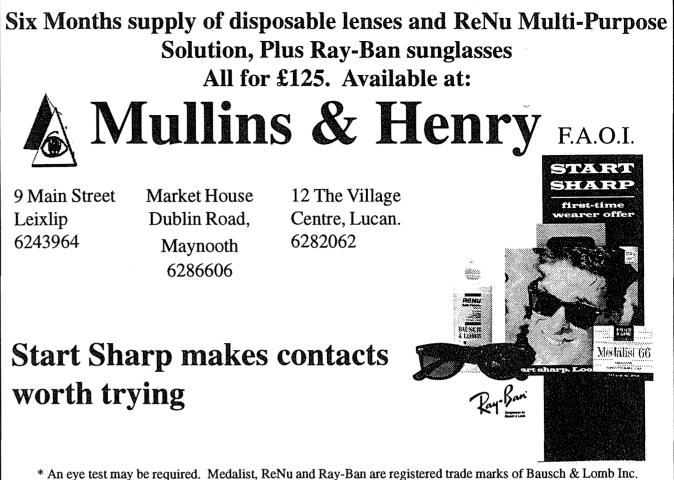
The main natural amenity of Maynooth is the wonderful number of trees, not just on the main street but planted in the housing areas as well. Both window boxes and hanging baskets were not as prevalent as they could have been. Carton House Demesne is also a pleasant area to have available. The work going on at the Canal Basin is to be commended and again the judge looks forward to its completion. It must be a great boon to have the University. The grounds are a wonderful amenity area and really well presented. The area outside the Pitch and Putt on the Dunboyne Road could be improved and dead weeds at the base of the wall removed.

#### APPEARANCE OF APPROACH ROADS

The Galway approach road is very pleasant and the ever growing trees give a nice lead into the town. The weeds in the gutters however detract from this. The Moyglare Road requires upkeep. The new trees look well though opposite this, there are areas of grass which require re-seeding. At the junction of this road a new flowerbed has been planted which looks well. The Straffan approach road was understandably untidy due to the huge road/bridge works being carried out. The judges look forward to their completion. The Leixlip approach road requires cutting back as does the Dunboyne road. Work is still needed on the approach roads, they are the first impression of the town to a visitor.

#### PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new development at Parklands is to be commended with nice landscaping included. Charter House is well presented, however area outside needs re-seeding. Some of the gardens in the estate across from Quinnsworth had lovely gardens well done. Moyglare Manor is reasonable, grass cut, though weeds in gutters and base of trees detract from overall look. Leinster Cottages would benefit from further planting. Parsons Lodge looks well with some residents making an effort with hanging baskets. Carton Court was well cut back though there was a scattering of litter throughout. Manor Court is a nicely presented development. The estate behind Donovan's Superstores was also well cut back but could benefit from a litter clean up. There is a lovely old stone building (derelict) on the corner of Dunboyne Road. Is there anything that can be done to save and refurbish this? Overall, the residential areas were well presented.



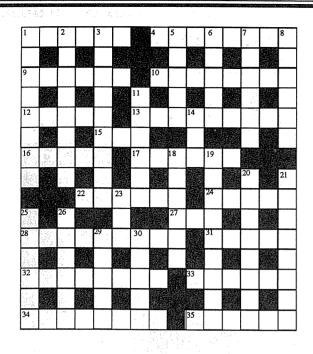
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## **Crossword No. 96**



Entries before 5 p.m., Friday, 17th November, 1995

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#### Across:

- One who tries to lose! (6)
- Uninformed and bad mannered (8) 4
- 9 Handles always between left and south (6)
- 10 Musical ship for a woman to wear (8)
- 12 Left in the cave to give birth (5)
- 13 Not protected when the United Nations kept watch (9)
- 15 Cry for a pup? (3)
- 16 See 5 Down
- 17 Ponders morbidly about chickens? (6)
- 22 Sounds like a leafy kind of country (6)
- 24 Wear away with a Queen Lizzie poem (5)
- Eat for drink? (3) 27
- 28 A house would be very empty without it (9)
- 31 Chomp some Ballymun chips (5)
- Swamp or flood when you bring in U.N. fruit (8) 32
- 33 Medical officer's tresses to produce a fabric (6)
- 34 Slav gets points each way when he subjugates (8)
- 35 Attacked when inebriated? (6)

#### Down:

- 1 The cat gone east from the small delicatessen is weak! (8)
- 2 Surround the east for a paper container (8)
- 3 Seriously early to take in a bird's home (9)
- 5 and 16 Across: Getting worse as a snooker player may be? (5,2,3)
- In an American state, O mother is a bit of a laugh (5)
- 7 Steers clear of a chasm to the south (6)

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- 8 To be "with it" endeavour to take in the end (6)
- 11 It aids contact with the road or can cancel an error (6)
- You don't know what it is, but it could sound like an 14 improper command (3)
- If you've endless choices the world is your mollusc! 18 (6)
- 19 Could you subconsciously go afloat with a "fine thing" like this? (9)
- 20 Water-producing structure often connected to a writer (8)
- 21 Restrained by red teeth! (8)
- 23 If there's a car in front of this little darling then it could be laid! (3)
- 25 Where Torvill and Dean might work while not skating (6)
- Cheaters, swindlers, diddlers or crooks! (6) 26
- 29 Partially indicate the country (5)
- 30 Unite to loosen?! (5)

#### Solution to Crossword No 95:

Across: 1, Cla-I-re; 4, Stoppers; 9, Ex-Hume; 10, Canister (anagram); 12, Tu-rin; 13, Punctured; 15, D.O.A.; 16, Ou-nce; 17, Carers; 22, A-scent; 24, Totem; 27, Tri; 28, Ancestral; 31, Car-go; 32, Mercedes; 33, Enlist; 34, Rude-Ness; 35, Merger.

Down: 1, Creation; 2, Adherent; 3, Re-minders; 5, Train; 6, Print; 7, EN-tire; 8, St-ride; 11, A-p-ache; 14, Cue; 18, Rattle; 19, Ret-ice-nce; 20, Sterling; 21, Impost-or; 23, Cut; 25, Hammer; 26, Scared; 29, Stern; 30, Reeks.

> Winner of Crossword No. 95: Mary Callaghan, 145 Kingsbry, Maynooth

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# **Maynooth Community Games**

Activities for 1995 are now over and with them go memories of a very exciting and successful year. During the course of the next few months the committee will reflect on the year's events and establish ways and means of enhancing the weaker disciplines in our area.

For the benefit of the many parents of young children in the new estates I give below a resumé of what the Community Games is all about.

Community Games is a countrywide movement, nonpolitical, non sectarian, which operates at four levels (1) Area, (2) County, (3) Provincial (4) National. It caters for children whose ages range from 6-16 years in an annual programme which has 28 different types of sporting and cultural activities. Emphasis is firmly placed on participation and not on winning at all costs. Recognising that all children are not physically or temperamentally suited to sport, Community Games also provides for more sedentary games such as draughts and chess and cultural activities including art, modelling, variety and choir. Only young people who reside in the community are eligible to compete in the area competitions, i.e. going to the local schools and residing outside the Maynooth area does not make you eligible to participate. Many a fine



Community Games Pitch & Putt winning team From left Margaret Callaghan, Emma Cullinane, Gillian O' Hurley, Suzanne Butler, Brid-Ann O'Shea

sportsman/woman got their first taste of glory competing in the Community Games in their local area. All parents of young people make an entry in your diaries for our A.G.M. - 24th January, 1996 - venue: I.C.A. Hall (opposite Health Centre), time 8.p.m.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

anniversary party on October 22nd our report will have to

Meanwhile, our Sale of Work will take place on Sunday

November 19th at 3p.m. in the Parish Hall. As usual we

will be selling tickets for our Monster Draw at Quinnsworth

thanks to the proprietors for this facility and Ollie Bright for

Our committee and helpers will be making the usual house

calls and we ask you once again for your continued support.

opportunists are at work, some have even used our name to

children selling tickets or lines and we do not leave bags for

filling. The same members collect in the same areas each

year, so unless you are new in the area you will know the

caller. All our members carry I.D. so "if in doubt, check it

Meanwhile, please remember the date November 19th. Do

come along for an enjoyable afternoon and a worthwhile

A word of caution though: around this time each year the

relieve people of their money. So before you part with

anything at your door please remember we do not have

on the two weekends prior to the 19th, that is the 9th, 10th

and 11th and the 16th, 17th and 18th of November. Our

wait for the December issue.

his co-operation.

## MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

I have been writing this spot in the Newsletter for the past 18 As the Newsletter will have gone to print when we hold our months or so and during that time I have mentioned the ownership of the Credit Union on a number of occasions.

The Credit Union is owned by the members for the benefit of the members. Once a year the members are invited to attend a meeting to hear from the elected directors how they have managed the affairs of the Credit Union for the previous year. This year our Credit Union is holding its A.G.M. on Tuesday, the 21st November in the Boys' School.

It is the function of the A.G.M. to elect members to the board of directors and to elect the supervisors (3). The A.G.M. also appoints the auditor.

All members will get notice of the A.G.M. and we would ask as many as possible to exercise their right as shareholders to attend.

At the time of writing our annual poster competition is nearing completion. Details of the winners next month.

Speaking of winners, may I remind all our primary school pupils to get cracking on the general knowledge for our schools quiz which will be held early in the new year. Perhaps you could ask Santa for some quiz books for Christmas.

Finally, may I once again remind you of the services we offer. Savings and Loans, Home and Contents Insurance, Budget plan for paying all your regular household and motoring bills. SEE YOU ALL ON THE 21ST NOVEMBER, 8 P.M. IN THE BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL.

## Michael Mooney

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# ICA **NOTES**

Drama enthusiasts within the ICA were all shocked to hear recently of the cancellation of the Kildare Federation Drama competition. This event, which was due to take place in mid-November, had to be called off due to lack of entries. Maynooth Guild was one of just a few guilds that had entered. The rehearsals, which were in full swing in Maynooth, have now been cancelled.

#### Crafts

On a much brighter note, the craft sessions in our Guild are going very well. They take place in the ICA Hall on Monday nights (8.00 p.m.) and Wednesday mornings (10.30 a.m.). Crafts Promoter, Mary O'Gorman, says the ladies in the Quilting class are producing lovely quilted cushions. The craft ladies will soon be starting on the Christmas wreaths, swags, etc. Mary is also organising a trip to the Knitting and Stitching Show in the RDS on Friday, 10th November. The show is on from 9th-12th November and admission is £5.50 with reductions for groups. Anyone interested should contact Mary.

#### **Badminton and Golf**

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning, starting at 10.45 a.m. New members are always welcome, just bring along your runners and racket.

The Kildare ICA Golfing Society is

also looking for new members. An Grianán

The Bring and Buy held at our October meeting to finance the two-part scholarships to An Grianán was a great success. Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to our two auctioneers Kay Burns and Veva Kearins. Laura Wright told us of her first trip to An Grianán for Kildare Week last summer. Laura said she had a fabulous time there. Next year Kildare Week will be from 24th-28th June. Other dates of interest at the College are Walking Week 13th-17th May and Golf Week 15th-19th July. Weekends are also available at certain times during the year. The courses are open to non-members. Anyone interested in An Grianán should have a word with Kay Burns.

