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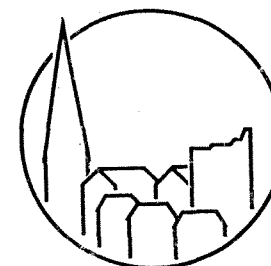
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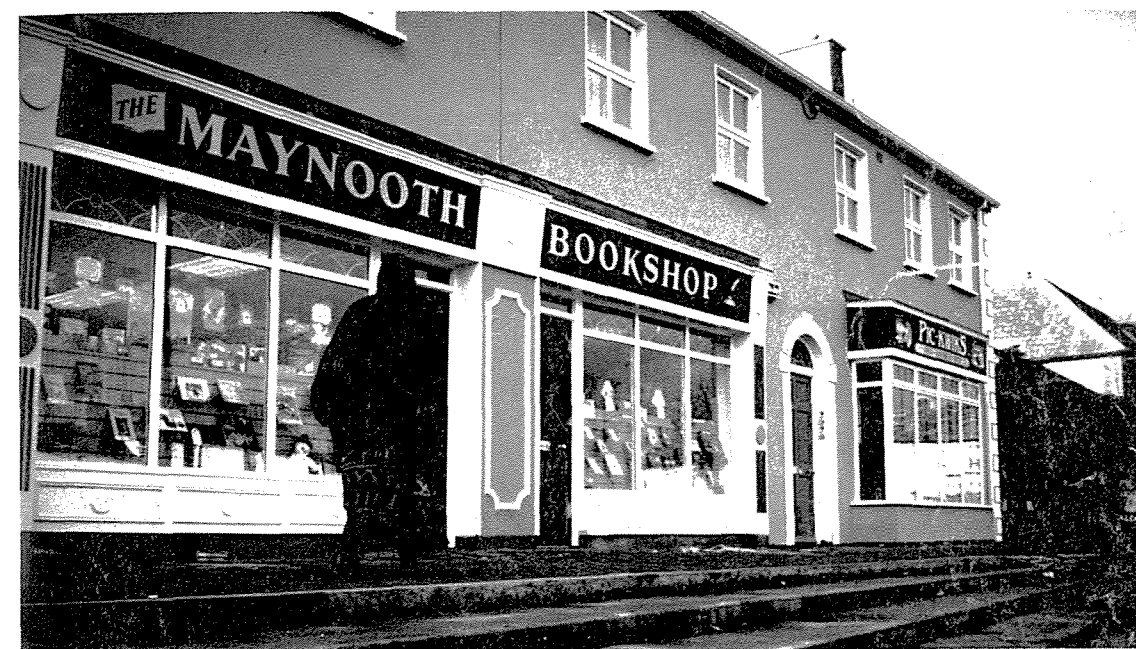


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Letter to our Readers: This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with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

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

EDITORIAL

Maynooth town is finally taking shape. The bridge is finished and the Square is set for a transformation. In spring of 1996 we should see the finished product with the sculptures and archways adding a continental touch to the town. However, no matter how continental we look, the town still retains a particularly Irish problem — vandalism. This problem affects all aspects of the town.

The Royal Canal Amenity Group have done very fine work on the reconstruction of the Harbour area of the town but they find it difficult to keep the wooden slats on the seats they have built as the vandals decide to burn them during their drinking parties. The I.C.A. hall has been regularly vandalised. They now require protection in the form of grilles for the windows. The 1916 Memorial Stone was smashed in Pound Lane.

S.I.A.C., the contractors on the bridge and road building, have stated that their works are constantly vandalised. Cones are moved on the road and signs are interfered with. Last weekend, the 9th and 10th December, a more serious form of vandalism took place. The heavy stone blocks for finishing the bridges were pushed off their positions on the walls. It takes a crane to lift these blocks but only a few Maynooth vandals to move them from their position. Imagine if these blocks had fallen onto the railway line. We have in Maynooth an easily identified group to target as vandals — the students. But these things also happen when the students are on holidays. So it could be your son or daughter who perpetrates these acts.

The teaching of civic pride in the home and in our schools is the only way to combat this problem. Perhaps a joint New Year resolution for the people of Maynooth should be to stamp out vandalism now that we have a town of which we can be proud.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The Community Council wishes all the people of Maynooth a Happy New Year.

We would also like to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce for their beautiful display of Christmas lights during the festive season.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

We held a public meeting of our committee on the 30th November 1995 in the Maynooth Post-Primary School. This meeting was well advertised, with the general public and residents associations invited to this information meeting. But for members of the press, three of our local councillors and a few other interested people, it would have been an ordinary committee meeting. To quote our chairman Bob O'Reilly "He was very disappointed with the attendance", considering a number of complaints had been received regarding Tidy Town work. That said, we would like to thank councillors Catherine Murphy, John McGinley and Senan Griffin for their attendance and input into the meeting. We had our Turkey draw and thank Super Valu for their support and Brian Smith, Super Valu manager, for the vouchers which were won by Ollie Bright, Donnacadh O'Neill, Mattie Callaghan.

Plans for the future

Greater liaison with Kildare County Council at Local and County level on a more regular basis.

Regular contact with local councillors to ensure above takes place in an effective manner.

To inform local groups of our plans and try and get more advice about the work we are carrying out.