#### New faces

Ms. Betty O'Neill is our new Federation president. She takes over from Ms. Nellie Dillon, who has been elected National Honorary Treasurer. Betty will be assisted by Ms. Mary Whelan, incoming Federation secretary and Ms. Rita Halligan, incoming Federation Treasurer. Maynooth Guild wishes all the ladies success during their terms of office.

#### Cake Sale helps Blind

The ICA in association with the National Council for the Blind held a Bake a Cake Week from 18th-24th September. Maynooth ICA ladies held their Cake Sale in the Boys' National School on Sunday, 24th September, and raised a total of £131 for this very worthy cause. The ICA would like to thank all who baked cakes, bought cakes or helped in any other way. The ladies are especially grateful for the use

ICA ladies visit Aras an Uachtaráin ICA Guilds all over Ireland are celebrating the organisation's 85th Anniversary this year. To mark the event over 200 members were invited to meet President Mary Robinson at Aras an Uachtaráin for afternoon tea on

Friday, 15th September.

of the school.

Maynooth Guild of the ICA was represented by its Vice-President, Mrs. Mary O'Gorman. Mary said that she thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Aras an Uachtaráin, where each of the ladies in turn was introduced to President Robinson. Following speeches by President Robinson and the ICA National President, Mrs. Bridin Twist, the ladies enjoyed afternoon tea and a tour of the state rooms.

#### Dates for your diary

Federation meeting in Ardclough on 23rd November at 8.00 p.m. Night out to Red House on 29th November. Craft Day in Suncroft on 18th November booking essential.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting of Maynooth ICA will be on Thursday, 2nd November, at 8.00 p.m. sharp. A short ecumenical service will take place at this meeting to remember all our deceased members. The competition on that night is "An Apple Tart", undecorated and made with short crust pastry. You can order your 1996 diaries (£2 each) and Christmas cards (5 for £3) at this meeting. New members are welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

Connie Harpur, PRO Maynooth I.C.A.

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## **Clubs, Organisations, Societies**

## Band Bulletin

October, normally a quiet month for the Band, has been hectic this year. We have had our hands full getting the new classes off the ground and to add to everything we had two late invitations to add to our list, the Tullamore Band Festival and the Lions Concert in the College.

#### **New Classes**

Yes, the classes have finally started to roll and we would apologise for the short notice given to the students but there is a good deal of work involved in assessing over 70 applicants and then trying to group them in appropriate classes. We now have four groups established with an additional number to be catered for who are more advanced or adults who are presently learning an instrument. The response from the first classes is promising and the students seem to have taken to Paula, the instructor, quite well. It is important for all the learners to remember that Rome wasn't built in a day and if they attend all the classes and do their homework, with two nights each week they should progress pretty steadily. It's worth knowing that the six senior members still with the Band spend six months (yes, six months) just learning the theory of music before going near a recorder or any other instrument. Hopefully we will still have all those students with us when the next term begins in January.

#### **Tullamore Festival**

On Sunday 8th October, we set out to join seven other Bands (including the Air Corps Pipe Band) to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Tullamore Town Band. This was by way of a return of a favour due to them as they attended our own Golden Jubilee of our reforming back in 1981. It was a marvellous experience for the younger members of our Band to join over 300 musicians who came from Wexford, Dublin and Mullingar, and even included our near neighbours Newbridge. We played individual recitals in separate locations in the town followed by a massed Band recital in the Market Square and then finished off with a massed band parade through the streets of Tullamore. We believe that several buildings have suffered the same fate as those in Maynooth with cracks appearing in the walls from the sound of over 300 musicians blowing the \*\*\*\* out of their instruments. If you pardon the pun the crack was terrific when the musicians mingled afterwards in the Bridge House Hotel for tea, sandwiches, singing and swinging to the strains of a local jazz band. The day was enjoyed by all concerned and we are looking forward to the next massed band festival. Did someone mention one in Galway in 1996?

#### **Lions Concert**

On Thursday 12th, we paid what is fast becoming an annual visit to the Aula Maxima in the College to join the Garda Band in concert. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the stage (even for 15 minutes) with a fine group of musicians who really know how to entertain an audience. We hope our small contribution to the evening was appreciated even though some of our younger and not so young members were a little over-awed by the occasion. Once again it was an evening to mingle backstage with the Band and for our cute cornetist Kenny to renew a friendship with the solo

trumpeter in the Garda band. We always knew he had friends in high, high places.

## Band Mass

Our annual Mass for deceased members is at 11 o'clock on Sunday 5th November and we hope all relatives and friends as well as past Band members will join us on this occasion which is the highlight of our year. We make a special effort to show our respects for those who have served the Band so well and played an important part in keeping the spirit of Maynooth Bands alive and well in years gone by.

#### **Glenroyal Hotel Opening**

On Saturday 4th November we join in helping to mark a most important occasion, the opening of the new shopping complex and hotel beside the new bridge. The hotel is a very welcome addition to the town and in particular the provision of a function room will greatly help organisations like the band when organising dinner dances. We wish the Grehan Brothers success in their undertaking and hope the entire project goes well for them.

### Race Night

Our annual race night takes place this year in the G.A.A. Centre, Moyglare Road on Saturday 25th November. We hope those who have supported us in the past will help us once again. If you would like to sponsor a race or a horse please contact Paddy Boyd at our main sponsors for 1995, Maynooth Office Supplies on the Dublin Road (Tel. 6289133) and he will look after you. This year we hope to arrange a short band recital at 8.30p.m. to entertain our punters before the racing gets underway. If you can't sponsor a horse or a race why not come along anyway on the night and have a flutter, it's great fun and it won't cost an arm and a leg if your luck is not in. Hope to see you there.

### Lost Property

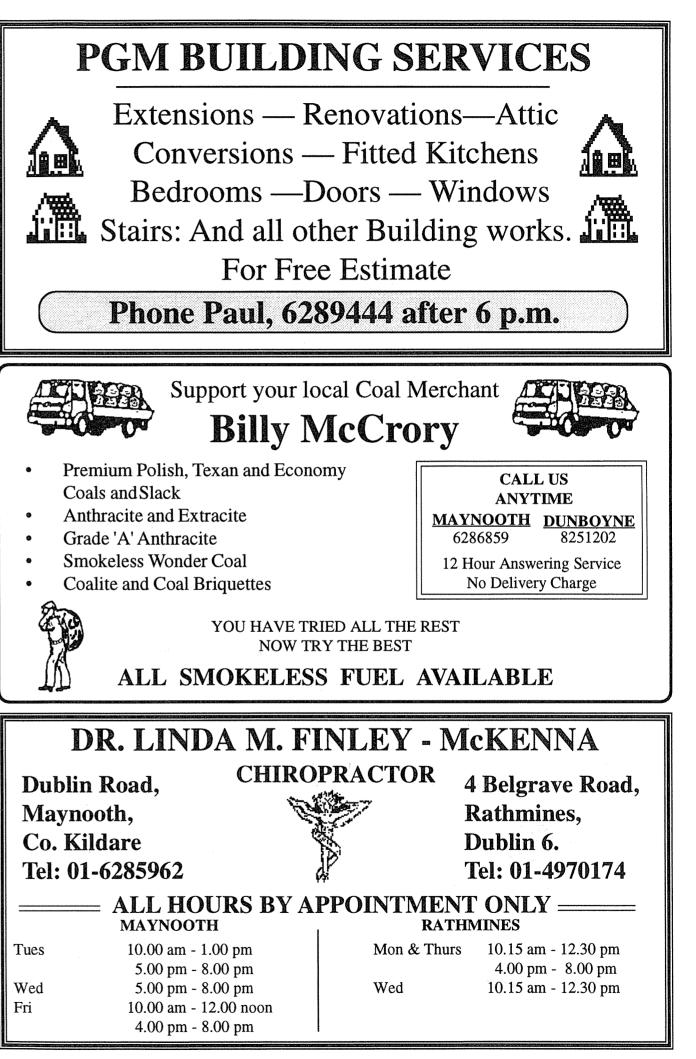
Finally we are appealing for the owners of the three items found in October. Namely one steel shelving unit colour grey, one shirt-assorted colours, size unknown and one tree root - Dumpustumpius. All these articles have been found in the passageway of the Band Hall dumped by person or persons unknown. We have reported the matter to the relevant authorities and a watch is now being kept to identify the offenders. In the meantime the 'lost' property can be had by calling to the Band Hall any Monday or Thursday night.

That's all for November. See you here next month for all the Christmas news.

## ALZHEIMERS NATIONAL TEA-DAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Betty Farrell wishes to thank all who supported her tea and coffee morning. Special thanks to Felicity Satchwell who so kindly allowed the use of her home for the occasion.

To the committee of Maynooth Flower and Garden Club for helping to organise the event and working during the morning. The local I.C.A. and "Old Folk Group" for their support. To Quinnsworth for their donation. To everyone who came and supported the cause which realised £300 approximately. To everyone most grateful thanks.



## **Residents Associations**

## **Greenfield** Estate **Residents'** Association

You will recall that the association submitted a comprehensive report to the various companies and bodies that have worked in the estate over the past year.

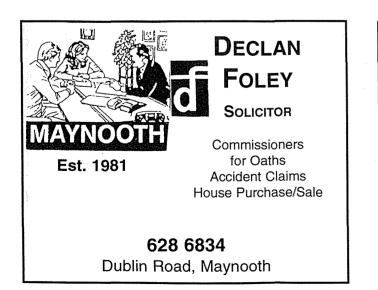
We are having ongoing discussions with Bord Gáis, some work has been done, but there is still a number of outstanding items to be done.

Kildare County Council have completed the road ends, this was requested on our submission and we have consistently requested this to be done. We are pleased to advise that this work, outstanding for a number of years, has now been completed by Kildare County Council.

We plan to have an estate clean-up in November. Date, time, etc. will be notified by circular.

## **MEADOWBROOK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Following our recent estate clean-up day, the committee would like to thank all those who made the effort to turn out to lend a hand. As the numbers were so vast (all six of us) it was decided to cancel the barbecue. It's a sad reflection on an estate with nearly 250 houses, there are about 10/15 people on our estate who are always relied on to keep this Association going. Well we are all kind of fed up and, with the A.G.M. approaching, a good attendance will be required to keep the Association going. In the event that a new committee is not elected on the night, a motion will be put forward to disband the Association. Notices will be posted to advise residents of the date and venue in due course. Our thanks to K.C.C. for the rubbish skip and the people who turned up and made the effort.



We are supporting Carton Estate Residents' Association in their opposition to a new road being planned through their estate.

We extend our sympathy to Paddy Lynch, and family, on the death of his wife, Peig. Peig and Paddy were founder members of this association. They were amongst the first residents of Maynooth Park. Peig was totally committed to any organisation she joined over the years. This amounted to quite a few. Her work and interest in children and young people was outstanding and a great inspiration to other people.

There are a number of other families in the estate who have been bereaved and to those we extend our sympathy. We welcome new residents to the estate and if we can be of assistance to you, our secretary Ann Connellan, 20 Straffan Way, will advise you of your road representative.

**Richard Farrell** 

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## **Residents Associations**

## Rockfield **Residents Association**

In May of this year the residents of Rockfield gathered for the first time in Maynooth Parish hall, after a group of enterprising 'Square' folk decided that, with summer approaching, it was about time that a Residents Association would take to flight....and fly it did on that damp May night when topics from access walls to children's summer parties to speed control were actively debated. An interim committee was then formed, with each of the areas within Rockfield being represented, and the first task was to conduct a survey to ascertain the key issues and events that the Residents would wish the committee to pursue. After the results were compiled, and a report published, 6 top issues emerged and the committee set about tackling them. These included Maintenance, Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Control, Social Events, Improvements to the site entrance and walk way access to different parts of the Estate.

#### **Annual Subscriptions**

The first action of the committee was to perform the dreaded task of collecting the first annual subscription. However the response was very encouraging and the committee set about its first task to do a 'spring' clean of the estate. On a dry, warm day in July a band of merry men, women and children, gathered in the early hours to enact what was called 'Rockfield Renaissance Day'. Each part of the Estate was attacked with strimmers, clippers, rakes, and grinding lawn mowers, with more Residents turning out to contribute in their own areas and cups of teas being offered to the hardy workers. When the day finally came to an end, the Residents adjourned to Caufields where prizes were awarded for the best areas. This year's winners were the Avenue, who were presented with the much coveted first prize, the perpetual garden gnome.

#### **First Social**

In August, the Committee organized its first 'social' event, when the Residents were set on a daunting task to solve the many riddles in a town by town Treasure Hunt. The trail began in the home town, with clues hidden in shop windows, dentists' name plates and local pubs. Next stop was Celbridge, where the treasure seekers searched telephone boxes, church grounds and rubbish bins for more. Finally, with time running out, Leixlip was stormed by the fleet of Rockfield cars and after a mad dash to gather some final points, the 'hunters' gathered in the "Hitchin' Post" to share experiences and frustrations, before a winner was announced and prizes awarded.

#### **Sports Day**

The biggest event of the summer was held on the last weekend in August, when kids, both young and 'not so young' gathered on the Square. The day began with the bouncing castle, with 'Scotty the Clown' arriving soon after to entertain (rumour has it that Scotty was suffering from the world's greatest 'hangover' but it was not evident as he was chased around the square by teams of delighted kids).

A magic and puppet show followed next, and after 'Barney' finally arrived, the sports section got under way. Medals galore were awarded for egg and spoon dashing, sack race shuffling, with considerable talent displayed in the adults' 'toss the wellie' competition. As darkness fell, the glow of the barbecues drew a crowd, encouraged no doubt, by the beer taps which were kept busy, until dry. In the meantime, the talent display continued, as a competition developed between the Green and the Square on who could sing the loudest and longest. The competition then evolved into a more physical pursuit, when the Residents took to a competition of midnight 'Tug O War', when the men and women of the Square emerged victorious.

September saw the first in a set of Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

On behalf of the Residents, we would like to thank our many sponsors of this summers events, including Maynooth Home Care & Hardware, ESSO, Quinnsworth, Donovans, Londis, Leaf Kilcock, Mulcahy's Butchers & SMA Baby Products.



**Rockfield Resident out for the day!** 









**CHRISTMAS** 



# **A HALLOWE'EN STORY**

very Hallowe'en it is believed an evil mist rises on the plains and comes slowly up the canal and settles over Maynooth. Scummy things splash in the canal and all the fish disappear. Even the swan on the island in the Harbour deserts her nest. Some say that this is the time of year that spooks wander abroad. In the old days people used to talk about strange sightings but that was before television became so popular.

The black clouds over the town turn into the shapes of dark carriages and swirl down past the church spire. One night coming from town I met an old man who told me that those carriages were bringing witches to other towns. They never stopped in Maynooth because it had it's very own resident witch. He had seen her himself. He had just stopped to light his pipe. It was very dark and his lighter lit up the darkness around him. There she was a gaunt looking person with a strange hat and dark shawl. Her eyes had a green glow and as well as having a real long nose she had a pointy chin. Her black garments dragged on the ground and her toes were curled up. He got such a fright that he burned his thumb with the flame.

This grand old man was hard to scare. He had fought in wars and had seen many weird things but he could smell evil. He always carries a lucky charm and says prayers that he will be safe. Many years ago this witch had scared another man so much that he had to be spoonfed for the rest of his life. He sat by the fire in his bedroom slippers.

Many of the old man's friends, now dead, had told him that they saw her too and that they hadn't a drop of drink taken at the time. Drink was scarce in those days. They had asked the priest to say special prayers of protection. Many of the old people of Maynooth didn't interfere with the witch nor she didn't interfere with them. There was always a great community spirit in the town. However the children were warned to do what their parents told them and never to wander far from their homes or to trust strangers. This has worked to good effect - so far.

According to my acquaintance local legend has it that this witch lives in an old cave under the town. It is believed to be very damp and eerie with fungus growing on the walls. She also has a big pot which is always on the boil. This man was reluctant to tell me what she put in the pot, leaving it to my imagination. He believed that she is a health hazard and he could never remember her buying proper grub in the local supermarket.

Seeing that I was on friendly terms with this man I asked him what was his name, "John" he informed me. He said Maynooth was an ideal place for a witch to live because the public lighting was so dull and so poor. "You can almost see the shadows move", he said. I grew most uncomfortable listening to this man. Sometimes his voice quivered as if he too was scared. He wore a big pair of hob-nailed boots and a great heavy black overcoat which was like a protective shell around him. Next thing we heard squalks in the nearby trees and the flapping of wings as a flock of birds took flight. One bird was squeaking shrilly as if it was suffering a horrible fate. The moon hid behind the clouds.

My old friend tried to light his pipe again, but he was so nervous he could not light it up. He said, "This time it is worse." "I am an old man and I sense things". This time she's really angry. You see while the men were building the road and blasting rocks to lay down water pipes, they seem to have rattled the witch's cave. She is going to be out this time with a vengeance. Between you and me" he warned "I notice things and even the rats are scared."

According to the old man all these fire crackers whining through the air were a sign that there was evil set loose. He noticed that under this evil spell people just seemed to go wild at this time of year. "And it's not just getting high from eating too many blackberries" he said.

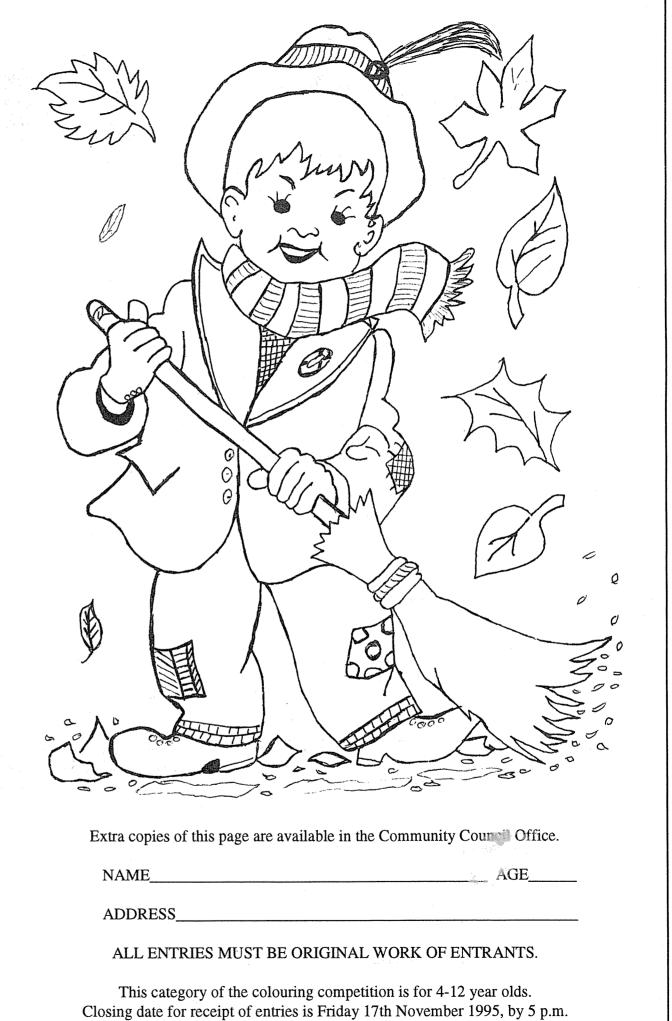
I walked with John to the end of his road. Even though he said he wasn't scared he carried a newspaper rolled up tightly as if he could use it as a baton. He didn't have to say it, but he did. "If I were you I'd stay in tonight." Then he said, " You know something else? The witch hates traffic lights. She finds it hard to stay up on her broom while she's waiting for the lights to change". You know something - I'd never thought of that.

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# The Late Hannah Flood

The mother of the well known and respected Flood family in Maynooth died at the age of 81 years. Mrs. Hannah Flood, Ivy House, The Square, passed away quietly and peacefully in Griffeen Nursing Home, Lucan, at 6.45 a.m. on Monday, 31st July.

Widow of the late Tom Flood, a turf accountant, keen cyclist and footballer. who died in 1973, Mrs. Flood, like her late husband, was a prominent and active member of the local community. Until succumbing to illness over 2 years ago, she had been involved in many charitable organisations both local and further afield. In recent years, her most vigorous campaign involved the future demolition of the public toilets outside her home in the square. To this end, she remained alive for 2 weeks after this building was torn down. There are not too many people or businesses around the town who did not know it was coming

up to Daffodil Day as Hannah was on the prowl well in advance, making her collection, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society - then on the day itself dare anyone refuse the Daffodil clad woman their 50p or £10! For many years in the 70's and 80's Hannah was the driving force behind the Sale of Work in the Parish Hall in aid of both the Old Folks' Committee, of which she was a member, and the Fr. John Nevin, Pakistan Fund. Both were very dear to her and she would spare no time or effort to further their

cause. Hannah also had a lot of time for the Cheshire Home in the Phoenix Park. where she visited weekly. From here she tirelessly tried to make it easier for people to be admitted and for the unit to be expanded - she had many a heated discussion with Dr. Rory O'Hanlon to prove this point! She will be sadly missed for many a year.

She is survived by her six children Edward, Liam and Tom, who all followed their father's career path; Aidan, who is in the taxi business; Gerry, proprietor of Maynooth Photo Centre and Ann, wife of Maynooth Maxol Station Owner, Peter O'Connor; sister Nancy (nee Kiernan) O'Rourke; daughters-in-law Margaret, Olive and Ann; son-in-law, Peter; ten grandchildren, nephews, nieces, her old and dearest friend Tess O'Flynn and a wide circle of friends.

Having spent over two years in the care of the nurses and staff of Moyglare and Griffeen Nursing Homes, Mrs Flood returned home one final time to be waked by her family.

On Tuesday evening (1st August) she was brought to St. Mary's Church where several hundred mourners congregated to pay their respects to the Flood family.

Despite the Galway festival, many members of the racing fraternity attended the funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday morning (2nd August) at 10a.m. by

local curate and good friend of Mrs. Flood, Fr. Dennis Cogan.

Mrs. Hannah Flood was then laid to rest in Laraghbryan Cemetery.





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Since most fishing activity is practically nil due to a near dry river-bed, anglers may not be present in numbers on the fishery. In these circumstances it is imperative that all angling clubs maintain a presence on their waters, and watch out for signs of possible pollution. There have been twenty fish kills already recorded in 1995, including some serious incidents in Cork and Monaghan. The Regional Fisheries Board or your local water-keeper, or any angler in the area can check out source, substance and location of any pollution.

The 1990 Water Pollution Act lays down the principle that the polluter pays for the cost and expenses incurred in a prosecution. The Fisheries Board will enforce the law strictly to protect fish stocks.