A number of changes are taking place to Maynooth and we hope in the next issue to advise you of same.

We wish all a Happy New Year and look forward to the positive developments in our town.

Richard Farrell
P.R.O.

C.I.C. NOTES

Question: I am long-term unemployed, married with three dependent children. I was getting £139.60 until I went on a Community Employment Scheme in June. I was then getting £156.45. I am now on Disability Benefit because I've had an operation and I get £91.98 Disability Benefit and £45.60 from the Health Board to bring me up to the basic Supplementary Welfare Level. I am told that I won't qualify for the Christmas Bonus as it is not paid to people on Disability or Unemployment Benefit. Is this true?

Answer: Yes. People on Disability Benefit or Unemployment Benefit or Short-term Unemployment Assistance in the first week in December when the Christmas Bonus - 70% of normal weekly payment - is paid, do not qualify for the Bonus. If you had been on Long-term Unemployment Assistance or the CE Scheme you would have got an additional £97.72.

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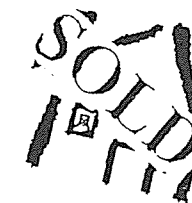
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MAYNOOTH BAND BULLETIN

We welcome you to the first Bulletin of the New Year. Our wish for 1996 is that we can build on the new music classes which began in October last to strengthen our forces over the coming years.

Race Night

We are glad to report that our race night in 1995 has been the most successful ever. Thanks to a combination of the Under - 21 Football Final, the Michael Carruth fight and a bar extension we had a capacity crowd who cheered the winners to the finishing post in every race. A great night was had by all and we benefited considerably from their enjoyment. We would like to thank most sincerely the following race sponsors for their continued generosity towards the band:- AIB Maynooth, Bartons Transport, Carton Hall Service Station, Circle Paints Ltd., Clock House (Maynooth), Coonan's Auctioneers, Corbally Stud, Mary Cowhey and Co., Ray Crofton Motors, Derrinstown Stud, Gas Showrooms (Maynooth), Geraldine Arms, Intel Ltd., Hugh Jordan & Co., Edward Kavanagh & Son, Moyglare Manor Hotel, Moyglare Stud, Brian Noone Ltd., Poitín Stil, Readymix Ltd., Emmet Stagg T.D., and Maynooth Office Supplies.

We would also like to thank the following who also contributed to the success of the race night: Coyne & Bergin, Katie's Flowers, Ulster Bank Ltd., Maynooth G.A.A. Club, M.C. Paddy Desmond and all who sponsored horses.

Christmas Festivities

At the time of writing we have not yet set out on our Christmas Carol Recitals, but we have organised our band with a view to covering all the estates in Maynooth over a four night period (weather permitting of course), in addition to our usual session in Quinns Shopping Centre, so we hope we can complete our programme as planned which will in fact be our first year to visit everybody in Maynooth since the expansion of the town.

Christmas Day/New Year's Eve

With the development of the Square almost complete we hope to have more success in our traditional recitals on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve than we had for the Band Mass. Again at time of writing we don't know where we stand but hopefully Santa Claus will bring us a suitable spot.

Looking Forward to 1996

At this point in time the key items on our agenda are our A.G.M. on Monday 22nd January at 8.30p.m., a gala concert at the end of February and St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth (we also have applications from Kilcock, Enfield

and other centres all to be considered). However, our annual trip to Limerick is in doubt this year because the National Feast Day falls on a Sunday. More about this next month.

That's about all for now - see you in February.

COMMUNITY GAMES

The Community Games committee are holding their Annual General Meeting on 24th January 1996 at 8 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall.

The committee would like to see a well-attended meeting this year, so come along and show your interest and enthusiasm in your children's recreational and sporting activities.

All Managers of Community Games events in 1995 are particularly requested to attend this important meeting.

The Committee have requested that all winners in events this year should return their Trophies, Cups, Plaques etc. to the Community Council office for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of damaged trophies etc. in order to carry out the necessary repairs prior to the 1996 events.

Secretary

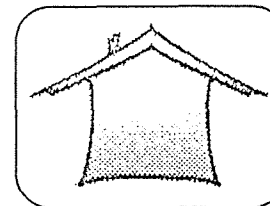


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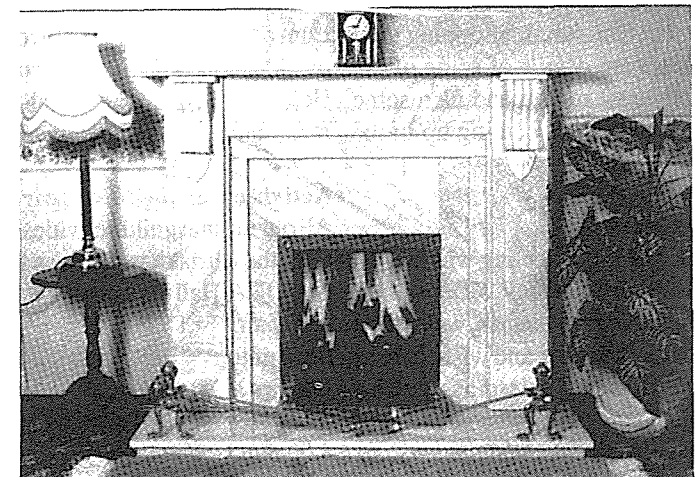
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ICA NOTES

As these are my first notes of the new year let me start by wishing our members and friends a very happy 1996. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. My fellow guild members and myself had a very busy time in the run up to Christmas with meetings, crafts, sport, parties, etc., not to mention the Christmas shopping and baking. Here are details of some of the events of the last month and also some information on what's coming up in the new year.