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Jim Carroll, Water Bailiff, on behalf of Leixlip and District Angling Association.

## **EYE HEAR**

## **Generals In the Field**

With the crowning successes of the Maynooth Gaelic Football teams winning county glory, we are reminded of the masterminds behind these triumphs. From February onwards, along with their dedicated players, two men in particular stand out in the wind and rain marshalling their troops. They are Kevin Connolly and Martin Donnelly. Like fine generals in the field they strive to get every ounce of talent out of their charges. They know that they have talented players but their great skill is in getting them to believe in themselves and to play to their full potential. It is true to say that these two men possess the motivating skills and tactical craft which was once used by the men who set Ireland free.

### Future of Harbour Field in Doubt

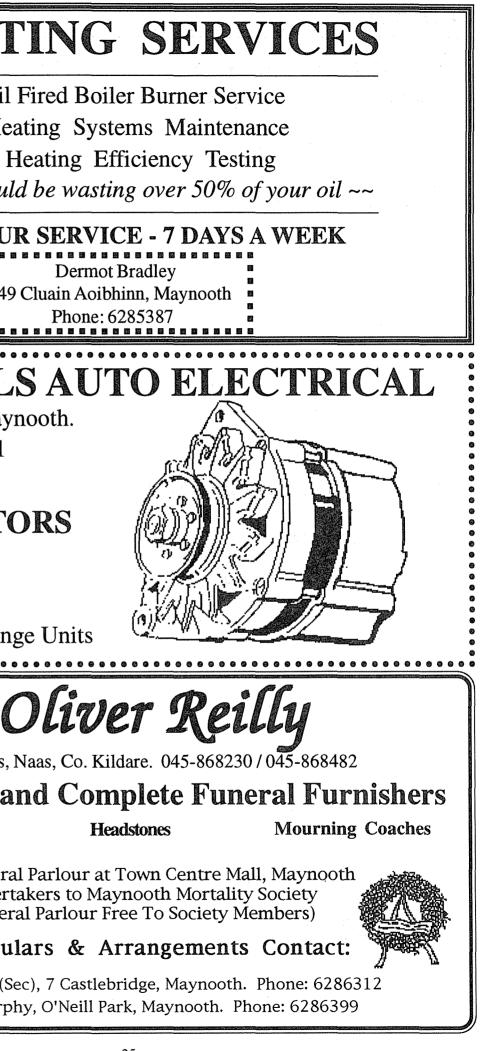
According to a reliable source the future of the Harbour Field, which was bequeathed to the people of Maynooth, for a 99 year term, by the former owner of the Carton Estate is in doubt. It is now known in certain circles that the present owner of the estate has expressed an interest in regaining ownership of this centrally located and valuable property. This could well spell the end of this field as a public amenity area. If this legal move is successful, we could soon see the Harbour Field covered by a luxury flats complex. Stranger things have happened.

## Illumination

There is a local girl, Ann is her first name, every time she is present in a local hostelry she is as good as an extra light bulb. Even when this statuesque beauty leaves her seat she leaves an afterglow. How I wish I could do some extrapolation on her illumination but she has threatened to kill me if I put her in the Newsletter. But oh so sweet a death it would be.







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## Features

## St. Patrick's College, **Maynooth - Gala** Concert

A Gala Maynooth Bicentenary Concert will be held in the National Concert Hall on Thursday 16 November at 8.00 p.m. when Maynooth College Choirs will be joined by the National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Colman Pearce, with soloists Regina Nathan, Colette McGahon, Emmanuel Lawler and Eugene Griffen in the singing of a specially commissioned Maynooth Te Deum by John Buckley.

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#### 2) Student Return

We have reached that time of year again when the college academic year returns to full throttle. With this, the Gardaí would like to take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all course participants, especially the first years who begin that long, difficult educational journey amidst our community for the first time.

With this welcome we must also issue a warning to all students to be aware of their property at all times and not to become complacent in relation to its safety. Items which require special vigilance include purses, handbags, hold-alls and bicycles. Ensure bicycles are locked on all occasions and only bring them out when necessary; keep purses, wallets, etc. on person at all times, preferably in a shirt pocket or frontal pocket at least. Only carry as much cash on your person as you need at any given time.

Lastly but not least we would kindly ask all students to respect both the peace of Maynooth, and the town and its surrounds also. Be aware at all times that there are numerous elderly people living in the town, especially close to the centre, and it's only fair that they get the respect and courtesy they have richly earned and deserve. Take care on the roadways as numerous alterations and construction work are in progress which demand extra vigilance.

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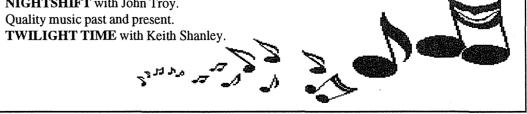
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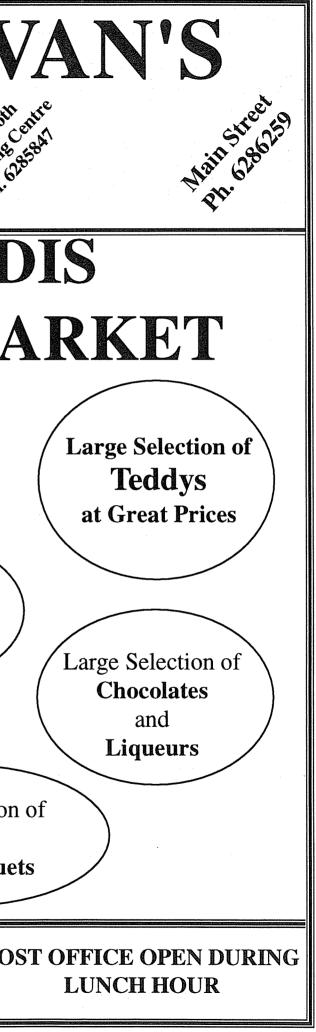








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# NOTES FROM NAMBIA

rom the RSA to England and back to Southern Africa, Stephen Devereux was born in Cape Town in the Republic of South Africa (RSA), in 1959. By the time Stephen went to university he had begun to question the validity of the apartheid system and to disagree with its values. This led him to take a course in political economy and to study the ways in which the difference between the incomes of white and black people in South Africa had been deliberately created over many years. In 1981, when he graduated from the University of Cape Town, Stephen faced, not the challenge of finding employment - it wasn't so tough for white South African graduates at that time - but the decision of what to do about conscription.

The choices confronting the 22-year-old Stephen were stark. He could do as required of him by the law then in force in RSA and allow himself to be conscripted into the army of the South African Defence Forces (SADF). Since this choice was against his most deeply-held moral and political convictions, Stephen ruled it out. The penalty for this kind of conscientious objection had been increased from two to six years imprisonment. So, like many other young men of

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his generation, he chose to go into exile. In 1987, he arrived in England, along with his wife, Gillian.

Stephen continued his university studies in Oxford by specialising in development economics. In 1992, he wrote his doctoral thesis on food security in Ghana, and published a book entitled Theories of Famine. Also in 1992 he took out British

Citizenship, before returning to work in Southern Africa, but outside the RSA.

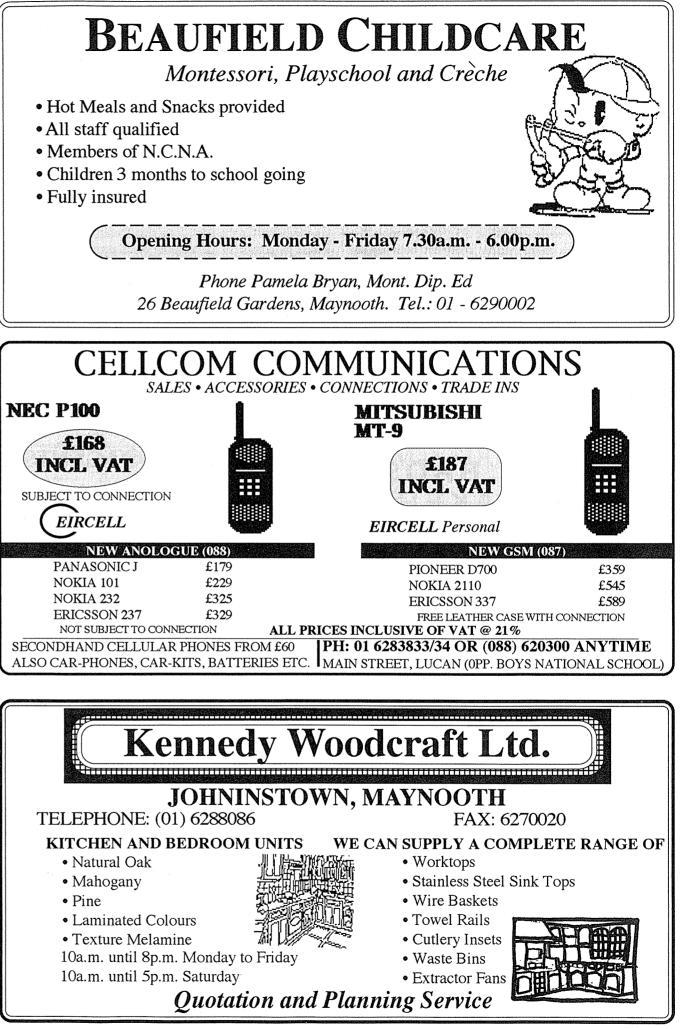
Researching the Drought of 1992-'93 in Namibia

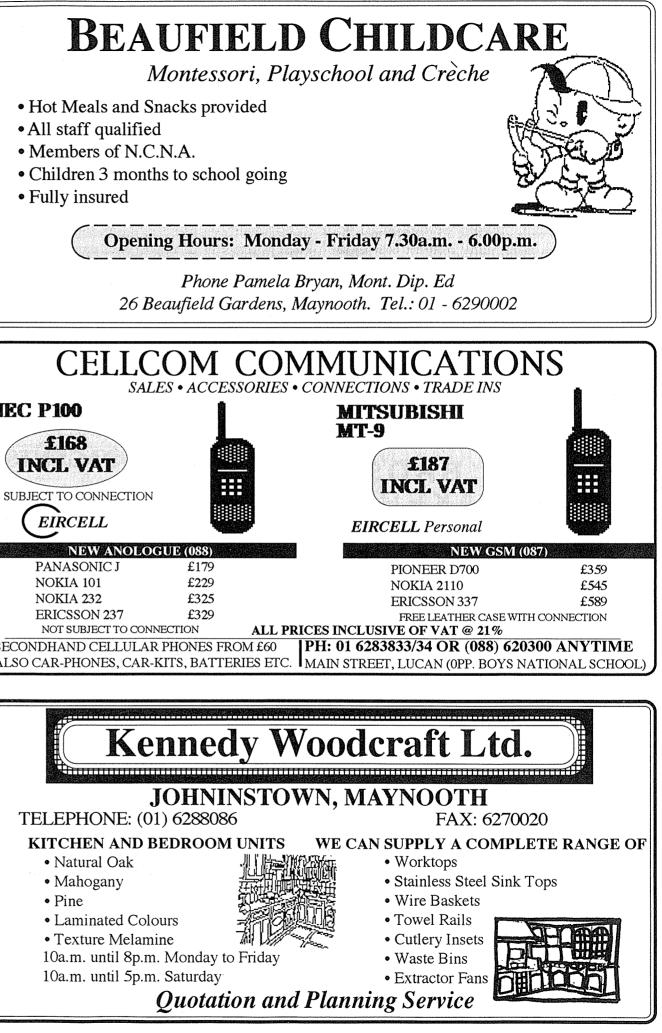
So it was as a highly-qualified and committed economist, funded by British Overseas Development Aid (ODA), that Stephen, accompanied by Gillian, came to work for six months in Namibia as a member of a team carrying out research into the drought of 1992-93. It was evaluating the drought relief programme that had been put in place by the first democratically-elected government of Namibia. The Government wanted to know if drought aid was reaching the people most in need, and if not, how to see to it that, in future, it did.

The research established many important facts. Nobody died as a direct result of the drought. People adapted in several ways that enabled them to survive and resume farming in the season following the drought. At first, they ate less and made whatever food they had last longer, probably going a little hungry for a period, in order to put off the day when the food would run out altogether. They also sold some of their animals and possessions in order to buy food. Some used credit of one form or another, or sought the support of their better-off relatives.

Fortunately, in 1992-93, few Namibians were forced to sell their agricultural implements and most survived, staving on their land, without becoming destitute. They managed to do this through a combination of their own survival strategies and the help offered them by the drought relief programme.

However, one aspect of the drought relief programme, the targeting of selected groups of people, did not work very efficiently. A list had been drawn up of vulnerable groups of people entitled to receive aid. The categories of people on the list included under-fives, pregnant women and nursing mothers, people with disabilities and people in a state of malnourishment. All able-bodied adults were excluded. These categories proved not to be precise enough. As a result, some well-off or even wealthy under-fives, pregnant women, and so on, received aid which they were entitled to but did not need. Some people who did not fit into any category on the list needed aid but did not qualify. For example, still healthy adults who had just run out of both food and money were not among those on the list and therefore, did not qualify to receive aid. continued on next page





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**Recommending Solutions.** 

The research team made two key recommendations. The first was that the communities themselves be entrusted with the task of distributing aid to those among them who needed it. The researchers found that it worked. The public way in which the aid was distributed meant that it was all properly accounted for and that improper use was avoided.

The second recommendation involved using the existing social welfare scheme to distribute extra money to people who need it in times of drought. The RSA and Namibia, unlike other countries on the African continent, both pay an old age pension.

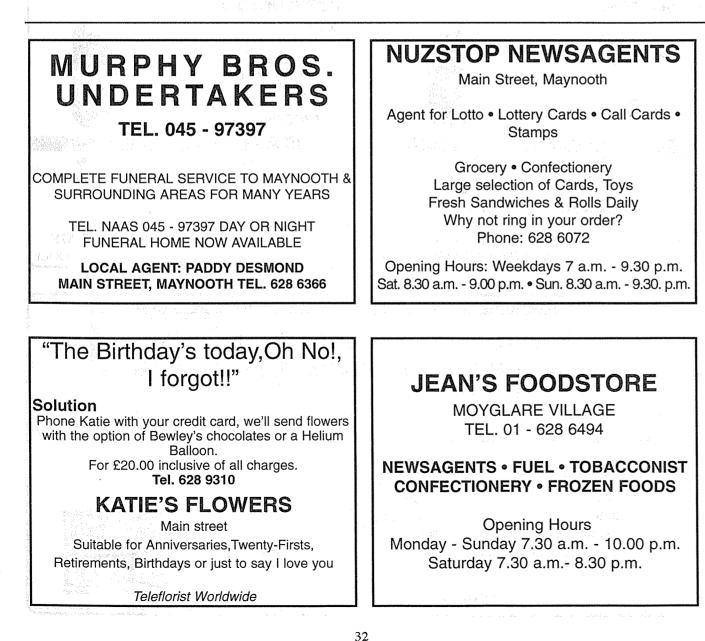
Since older people continue to live in the extended family, this money does go to feed families, not just individuals or couples. The researchers recommended that a temporary drought supplement be added to the old-age pension and paid to people who need support in order to enable them to stay in their communities and survive. Because the system for distributing the old age pension is already in place, using

it to give out drought relief is a fast, simple and logical way to respond in an emergency. The government has not yet decided whether to adopt either or both of these recommendations.

From Wealth to Welfare?

When the research into the drought of 1992-93 was completed, Stephen became head of the Rural Poverty Programme. Stephen holds the view that it is possible to view the great material inequalities that exist in Namibia as an opportunity. It is true that most of the wealth of the country is still in the hands of a small white minority, while a high proportion of the majority black population live in various degrees of poverty and disadvantage. But at least the country has wealth which it could attempt to distribute more equally among its citizens. The question is: will the government in Namibia find the means to use the wealth in such a way as to improve the welfare of the majority of its citizens? Let's hope so.

Emer McDermott. Windhoek, 30 Aug. 1995



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## THE INTERNET - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

It's almost impossible these days to pick up a newspaper without seeing some reference to the Internet. It's the latest buzzword as far as computers are concerned and all the predictions are that the Internet is going to change the way we live over the next twenty-five years. So, what is the Internet and why all the fuss?

#### **Manchester United Fanatic**

Put simply, the Internet is a collection of thousands of computer networks all over the world which are all joined together. So far, very boring. What is interesting is the kind of information people are making available on their computers on these networks which millions of other people are then allowed access. So, for example, there is a Manchester United fanatic in UCD who has typed in all the most recent results and match reports about United, together with gossip about the different players and news about what's going on at Old Trafford. Anyone connected to the Internet can connect to his computer and read all this information. The Internet is populated by tens of thousands of such enthusiasts who make this kind of information available. So, on the Internet you can read about every subject from Renaissance Art to breeding ferrets.

#### Ease of Use

One of the reasons why this whole idea of the Internet has caught on is its ease of use. Very few computer skills are required. The Internet is displayed as a Web of information (usually called the World Wide Web) and all the user has to do is

click on a button on the screen to connect to any other computer. Say you're interested in jazz. Clicking on the jazz button may call up a computer in Belfast, Boston or Birmingham. The information comes up on the screen and you can save it on your own computer. The information listed - part of Dublin cinema listings for mid-October was copied directly from the Internet. No need to ever buy the Evening Herald again! By clicking on the name of the film you're interested in you call up more information about that film, a list of the cast plus reviews. The information about Braveheart is

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San Francisco can connect through to The Irish Times and stay in touch with the latest news at home. Some Irish companies advertise on the Internet and, according to reports, have increased their sales as a result. Kenny's bookshop in Galway can be accessed from around the world. In fact it's possible to order any book from their catalogue over the Internet. The way things are developing suggests that in ten years time it will be possible to do your shopping on the Internet - pilot projects are already being run in the US

## **Getting Connected**

To get access to all this information, which is essentially a

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## **Staying in Touch**

Up until recently the Internet was dominated by amateurs and enthusiasts. Now commercial interests are moving in. Most large American companies have their own pages on the Internet which you can connect to and read all about their products. Closer to home The Irish Times can be read for free on the Internet so an Irish emigrant sitting at their computer in

world wide encyclopedia, you need three things. First, a computer, second a modem which is a box to connect your computer to your phone, and third, to register with an Internet company which sets you up as an Internet user. The modem will cost about £100 and Internet access will cost £10 per month plus telephone charges. In the long term it seems likely that the Internet will be accessible over cable TV lines.





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# THE TOWN OF MAYNOOTH IS WHOLLY HOLEY!!

Well, Holy God! Did you ever see a place so full of holes? There was a time in the past when this town was regarded as being holy and there was probably good reason for this, with the College bursting with seminarians, and all that. But this has certainly all changed now — it's not nearly as holy as it used to be, in fact it's now changed from being holy to being holey! There are so many places to fall into right now that you very seriously need to watch your step.

However, we should not be unduly worried, because we all have total confidence in our County Council and know that as usual they will restore everything back to pristine condition — won't they? We must admit that if everyone thought this then they would be reflecting a certain level of naivety because the standards of repair in the past have fallen somewhat short of pristine. In fact, to call a shovel a shovel, when it comes to expertise our County Council's forte is patching. Our town must have the most patched paths in the country — in fact there have been times when even the patches on the paths have been patched!

Is this going to happen again? Don't be too sure that it won't. We believe that it is now time for a proper restoration job to be done. If you were to visit some small Spanish seaside resorts that you had never previously heard of, you could be amazed at how neat they are - footpaths finished in marble or mosaic. How do we rate our town? Is this not a very historic university town that is often in the nation's focus? It is about time we began to demand treatment befitting our position. We should now aim for the standards of neatness of some small, insignificant Spanish resorts. We might not get marble or mosaic but if we don't aim high enough we could end up with more patched patches, again. Talk to your T.D. about it.

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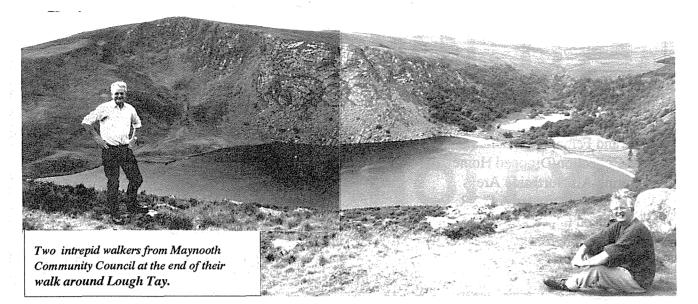
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## WALKIN' IN WICKLA WALK NO. 2: The circuit of Lough Tay

THE ever-shortening hours of daylight has to be a serious consideration at this time of the year when going walking in the hills. If you are starting any way late, after 11 a.m. for example, then you must bear in mind when it's going to get dark in order to not find yourself in difficult terrain when you can't see where you are going. The simplest and easiest guide to use is to calculate how much time you have before sunset and divide that time in half: if you are not at the halfway stage when you used up this amount of time then it means you are not going to finish before it gets dark. You should therefore consider shortening the walk or going back the way you came.

This is sometimes a bit difficult to do when it's bright and sunny and you can see your goal tantalisingly close. What you have to consider is that a further half hour walking towards the mid-point adds a full hour to the overall walk. I can assure you that there are few things more bothersome and unpleasant than trying to get down off a mountain when it's dark — I've been there, done that. For this reason I'm offering a fairly short walk this month, and to make it doubly suitable for the short day the latter half is on road.

#### Start of walk

The walk starts at the car park which overlooks Lough Tay and this is easy to find, as it is on the fairly well-known road from Sally Gap to Roundwood. If you have come from Brittas to Sally Gap it is just a matter of going on straight through the gap in the direction of Roundwood for about three miles when you arrive at the car park at the lefthand side of the road.

You start by walking back the road in the north-westerly direction from which you came. You'll have forestry each side of the road as you go. After less than a mile the forest finishes on the left side of the road and you'll be able to see down into the val-

ley which leads into the lake. Continue walking for another quarter of a mile before leaving the road to make your way down into the valley. Your aim is to climb the mountain on the other side of this valley which overlooks the lake so if you leave the road too soon you will lose a lot of height on the way down, the stream at the bottom will be wider and more difficult to cross and when you get to the other side of it you will have to face a steeper and longer climb - so be good to yourself and walk that quarter of a mile as directed. You need to watch your step as you make your way through the tall grass as you go downhill because it conceals holes here and there which might cause you to fall over. The stream at the bottom has several crossing places where there are large boulders which you can use as stepping stones.