December Meeting

The December guild meeting was held in the ICA Hall on Thursday 7 December. Our president, Marion Souhan, welcomed the ladies to our meeting and wished them a Very Happy Christmas. She complimented the ladies who decked out our hall in such nice decorations.

Following the usual business of the meeting we had a most enjoyable demonstration of cosmetics and beauty products from the Celtic Milled Beauty Products range. Thank you to Ms. Tina Murphy and Ms. Eileen Carroll for giving us lots of hints and tips on skin care and massage.

We then had our traditional Christmas

draw for turkeys, hams and a Christmas pack of beauty products. The lucky winners were:- M. O'Gorman, T. Corcoran, R. Hanley, M. Deane, A. Broughan and yours truly! The night finished on a high note with a lovely supper and some seasonal music.

Thirty Years in ICA

Two members of our guild, Mrs. Felicity Satchwell and Mrs. Helen Doyle, celebrated 30 years in the ICA in 1995. The two ladies received commemorative certificates at a ceremony during the Kildare Federation Christmas Party in Lumville House on 29 November. Our president, Marion Souhan, congratulated Helen and Felicity. We all wish them many more years of happy membership.

Activities for the New Year

All our normal guild activities will resume after the Christmas break as follows:-

Art - ICA Hall - Thursday 8 February at 8.00 p.m.

Badminton - Parish Hall - Tuesday 9 January at 10.45 a.m.

Crafts - ICA Hall - Monday 15 January at 8.00 p.m.

Bowling - Sometime in New Year - See Margaret Houlihan.

New members are always welcome.

Night out to Theatre

We are off to the theatre on Thursday 18 January to see "Return to the Hill". Rosemary Hanley has organised a coach to and from the theatre and anyone interested in this night out should contact Rosemary as soon as possible.

Irish Competition

The New Year is only starting and we are into competitions already. Veva Kearins, our Timire, tells me it's an Irish competition this time. All members who are good with the "cupla focal" should contact Veva as soon as possible as the closing date is 4 February. There is a lovely prize for the overall winner of a week in An Grianán.

Osteoporosis in Women

The ICA are undertaking a comprehensive campaign of information and education on Osteoporosis in 1996. It is proposed to launch this National Osteoporosis Campaign in February. We have a small and very informative book entitled "Make No Bones About it" and it is available to any member who would like to borrow it.

Trip to Strasbourg

Details were given at the November Federation meeting of a Trip to Strasbourg in April of 1996. Anyone interested should contact the Federation secretary, Ms. Mary Whelan, for more information.

Next Meeting

Our first meeting of 1996 will be in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth on Thursday 11 January at 8.00 p.m. The competition on that night will be "A slice of Christmas Pudding". Please note that the February Guild meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month as is normal, i.e. Thursday 1 February.

Connie Harpur
PRO, Maynooth ICA.

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GOLFING SOCIETY NEWS

The AGM of the Kildare ICA Federation Golfing Society was held in Bodenstown Golf Club on Tuesday 14th November. The new captain is Ms. Josie Fitzpatrick. The secretary is Ms. Ann Corry and the handicap secretary is Ms. Marie Houlihan. The society's finances will be looked after by treasurer, Ms. Peg Lynam.

After the AGM the ladies played a twelve hole competition. The new captain, Ms. Josie Fitzpatrick, was on top form, taking first prize on 21 points. In second place was Ms. Evylen O'Molloy on 20 points. There was also a category for "Pitch and Putters" and the top prize here went to Ms. Marcell Stokes on 9 points.

The next outing will be to Cill Dara (Woodlands) Golf Club on 23 January, 1996. Tee off will be at 10.30 - 11.00 a.m. The society has twenty-three members at present, but would warmly welcome new members. Maynooth ICA is well represented in the society by Ms. Breda Cronin. Any of our members who would like to know more about the Golfing Society should have a word with Breda.

Connie Harpur,
PRO, Maynooth ICA.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Annual Dinner, January 23rd, at Moyglare Manor Hotel. Tickets from Margaret Howe. Phone 6285454.

Results of December Competitions.

Class A
1st Felicity Satchwell
2nd Mary Cleary
3rd Mary Doyle

Class B
1st Kitty Core
2nd Phyllis Reid

Class C
1st Amanda Harris
2nd Rosemary Smyth

Plant Competition
1st Noeleen O'Brien
2nd Carmel O'Leary
3rd Sarah Angel

Next Meeting on February 20th in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, is a garden talk titled "Paint your Border", given by Dorothy Hill R.H.S.I. Lecturer.

Non-members welcome. Admission £3.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our Christmas party took place as planned on Sunday December 10th in the Post Primary School. We had a huge turnout for this despite the fact that there was a lot of flu and colds about. We had a wonderful afternoon, enhanced by the presence of a group from Leixlip Active Retirement Association.

Many thanks to Tom Ashe, Fr. Boylan, Brian Farrell, Kevin McGovern and of course Vincent who always makes sure that Santa arrives on time.

Our annual dinner will be held on Sunday January 7th at 5p.m. in the Post Primary School, sponsored as usual by Peter O'Brien to whom we owe immense gratitude. All our senior Citizens are welcome, just let us know by the 28th of December.

Our A.G.M. takes place on Tuesday, February 6th at 8 p.m. in the Health Centre. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in our work is welcome to come along.

Finally, I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and may it last throughout the New Year.

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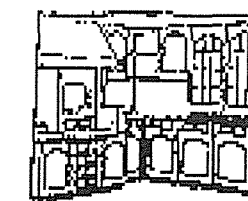
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Chairperson: Seamus O'Connell; Secretary: Gay Hoare;
Treasurer: Madeline O'Hare; P.R.O: Claire O'Rourke.

We would like also to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work and dedication during the past year.

We wish all the staff, boys and parents a very happy New Year.

P.R.O. Claire O'Rourke

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Approximately five weeks ago the Royal Canal Amenity Group acquired, we are delighted to report, a new office situated beside the **Newsletter** and Community Council Offices. The office is staffed by Claire McGettrick a Community Employment Scheme worker on the RCAG. The office opening hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The telephone number is 6290980.

The training package for the sixteen Community Employment Scheme workers will soon be put in motion, as Tom Flatley (Supervisor) has started on his training course with Fás. We still have vacancies for another three Community Employment Scheme workers, so anybody who is eligible and interested please contact us at the above number.

The stonewalling and general maintenance work on the canal is still in progress under the able supervision of Tom Flatley.

As soon as the station car park opens the canal amenity area will not be available for public car parking. Notice of closure will be displayed prior to the closure of this area. When the area is re-established as an amenity area we will then make arrangements for the key to be made available locally. In the meantime if anybody needs the key, get in touch with Tom Flatley (Supervisor) or Matt Kennedy.

Freda Kelleher

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Due to circumstances beyond our control our planned Pre-Christmas clean up in the estate did not take place. We will now have this clean up in the Spring of 1996.

We congratulate the Greenfield Shopping Centre Management and Businesses and Maxol Service Station on the beautiful Christmas display.

We are continuing our discussions on various items with Bord Gais, Kildare County Council, E.S.B. and Telecom Eireann, Cable Management (Television reception) and will keep you advised on developments.

Happy New Year to all our members, residents and readers.

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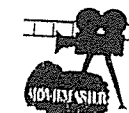
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Break for the Border!

So you have a winter week coming up and you're wondering what you might do with it? Should you tackle that wallpapering and painting job or will you be totally lazy and take off somewhere for the week? If laziness or leisure is the winner in this conundrum then you could do a lot worse than take yourself north of the border. Four of us did just that in October and we were very pleasantly surprised with many aspects of our adventure.

If you require information about the North, the Northern Ireland Tourist Board will provide you with loads of literature which will give you a huge choice of places to visit or stay in. One of the most striking features you will discover when you scan the accommodation options is the marvellous value and comfort offered. We chose an apartment in the Silvercliffs Caravan Park in Ballycastle on the north coast of Co. Antrim and we were so satisfied that I have no hesitation in recommending it.

Each apartment can sleep nine people. One bedroom has a double bed, adequate space for hanging clothes and a wash-hand basin; another bedroom has two bunk beds plus a single bed, plenty of space for clothes and a vanity unit, and the sittingroom area has two settees which can very easily convert into double beds. All beds have duvets so you won't spend much time making the beds; bed linen is also supplied. The heating facilities are adequate, though with the weather being so mild we didn't have to test it to any great extent. The bathroom has a shower unit and the fitted

kitchen is finished with a full oven, fridge, toaster and everything you require for your cooking needs. In fact, the only things you need bring are towels and tea towels. You even have a TV there — however, you can't tune in RTE One or Network Two (aw!).

Guinness £1.50 a pint!

The on-site recreation area includes a swimming pool, though this is open only at weekends during the winter months. This area also has a cosy bar which sells pints of Guinness for £1.50 and pints of Harp for only £1.30 — this on its own is almost enough to cause all dedicated drinkers to break for the border! A pool table and dart board are also available in the bar. During the low season the cost of accommodation including the use of these facilities comes to only £95 plus £10 compulsory insurance for a week, which means that if you are sharing costs your week's stay could be a lot less than the price of an evening meal in Dublin. We chose Ballycastle because of its location. It is fairly centrally situated if you are interested in exploring the Glens of Antrim, the famous Antrim Coast Road or all the North Antrim resorts and towns. Northern Ireland is a compact area, which means that most parts of it are a very comfortable driving distance from Ballycastle. The caravan park lives up to its name, being situated near a 300-foot cliff (don't worry, it's well fenced off). This means you have a great vantage point for looking over to Rathlin Island, six

miles away; Fair Head is to the north-east and Ballycastle town and bay are between you and Fair Head. Just to the north of Fair Head the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland is very prominently in view — one of our group was visiting us from Scotland so this meant we almost brought him back home!

We were reasonably lucky with the weather, apart from two days when we were kept housebound by teeming rain. Otherwise we were able to get out and about to see all the best-known sights. The Glens of Antrim, which all run out to the coast, give some impressive views of the pretty coastal towns of Cushendun and Cushendall. From some of the high points the western isles of Scotland can be very clearly seen.