## Steep climb

The far side of the stream presents you with a fairly steep

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upward climb. There's lots of bracken at this point: if you are not wearing gloves don't be tempted to grasp it to help your climb because it can be surprisingly sharp and can give a nasty cut. A half hour should see you rising above the steepest section and the bracken will be left behind to be replaced by heather, which means that in every way walking will be easier. You now take a south-easterly bearing which will be

taking you back in the direction of the lake. You will be gaining height as you go, and by the time you reach the edge of the cliff you will be looking down into the lake from a height of 500 feet approximately.

For the next vo<sup>o</sup> two and a half miles you will be vo on a path which runs fairly close

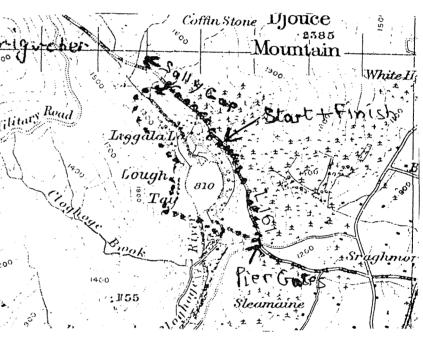
to the cliff edge. It is very safe and you will be in no danger whatever unless you choose to be.

#### Do be careful

Along this path is the wellknown Buttress Rock: this is a big snout of rock which sticks out about 12 feet from the cliff edge. It is about ten feet across and from it you will get great views down into the valley, where you can see Luggala Lodge set in a nice flat grassy area. If you look over the edge (not recommended) you will see that there is a drop of hundreds of feet. An 18-year-old girl had a fatal fall from here some months ago, so do be careful.

#### Good viewing spot

A good place to stop for your lunch break is the highest point along this path because then you can relax and enjoy the view while you have your tea and "sambos". The coast, which is approximately ten miles away, is



easily visible on a clear day as you look eastwards over the reservoirs near Roundwood, and you will discover with the aid of your map if you take a compass bearing on the built-up area on the coast to the south-east that your are looking at Wicklow Town 15 miles away. The scenery in all directions is marvellous and if you have a pair of binoculars with you then you'll enjoy it even more.

As you continue the path moves well in from the cliff edge. The cliff then peters out and in-

stead you will have a hill on your left as you descend towards Ballinrush Glen, through which the Clohogue River flows as it leaves Lough Tay. Getting down to the river is not straightforward walking due to the amount of large boulders in the undergrowth. You need to go carefully. There are plenty of crossing places with stepping stones on the river so you should have no trouble getting across with dry feet.

> It is now only about a half mile through bracken before you get to the tarred road leading out of Ballinrush Glen up to the wellknown "Pier Gates". at this point you are rejoining the main road you earlier drove on and as you turn left you will be about one and a half miles away from your

car. As you make your way back you will come to another car park on the way. This is very close to another fine viewing spot a couple of hundred yards off to your left. It is well worth your while taking the trouble to see it.

The total length of this hike is less than six miles, it should definitely not take you more than four and a half hours and for this reason it is very suitable for this time of year. I hope you have a fine, sunny day and that you enjoy your walk.

Paddy Caulfield

## **Political Party Notes**

## DEMOCRATIC **LEFT NOTES**

#### Toll Roads

The proposal by the National Roads Authority to place tolls on existing motorways as a way of raising funds for further development has been strongly criticised by Councillor Catherine Murphy. The very idea of charging tolls on roads in and around major urban areas is contrary to proper transport planning. As the experience of other countries shows clearly, tolls in such areas have the effect of diverting a considerable amount of traffic onto already congested local roads, with a lot of "rat-running" through housing estates. Tolls in urban areas also have a disproportionate impact on those who happen to live in the vicinity of the tolled roads. Under the current proposals, a person commuting daily from Maynooth to Tallaght would end up paying some £350 per year. As one economist has pointed out, it makes no economic sense to charge tolls on under-used motorways while placing no charge on already over-used local roads.

At the moment, local roads in North Kildare are being abused by heavy trucks seeking to avoid the Westlink Toll Bridge. Tolls on the M50 and M4 (Maynooth By-Pass) will only make things worse, while placing an extra burden of road maintenance on Kildare County Council's already overstretched budget. As the experience of the Leixlip/Lucan area has already shown, placing weight restrictions on local roads is completely ineffective without follow-up policing. Traffic-calming measures in housing areas subject to rat running are also expensive for local authorities to install and maintain.

The overall implications of the toll proposals clearly have not been thought out properly. While road charges aimed at improving urban transport systems may make some sense, tolls designed simply to raise money are not a good idea. In that they fall equally on the driver of a Mini and Mercedes, they are also socially inequitable and will be energetically resisted by Democratic Left.

#### Maynooth Main Street Improvements

As a consequence of the opening of the Maynooth By-Pass, the status of Maynooth Main Street has been reduced from that of National Primary Route to that of regional road under the control of Kildare County Council. Associated with this transfer of control, a once-off grant has been made to the County Council to improve the road, of which a sum of £200,000 has been allocated for Maynooth Main Street. This is earmarked for such

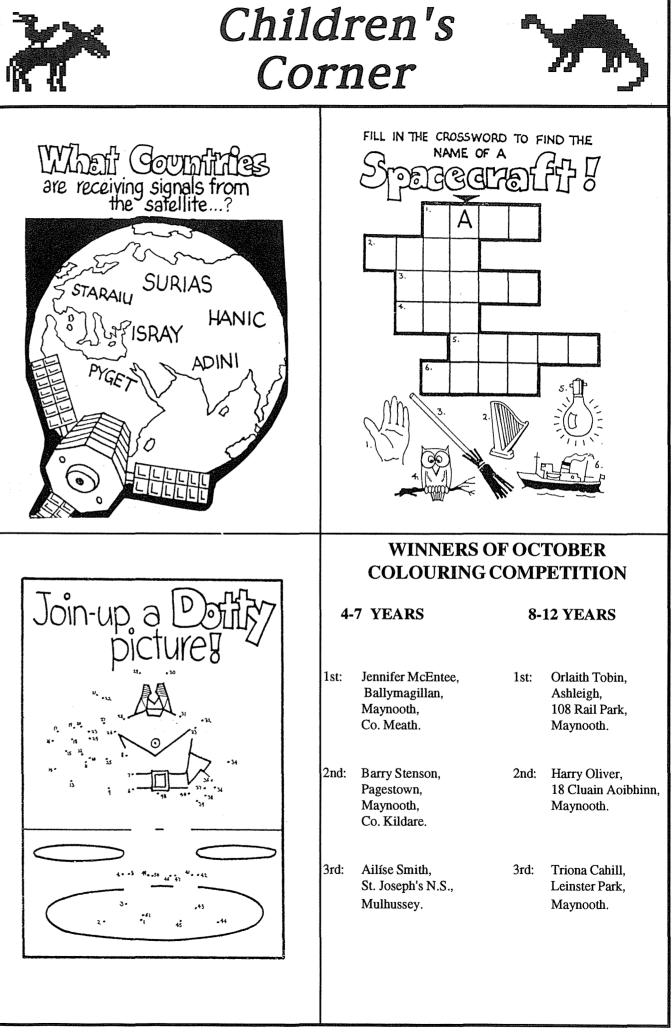
things as upgrading footpaths and placing overhead wires underground. While the allotted figure is inadequate for the work that needs to be done, the Council hopes to secure funds from other sources to complete the job. Plans for the work are currently being drawn up by a team of consultants. A similar plan prepared by the same consultants for Leixlip gave top priority to the needs of pedestrians. Councillor Catherine Murphy is hopeful that this will also be the case with Maynooth.

Meanwhile, plans have also been drawn up for the part of the Square between the new motorway access road and Brady's pub. An attempt by the County Council to publicise these plans fell through due to inadequate advance publicity. However, the Council has given an undertaking to consult with Maynooth Community Council before proceeding with the work.

#### Divorce Referendum

The forthcoming divorce referendum will provide the right to remarry for those whose previous marriages have irretrievably broken down. Democratic Left is campaigning for this right. If you would like to support the referendum campaign in any way, contact Catherine Murphy at 6244903 or Fiachra O'Céilleachair at 8729700 (work) or 6289814 (home).





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## **Political Party Notes**

## MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### Pedestrian Walkway Laurence Avenue/Maynooth Park

Cllr. John McGinley's proposal that procedures be put in place to close this walkway was agreed at the Celbridge Area Meeting of the Council on 2nd October. The Council will now advertise the proposed closure in the local papers. **New Public Lights** 

The Council have agreed to install additional public lighting at the Back Lane Greenfields, at the garage spaces in Maynooth Park, Doctor's Lane, Pound Park and Moyglare Road.

#### The Square/Straffan Road.

The County Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the bulk of the work will be completed before the end of this year. The public are to be congratulated for their patience and understanding during this major construction project.

#### **Maynooth Development Plan**

At the time of writing a meeting on the Maynooth Development Plan was scheduled for 20th October. This meeting was to decide on the submissions received

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#### Divorce (Right to Remarry) Referendum

The local Labour Branch will be canvassing all homes in Maynooth seeking a "Yes" vote for the Referendum on November 24th. All matters which caused confusion in 1986 have now been dealt with by legislation in the Dail. This referendum is about one issue only "The Right to Remarry".

If you want to play your part in securing a Yes vote by assisting in the campaign, feel free to contact either of the following.

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## **Spinach Crepes with Mushrooms**

Serves eight as a starter or four as a light lunch. 4oz/125g spinach, washed and trimmed 4oz/125g plain flour <sup>1/2</sup> pt/300ml milk 1 egg, size 3, beaten Oil, for shallow frying 1 onion, finely chopped 5oz/150g button mushrooms, sliced and tossed with 2tbsp vinegar 10 floz/300ml single cream 1 tbsp cornflour

**1.** Put spinach in a pan with the water clinging to it. Cover, cook for 5 min. Drain well, pressing to remove water. Chop finely.

**2.** Mix flour, milk and egg together. Stir in spinach and seasoning.

**3.** Heat a little oil in a non-stick frying pan, swirl around and tip out excess. Add 2tbsp batter, rotate to coat base. Cook over a medium heat until set, flip over and cook until crisp around edges. Transfer to a plate, keep hot. Cook remaining crepes.

4. Heat 1 tbsp oil in a pan and fry onion for 2 min. Add mushrooms and cook until juices have evaporated. Remove from heat. Stir cream and cornflour together, stir into mushrooms and bring to the boil, stirring until thickened. Cook for a further 2 min.

**5.** Divide hot sauce between crepes, roll up and serve with a tomato salad.

## Potato gratin

Preparation: 10 mins. Cooking: 1 hour. Serves 6. **900g (2lbs) potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced 75g (3oz) butter Salt and freshly ground black pepper 300ml (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pt) stock** 

 Pre heat oven to 190° C (375°F, gas 5).
 In a buttered gratin dish, arrange the potatoes in overlapping slices, seasoning each layer. Dot with remaining butter, and pour in the stock.
 Bake for about 1 hr, or until tender and golden brown.
 Freezing: Not suitable
 Microwave: Not Suitable

## **Carrot Purée**

Perparation: 10 mins Cooking: 20 mins Serves 6



250g (9oz) celeriac, peeled and cut into chunks 250g (9oz) carrots, peeled and sliced 25g (1oz) butter 150ml(<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>pt) fromage frais Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Cook celeriac in boiling salted water for 10

mins. Add the carrots and cook vegtables for a further 10 mins.