Travelling westwards along the coast from Ballycastle provides a different kind of scenery to that of the glens: it is flatter countryside but very interesting nonetheless. The Giants Causeway, which is only 12 miles away, is well worth a visit: it is most unusual. A few miles further west will bring you to the ruins of the big Dunluce Castle. We stopped to have a quick look before moving on to Portrush. This is an extraordinary but very nice town. What makes it different is the fact that the main part of the town fills a narrow peninsula. There are beaches both east and west of

Portrush, and the October day on which we visited was so mild that there were several brave people in swimming. The town, which is very pleasant, is easily as big as Bray and has all the usual amusements of seaside resorts.

After passing through Portstewart, three miles further west, we turned south to visit the substantial town of Coleraine on the River Bann. Though impressed by the size of the town we were not delighted with its appearance. It has extensive pedestrian shopping areas and seemed very busy. Having visited all these places still finds you only twenty miles from Ballycastle when you go back by the more direct inland route. You can be surprised by how much you can see without having to drive very far.

Visiting Derry is a "must"

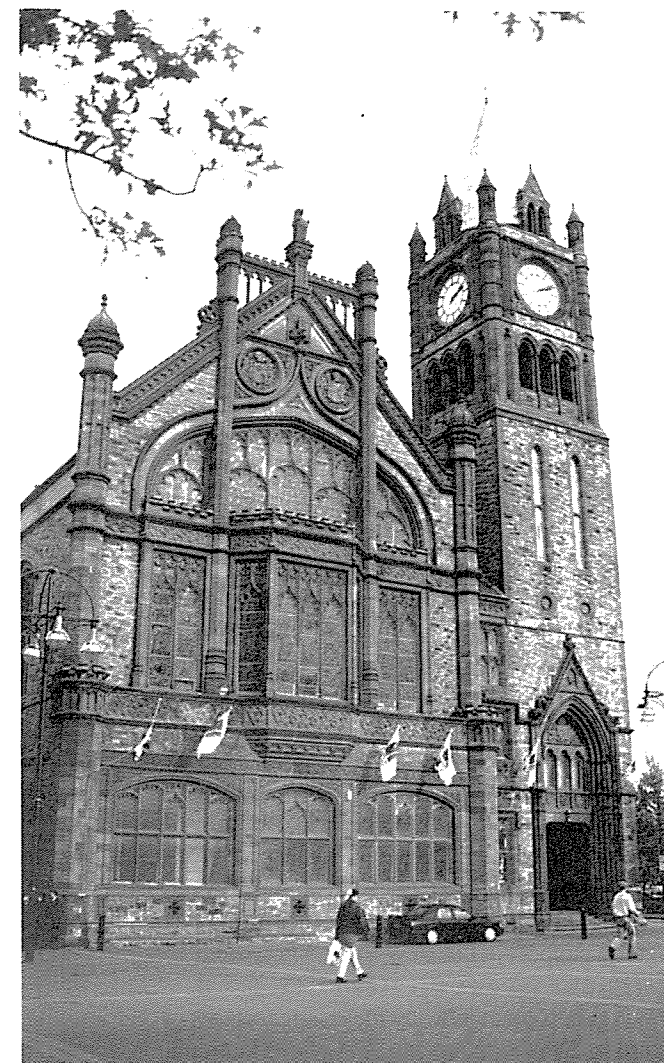
Derry was our destination on another outing — this was our longest trip at a distance of approximately 46 miles. There is truly an enormous amount to see in the very historic Maiden City and though we were there for several hours we left feeling conscious that we had only scratched the surface. A walk around the city walls is very interesting with all the well-known places you have heard of from more harrowing times to be seen before your very eyes. Two interesting buildings we visited were the Guildhall and St. Columb's Anglican cathedral.

Some terrific aspects of driving in Northern Ireland are the wonderful roads: the surfaces are very even and smooth, the road markings are very clear and the road signs are so good that you can truly feel spoiled. All towns of any size have by-passes so getting around can be very easy with no long, long tail-backs.

On our way home we visited Belfast and were very impressed: in many ways it seems bigger and busier than Dublin. Everywhere there seems to be the sign of change in the shape of new shopping centres just finished or work in progress. To the north-west of the city Cave Hill dominates the scene: the hill is over 1,000 feet high and must give a marvellous view over both the city and the surrounding countryside. On the eastern slopes of it is the beautiful Belfast Castle, which is well worth a visit. Another "must" if you are in Belfast is a visit to the Crown Bar on Great Victoria Street — stained-glass windows, marble-topped counters, fancy floor tiles and lovely mahogany-finished snugs all comprise what is probably the best pub in Ireland.


At the beginning of our visit to Northern Ireland we had been slightly apprehensive, given the reputation the area has built up over the years, but by the time we were leaving this had largely changed for the better. The signs of bitter division seem to fading and this is reflected in a strange way: people don't seem to be caring about replacing the ragged Irish flags in Nationalist areas, no more than Union Jacks are being replaced in Loyalist areas. The feeling of entering alien territory is not so strong when the colours are not so starkly painted — maybe the place is a bit friendlier than it used to be. So we left Northern Ireland with very few bad memories: it is definitely no longer a "no go" area. Overall, it is definitely neater and cleaner than the Republic, accommodation is very good and value is generally better than in the south. It is now on our list of places to visit.