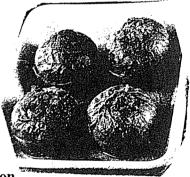
**2.** When both vegtables are tender, drain and purée in a food processor, or mash.

**3.** Return to the pan, and stir in the butter over a gentle heat, until thoroughly combined. Fold in the fromage frais, and season generously with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

**Freezing:** Purée will freeze for up to 2 months. **Microwave:** Place carrots and celeriac in a microproof dish, add 30ml (2tbsp) water, and cook on High for 12 mins. Continue as instructed in recipe.

## Spicy baked apples

Preparation: 10 mins. Cooking: 30-35 mins. Serves: 4 Calories per portion: 171



4 medium cooking apples 5 ml (1 tsp) ground cinnamon 60ml (4 tbsp) dark, soft brown sugar 50 g (2oz) sultanas Grated rind and juice 1 orange 45 ml (3 tbsp) golden syrup

Preheat the oven to 200 °C (400 °F, gas 6). After washing apples thoroughly, use a knife to score around the middle of each apple, then use an apple corer to scoop out centres.

Mix the cinnamon, sugar, sultanas and orange rind together, and spoon the mixture into the middle of each apple. Place in an ovenproof dish.

Add the orange juice to the syrup, stir well and spoon into base of dish. Cover loosely with foil. Bake for 30-35 mins. until the apples are soft. Serve hot with custard or ice cream.

## **Interests & Hobbies**



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or some gardeners this is the end of the season but really it should be looked upon as the beginning. There's no doubt that work done now will lay the foundations for a great garden next season.

Now is the time to get the digging done, have a thorough clean-up, order your seeds, finish new plantings where you can, and above all, go round the borders and correct your mistakes. We all make them and now's the time to put them right. There's still all the summer's warmth in the soil, so plants that you move will get away quickly. So, start with the big plants and take as much soil with them as you can. When they're replanted, pay special attention to the staking. Then mulch round the plant and water well - and that means for the whole of next season too.

General Tasks

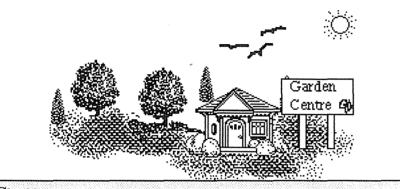
• Bird Boxes should be cleared of old nesting material which could harbour parasites. Wash them out with boiling water (do not use any detergent or other cleaning agent) and repair them if necessary. Do this job well before late winter, when some birds will already be surveying the scene for nest sites.

• Borders can be weeded and tidied at any time through the winter, so long as the soil is dry enough not to stick to your boots. Rake fallen leaves off plants, and either collect them to make leafmould or leave them on hard ground to rot down. Dig up and compost annual weeds, but burn or throw away the roots of perennial ones.

• **Protect** delicate plants that can suffer in frosty weather, such as cistus and fuchsias by tucking bracken or straw around their bases. Don't use peat or compost as these materials hold water and rot the plant. Bubble polythene is also useful to have for protecting shrubs and containers from severe frosts.

• Hedgehogs and toads often crawl into heaps of garden rubbish, particularly leaves, to hibernate for the winter, so take a little care as you fork out the compost or turn it.

## \*\*\*\*\*



### Checklist

- \* Established lawns should have their last cut, if they have not already hadit, first sweeping off leaves.
- \* Continue taking hardwood cuttings of shrubs and fruit bushes.
- \* Inspect potted bulbs regularly and water sparingly if necessary.
- \* Feed *flowering* pot plants weekly with a liquid fertilizer.
- \* Plant spring bedding and winter pansies by the end of the month.
- \* Twist off dead indoor cyclamen leaves and flowers where they join the corm: remaining pieces of stem can cause it to rot.
- \* Pinch out the tips of autumn-sown sweet peas when they're about 10 cm (4 in) high.
- \* Check that tree ties are securely fitted and in no danger of rubbing.
- \* Put guards round young trees if there's any danger of rabbit or deer damage.
- \* Drain hosepipes, roll them up and store under cover.
- \* Order seed catalogues.
- \* Clean pots and seedtrays with hot water and disinfectant, ready for next spring.
- \* Plant garlic by the end of the month.
- \* Check stored fruit and vegetables; throw out any showing signs of rot.
- \* Net Brussels and cabbage to protect them from birds.
- \* Prune apples and pear trees, and black currants.
- \* Stop feeding fish as they'll live off their reserves for the winter months. Then take a rest!!!!

## Lily the Pink

One of my favourite flowers is the Nerine Lily (Amaryllis family). The lovely clear pink flowers appear from September to November, and there is quite a variation in flower shade and time of flowering. They can be grown successfully out of doors under south-facing wall and the leaves die off in late summer, leaving short periods in July-August in which the large bulbs can be moved. Plant them at least 6 in. deep; they will gradually work their way upwards until the neck is above ground level, when they must be well mulched in frosty places or put down lower again. Keep them well fed with bonemeal when they are planted and with liquid fertilizer during growth.

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## MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

## November Meeting

Our next meeting is to take place on Tuesday, 21st November at 8.00pm and will be held in the Loftus Hall at Maynooth College. Directions will be given at the main gate.

The demonstrator will be Betty Berney from Northern Ireland and the month's competition is to be a 'Wall Hanging', not exceeding 30", for all classes. The plant competition is one stem of berried shrub.

Admission for non-members is £3 and includes tea and biscuits.

Do come and enjoy an entertaining and friendly evening.



## MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

A.G.M. will be held on 8th November in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 p.m.
For the success of 1996 Project please attend this important meeting.
The annual sale of work will be held on Friday the 8th December and all donations and goods for same can be left in to the Community Council Offices at Main Street, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

## G.A.A. NOTES

Jack Higgins Cup Final played in Naas on Sunday, 8th October.

Maynooth 1-7pts v Moorefield 2-8pts

This was a bad display by Maynooth in the final. Moorefield were the better team in first half and led by 6 pts to 3 pts at half time. The second half was only started when Moorefield got their first goal after 2 minutes. This left Maynooth a big hill to climb. They tried hard and with 10 minutes to go Joey Riordan found the net but then with only one point in it Moorefield got their second goal to seal a good victory.

Best for Maynooth: Joey Riordan 1-1, Joey Nevin 2 pts, Ken Killoran, Paul Garvey, Killian Fagan, Mick Scanlon 1 pt each, Paul Stynes, David Mahoney, Mick Kelly.

## Under Age Training Every Saturday Morning

Hurling 10.30am to 11.45am.

Football 11.45am to 1.00pm.

We are very short of help for our under age training so anyone out there who would like to help our under-age hurling or football training can do so by meeting in the field (Moyglare Road) any Saturday morning. Please come along and help our under-age hurlers and footballers.

#### North Kildare U-13 League - Round 1 Maynooth 2-9 Leixlip 1-4

In the first round of the North Kildare League Maynooth travelled to Leixlip and scored an eight-point win over the home side. Padraig O'Sullivan and Mark Kavanagh dominated midfield and gave the forward line a plentiful supply of ball. However, despite getting some good scores, they also had some bad misses, which would have been costly against stronger opposition. Leixlip came more into the game in the second half but could find no way past a strong Maynooth defence in which full back Tommy Masterson was rock-solid.

Maynooth's best players were T. Masterson, P. King, P. O'Sullivan, J. Brennan, M. Sweeney, P. O'Rourke and S. Pidgeon.

Scorers: P. King 1-4, M. Sweeney 0-3, S. Deveraux 1-0, M. Kavanagh 0-1, A. Molloy 0-1.

Team: P. Sheehan, D. Travers, T. Masterson, A. Pidgeon, M. Dolan, S. Pidgeon, J. Brennan, P. O'Sullivan, M. Kavanagh, P. O'Rourke, P. King, S. Deveraux, A. Molloy, M. Sweeney, D. Lawler.

Maynooth GAA U-13 - Round 2 North Kildare League Round 2 in Balyna

Balyna 4-9 Maynooth 1-4 Maynooth travelled to Balyna on Wednesday, September 13th, and suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the home side. The first half was a fairly even contest and at half time Maynooth led by 1-4 to 0-5, their goal coming from centrehalf forward P. King. However, they failed to score in the second half as Balvna gradually got on top. In the final ten minutes, with the light fading rapidly, Maynooth's hopes faded also as the home team scored two goals and three points. continued on next page

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## **Sports**

Best of a disappointing Maynooth team were T. Masterson, P. O'Sullivan, D. Campbell, A. Pidgeon, M. Sweeney and M. Kavanagh.

Scorers: P. King 1-0, M. Kavanagh 0-2, S. Deveraux 0-1, K. Lawler 0-1.

**Team:** P. Sheehan, D. Travers, T. Masterson, A. Pidgeon, M. Dolan, S. Pidgeon, S. Deveraux, D. Campbell, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Rourke, P. King, M. Sweeney, A. Molloy, M. Kavanagh, D. Lawler. Sub.: S. O'Flaherty.

Lotto Result: 10-09-1995 Numbers 3/11/12. No winner Jackpot £400; - 5 x £10 Ann O'Brien, Bartle Conneely, Kenny Moore, Christy Edwards, Liam Jennings.

Lotto Result: 17-09-1995 Numbers 2/8/11. No winner Jackpot £450. 5 x £10. Carrie Boyd, Norman Kavanagh,

Mick Gleeson, Caroline Keenan, Mrs. Wylie. Lotto Result: 1-10-1995 Numbers 1/6/13 No winner Jackpot £500. 5 x £10 Gerry Long, Una Dunne, Bridie O'Toole, C. Ashe, Geraldine O'Rourke.

8-10-1995 Numbers 10/14/18 No winner Jackpot £550. 5 x £10 Mary O'Melia, Betty Tracey, Joey Edwards, T. McEvoy, Eamon Wyen.

Set dancing classes every Tuesday at 9pm Instructor:- Brendan O'Grady: All welcome including beginners in Club House, Moyglare Road.

**Our Annual Dinner Dance** will be held in Club House on Friday 8th December. Please book early; any committee member.

**Our Annual General Meeting** will be held in Club House on Sunday 10th December.

## LEINSTER CRICKET UNION

The Leinster Cricket Union is very keen to recruit a Trainee Coach for its Community Employment project who will be resident in the North Kildare area.

Having successfully provided a coach to assist the North Kildare Club in Kilcock during the school holidays, the project now intends to visit primary schools in the area to demonstrate "kwik cricket". This is a modified form of cricket and is ideal for inclusion in School P.E. Programmes. It can be played by boys and girls from six years on any type of surface both indoors and outdoors.

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The person recruited will participate in a Worker Development Programme which enables them to learn new skills or enhance existing ones. This will assist them to seek full time employment on completion of the Project.

Interested applicants should contact David Carroll, Project Supervisor, who is based at Railway Union Sports Club, Sandymount, Dublin 4. Tel.(01) 2691783 or at his Home No. (01) 2691480. He looks forward to hearing from someone in the Leixlip/Maynooth/Celbridge area.

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## **MAYNOOTH TOWN** A.F.C.

Some latest match results are as follows

#### Leinster Junior League Premier Division Maynooth Town 1 v Cashel Celtic 0

We were better value for this win than the 1-0 scoreline would suggest. An excellent Cashel keeper performed heroics in denying Maynooth an early lead which they sought right from the start. Our newly acquired centre forward from Brazil, Adolar Acacio, was in top form in this game and paraded his many skills for a rapt audience. Having been spotted during a local seven-a-side tournament, Adolar had no hesitation in throwing in his lot with us for the duration of his stay in Maynooth. Having honed his appetite for the game during some pre-season friendlies, he is now displaying the more skillful aspects of his vast repertoire. He was in the thick of things right from the start of this game and inspired the rest of his team mates. Joey Dempsey, however, was the man of the match in this game by virtue of his amazing work rate between defence and attack.

The only goal of the game came midway through the second half when Michael Fennessy dispossesed the Cashel full back and laid the ball back for Michael Murphy to score with a twenty-yard drive. This was a good win against very classy opposition and Maynooth had many stars including Adolar Acacio, Fergal Barton, Keith Cooke, Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey and Michael Murphy.

#### Leinster Junior Cup

#### St. Aonghus 3 v Maynooth Town 2

We made the early morning trip to Mountrath but were unable to book our place in the next round. We could never force our way into the lead against dogged opposition. We conceded the first goal in the thirteenth minute but got on terms in the 22nd minute when Michael Murphy crossed for Adolar to score. St. Aonghus took the lead again but Maynooth showed their spirit once more when Michael Murphy made the chance for Adolar to get his second. St. Aonghus got their third in the second half but time ran out for Maynooth who were unable to snatch a draw. Best for Maynooth were Adolar, Brian Galligan, Eamon Dunne and Paul Byrne.

#### F.A.I. Junior Cup Preliminary Round. Maynooth Town 6 v St. Mel's Shamrocks 0

We booked our place in the first round proper with this facile win over our shell shocked Co. Longford opponents. Maynooth attacked right from the start and quickly made known their intent on advancing in this prestigious competition. Our next opponents have turned out to be Mucklagh F.C. who hail from Tullamore and sees us face another early morning trip to the Midlands. Michael Murphy opened our account in the twelfth minute and the same player increased the lead three minutes later.

Paul Byrne and Joey Dempsey were dominating midfield and it was no surprise that the scoreline reached such proportions. Joey Dempsey got Maynooth's third from the spot after Adolar was taken down in the penalty area. Colm Carroll scored Maynooth's fourth just before the interval. Maynooth completed their scoring in the second half when Adolar scored and Colm Carroll scored his second. Best for Maynooth were Gerry Thompson, Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey, Thomas Fay and Colm Carroll.

## Dalton Cup 3rd Round.

#### Vintage Utd. 1 v Maynooth Town 3

This was our third cup Sunday in a row and the recent good form was maintained with a top class performance. The scoring opened in the 33rd minute when Fergal Barton sent a Maynooth free kick around the wall in expert fashion and we held this lead up to half-time. Vintage got on terms two minutes into the second half when converting a penalty. Maynooth took the lead on the hour when Adolar provided the chance for Michael Murphy to score. Maynooth then had to withstand some strong pressure from Vintage during which Thomas Fay was in top form in goal with a number of first class saves. Maynooth put the issue beyond doubt with five minutes to go when Keith Cooke set up the chance for Michael Murphy to score his second.

#### D.D.S.L. U/17

## Maynooth Town 2 v Larkview Boys 1

Maynooth took a two nil first half lead but had to show their defensive qualities in withstanding a great second half fight back by Larkview. Carl McKenna and Freddie Clarke scored the Maynooth goals but the match honours go to Niall Naughton and David Coughlan who were outstanding during the Larkview period of dominance in the second half.

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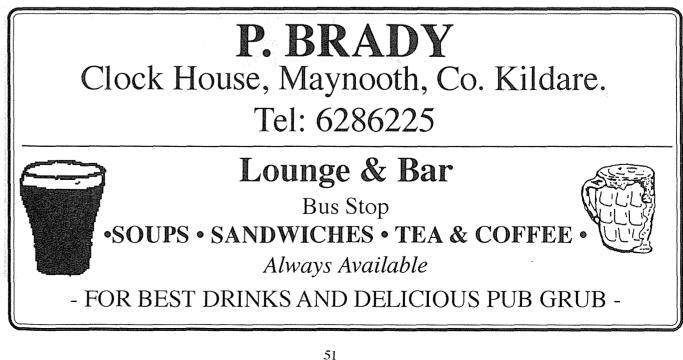
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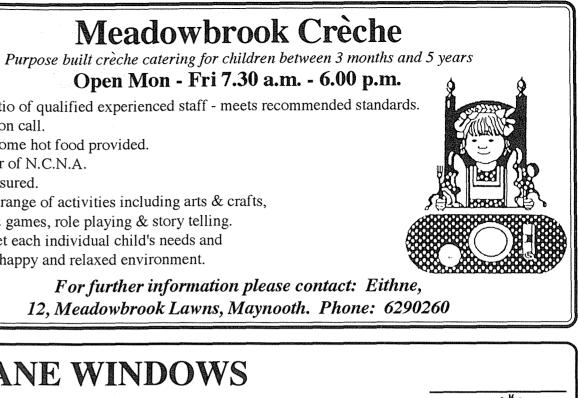
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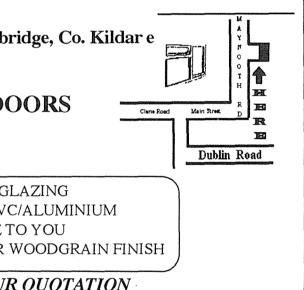


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# **MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY**

#### Colm Captures Captain's Prize.

On Saturday August 26th Terry Moore held his Captain's Prize over the testing Portarlington Course. The much sought after prize went to the last hole where Colm Feeney (40 pts) just pipped Noel Brady (39pts) to capture the prize with the rest of the players finding the course tough going. Congratulations to Colm on his fine win.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their sponsorship on Captain's Day.

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Captain's (T. Moore) Prize, Portarlington Sat. 26th August.

1st overall, Colm Feeney 40 pts, 2nd overall Noel Brady 39pts, Gross, Mick Dempsey 36pts,

Class 1, 1st Terry Moore, 33pts (Back 6), 2nd Tom Sheehan 33 pts (Back 9), 3rd, Gerry McTernan 33 pts. Class 2, 1st Willie Moore 36 pts, 2nd Sean Tracey 34 pts, 3rd Dominic Nyland 34 pts.

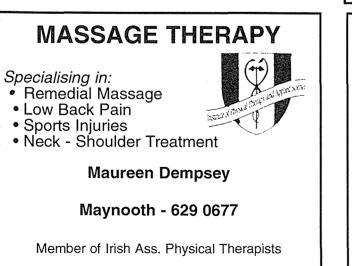
Class 3, 1st Sean Moore 38 pts, 2nd Owen Byrne 34 pts. (Back 9) 3rd Pat Dunne 30 pts.

Front 9, John Carroll 17 pts. Back 9, Ken O'Brien 17 pts.

Visitors, Barry Desmond, 33 pts. Past Captains, Mick Dempsey. Two's Club, K. O'Brien, O. Byrne, T. Moore, P. Dunne, S. Moore.

## Christmas arrives early to Parson Street.

The annual Christmas outing took place to Highfield Golf Club on Saturday 23rd of September. Thirty three players competed on a fine but windy day for the



Christmas Hamper and it was one of our "rookies" John Doyle who came home with a great score of 42 pts to win this his first overall prize. Well done John. The match play has reached the final stage with the pairings of Miley Scanlon/Bernie Dempsey v Noel Bradv/Tom Flatley. Results in next issue.

## Turkey Outing to Highfield 23 September 1995

1st Overall, John Doyle 42 pts.

Class 1, 1st Sean Tracey 37 pts. 2nd Martin Foy 36 pts, 3rd Terry Moore 35 pts.

Class 2, 1st Bernie Dempsey 39 pts, 2nd Pat Conway 36 pts, 3rd Tom Flatley 35 pts.

Class 3, 1st Noel Brady 38 pts, 2nd Owen Byrne 35 pts, 3rd Tom O'Haire 34 pts.

Front 9 Billy Condron 20 pts, Back 9, Sean Moore 19

Visitor, Seamus Grant 31 pts. Two's Club, Bernie Dempsey.

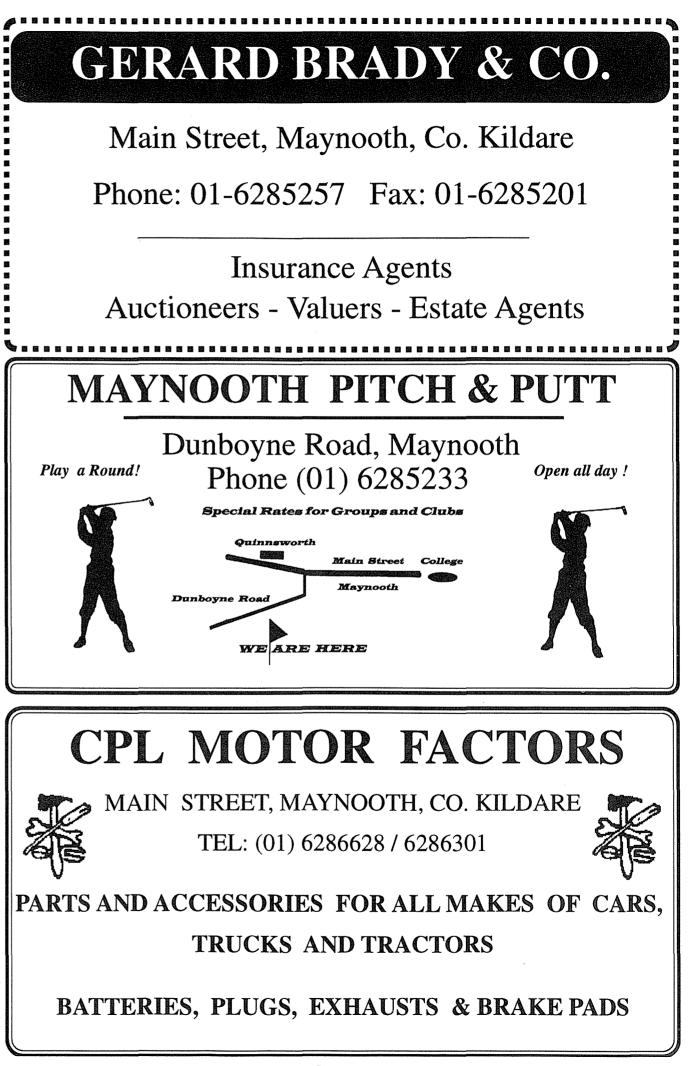


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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife of the late Francis Hayes, 50 Laurence Avenue, wishes to express her thanks to all who attended the removal and funeral, those who sent Mass cards and floral arrangements. A special thanks to the priests of the College and Parish. Thanks also to all the neighbours and friends for their kindness and support during our sad bereavement. A special Mass will be offered for their intentions. Mrs. Haves would like to thank all the staff and security in the College for their kindness and help during her sad bereavement.

## **SYMPATHIES**

Wife, daughters, brothers, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of James (Jimmy) Lenehan, Newtown, Maynooth, formerly of Drehid, Carbury, Co. Kildare.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Roisín Barton, "San Feliu", Maynooth, who was recently conferred with a Masters Degree in Archaeology from U.C.D. From Mam, Dad, Aisling, Feargal, Ken and Susan.

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