Paddy Caulfield



During the troubles the Guildhall in Derry was blasted twice, almost totally wrecking the interior. It is now fully restored.

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round as it is one of the most serious breaches of the Road Traffic Act. It is worth remembering that non-compliance with this legislation often results in tragedy for the offenders, their families or innocent parties who become victims via traffic accidents. Finally on a lighter note the Gardaí would like to express their appreciation to all those who attended our functions, business organisations, residents associations, and all concerned or connected in any way. May we take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful and crime free 1996.

MAYNOOTH AND MOYGLARE COMMUNITY CHANNEL

A meeting was held recently in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on the future development of the Maynooth and Moyglare Community Channel. The meeting, attended by representatives from Maynooth based community groups and Screenphones Ltd. (the company which produces the Community Channel), was organised in an effort to heighten the level of community involvement in this pilot project.

Representatives from such groups as Maynooth Community Council, Citizen's Information Centre, Maynooth Old People's Committee and the Royal Canal Amenity Group all forwarded ideas and suggestions on ways to improve the services provided by the Community Channel. It is hoped that such active feedback from the community will help localise and personalise the information on the channel, reflecting the true personality of the Maynooth Community.

As a result of this meeting the Maynooth and Moyglare Community Channel now displays local G.A.A. results for underage players and proposes in the New Year to carry a "Know Your Rights" page of questions and answers, provided by the Maynooth Citizen's Information Centre.

It was suggested that many Maynooth residents are not aware of the existence of the channel. The Maynooth and Moyglare Community Channel can be accessed by all subscribers of the CMI cable system and can be tuned in between Sky 1 and Eurosport at 232MHz.

Screenphones would like to thank all those who have helped with the Maynooth and Moyglare Community Channel over the past year - those who have submitted notices, attended the recent meeting, gave us their time and help, and also all those who watch the channel. We look forward to receiving your ongoing support in the New Year.

Once again if you have any ideas, suggestions or queries with regard to the Maynooth and Moyglare Community Channel, contact: Deirdre Joyce, Screenphones Ltd., Albany House, Main Street, Swords, Tel: 890 0388 Fax: 890 0387.

GARDA TALK

Neighbourhood Watch

The following is a brief synopsis of what the "Neighbourhood Watch" scheme is all about, how it can be effective and how it functions.

Firstly to outline what it does not entail:

It is **not** patrolling the streets. The Gardaí do not encourage individuals to take the law into their own hands. It is **not** working for the Gardaí. Crime is a community problem. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is designed to encourage the community to become involved in the prevention of crime and to strengthen the partnership in closer Garda/Community participation, as it is designed to be run by the people themselves in close liaison with the Garda Síochána.

The familiar saying "It is not my problem", cannot be true today. Crime and its associated problems should be the concern of every citizen. There are a large number of schemes in operation in Maynooth and we encourage residents in new estates to implement the scheme at the earliest opportunity.

Opening Hours - Maynooth Garda Station

For the benefit of new residents in Maynooth, the following are the opening hours of Maynooth Garda Station.
Monday to Saturday - 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
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Outside these hours, please phone Naas Gardaí at 045 897333 and in turn we will deal with your call immediately, and if in emergency, phone 999. Maynooth Garda Station phone number - 01 6286234.

A special word of thanks to all motorists who made that special effort to organise a non-drinker to drive home over the Christmas period. It is also necessary to stress at this point that this legislation will be strictly enforced all year

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STREET TALK

The Glenroyal Shopping Centre has already become a familiar outline in the Maynooth landscape since its opening in November and is thankfully easier to access now that the Straffan Road situation has improved. Most people are now accustomed to dropping into the centre to sample the offers and especially in the last month, purchasing for the festive season.

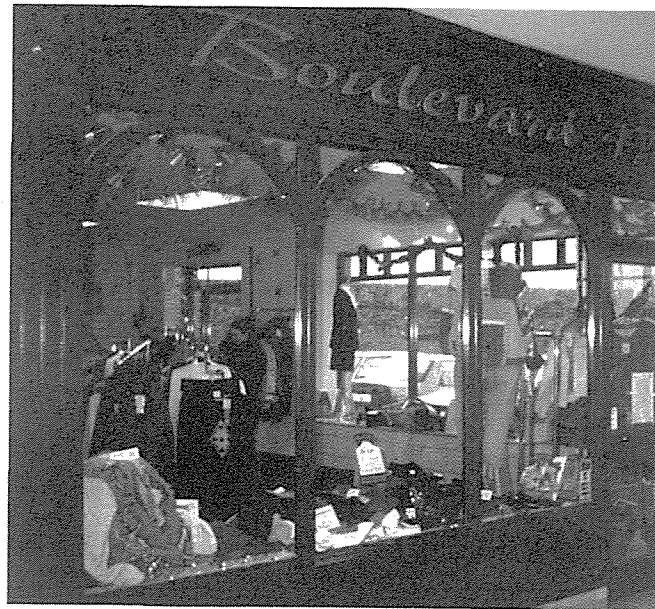
As already noted the shopping centre has nine retail units and six were occupied and successfully operating in time for the Christmas rush. The layout of the centre is ideal and designed to accommodate a large number of shoppers. Business during the last month was brisk and all of the premises noted very successful sales in the weeks running up to Christmas.



Have I got News-4-U, Geraldine Reidy busy shelving magazines

The newsagents just inside the centre, News-4-U is owned by Ms. Geraldine Reidy and stocks an extensive range of stationery, magazines (including specialist hobby and music magazines), greeting cards, wrapping paper and a selection of toys. Geraldine, a native of Donegal opened News-4-U to cater for the Glenroyal shoppers greeting card and stationery needs. During the festive season News-4-U offered an entry into the draw for a Christmas Hamper with every £10 spent and received a very encouraging response from the public.

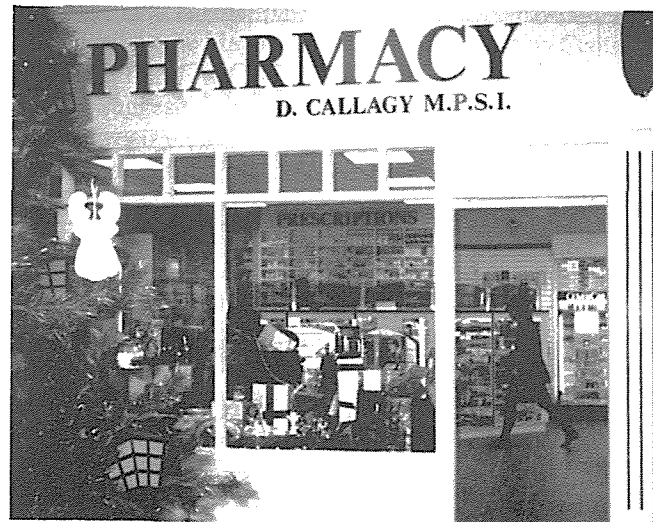
Boulevard 47 is a fresh addition to Maynooth's already extensive selection of casual clothing. Alan and Myrtle Chambers, originally from Trim, opened this store as they felt the casual dressers in Maynooth would appreciate an additional choice. Alan and Myrtle also operate a shoe shop in Wicklow Town - The Shoe Box, which has been open for the past year.



Take a stroll down Boulevard '47

A variety of leading brands in clothing, knitwear and footwear, for men and women are available and have proved very popular with the people of Maynooth. The selection of footwear in stock include Caterpillar, Dubarry and Reebok to name a few. Caracus, Lee Cooper, Wrangler and Mustang are some of the popular labels in casual wear available in Boulevard 47. They also have a selection of clothing for the more formal situations which may arise such as the Robert Rossi label.

Callagy's Pharmacy in the Shopping Centre is owned by Deirdre Callagy who also owns a pharmacy in Kilcock which has been in operation for the past seven years. Deirdre has been steadily busy in the run up to Christmas with many people purchasing last minute gifts from her range of cosmetics and fragrances. The selection of oil burners and essential oils were also very popular gifts. In addition, the Yardley aromatherapy sets made ideal instant Christmas presents for those who often prove difficult to please.



Callagy's Pharmacy with Linda Morrison during the Christmas rush

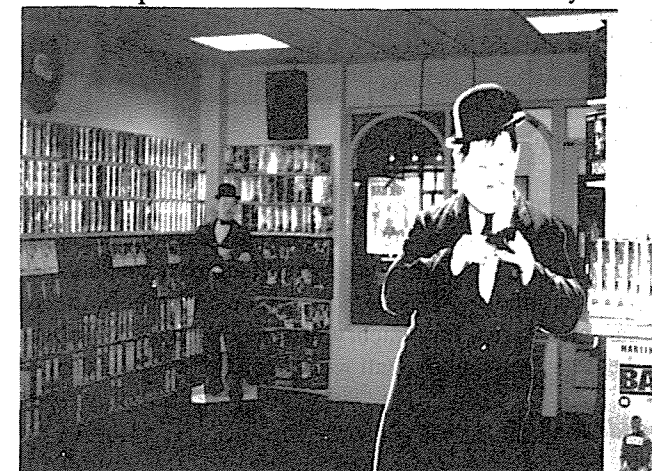
The range of cosmetics available include Rimmel, Max Factor, Cover Girl and they also are stockists of Vichy, Roc (which is hyperallergenic) and will be soon stocking products from the Clarins range. All of the popular aftershaves and perfumes are available and proved very popular for last minute presents. Deirdre also stocks photographic equipment, supplies and accessories for the photographic enthusiast.

Super Valu also enjoyed a busy time running up to Christmas with the late opening each evening to 7.30 p.m. being a particular bonus to the Centre. Brian Smith the manager, is of the opinion that the store is very popular due to its user friendly layout and business is progressing rapidly. Mr. Brian Murphy proprietor who is also the owner of a similar store in Carrick-on-Suir, is looking forward to good business in the new year and especially to the promotions on offer in the store.



Rachel O'Keefe stocking up with some more super value

Movie Masters are not by any means new to Maynooth but Kieran O'Connor has extended the selection and his opening hours from 11am to 12 midnight by moving to the Glenroyal Centre. Kieran also operates two additional stores in Lucan and Goatstown which is advantageous for avid video borrowers in that a video not in stock can be easily brought from the other stores. Since opening the new store, membership and rentals have increased substantially.



Two old movie masters, in the new movie masters store.

The opening of the Glenroyal Jewellers in the beginning of December paved the way for a wider choice of jewellery and extra special gifts for the people of Maynooth coming up to Christmas. Noel and Natalie Kelly have been in the jewellery business for over eight years and decided to open in Maynooth to add to the variety. Glenroyal Jewellers stock a beautiful choice of gold jewellery in addition to a wide variety of watches. They also offer an extensive range of silver jewellery which is always popular, at very competitive prices.



Noel and Natalie with some of the many ornaments on sale in their shop

The opening of the Centre was a great asset to the shoppers of Maynooth during the Christmas season and will hopefully enter the New Year on the same popular foothold. The vacant spaces in the Centre leave room for the opening of a coffee shop or restaurant which undoubtedly will add to the pleasure of shopping in the Glenroyal Shopping Centre.

The redevelopment of the town square is continuing in leaps and bounds. December saw the book shop moving to its newer, larger premises and the opening of a new sandwich bar/delicatessen. "Pic-Kwiks".

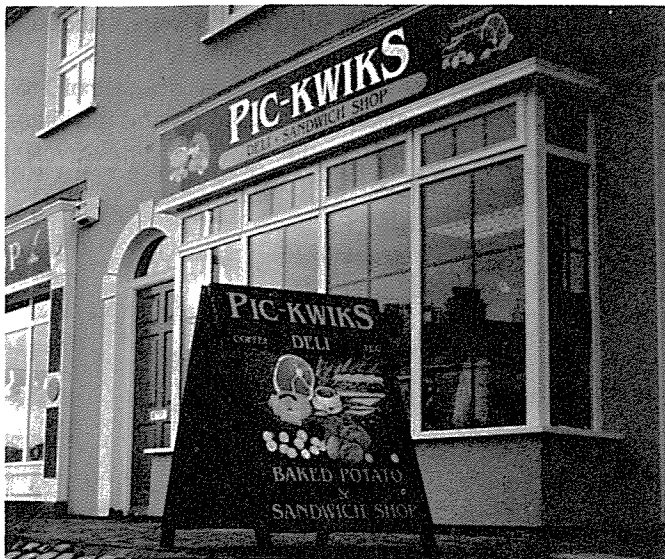
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Linda Kilpatrick is the proprietor of this latest addition to Maynooth's list of eateries. A native of Maynooth, Linda saw the success of the sandwich bar concept in Dublin and decided that Maynooth would be the ideal location for such a venture.



Pic-Kwik's deli and sandwich bar - the place to go for a square meal

Capably assisted by her friendly staff, Fiona Halpin, Anita Laynan, Sarah Brackin and Grace Brackin, Linda hopes to provide the people of Maynooth with the very finest in made to order sandwiches and good food.

Open 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday "Pic-Kwiks" can take your order over the phone and have your sandwiches ready when you arrive. Otherwise you can just pop in and pick quick the fillings you want, and your sandwich will be ready within minutes. When the redevelopment of the square is complete, "Pic-Kwiks" will be a most welcome addition.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Congratulations to everyone in Maynooth Post Primary school for getting to the final of the Coca Cola Dublin Colleges Juvenile Football B. The final took place on December 14th, after we went to press. Without doubt Maynooth acquitted themselves well in Croke Park.

Maynooth had an impressive run to the final, beating 4 teams in their group, losing just one match and qualifying for the quarter-final as runners up. The quarter-final, against Clonkeen College, took place on November 22nd at Cornelscourt. Discovering he had forgotten his boots did not hinder Maynooth's David Campbell one bit. He got a lend of a pair from the opposition, and went on to score 1-4, helping Maynooth win by 2-9 to 3-3! His contribution was terrific in an exciting match that was level three times.

The semi-final took place at Islandbridge on December 5th. Swords' Colaiste Choilm provided stiff opposition but could not stop Maynooth. Maynooth's Cormac McCarthy scored a goal in the 4th minute and this led to a strong passage of play from Maynooth. However, Colaiste Choilm recovered, scored a goal in the thirteenth minute and kept the match level at 1-3 each at half time.

Once again, the second half opened well for Maynooth when William Farrelly scored a goal after four minutes. Two more points from McCarthy, a pointed free from David Campbell and a goal from Trevor Naughton saw Maynooth come out on top with a place booked in Croke Park. Final score 3-8 to 2-3.

Panel: Tom Masterson, John O'Brien, Andrew Dalton, Ciaran Kennedy, Sean O'Flaherty, George Snee, Conor Diggins, George Beirne, Aidan Doyle, Paddy King, David Campbell, Padraig O'Sullivan, Trevor Naughton, Cormac McCarthy, William Farrelly, Cyril O'Brien, Denis Tracey, Shane Pidgeon, Aidan Molloy, Shane McCarthy, Michael Mathews, Joey Brennan, Alan Baxter, Jose Lorenzo.

The school would like to thank the following who sponsored the team: Brian Connaughton, Newtown - Bradys, Clock House - Maynooth G.A.A. - Quinnsworth - Salmon Transport, Donadea. Meal and thanks to Tom Salmon for umpiring the match.

MAYNOOTH ADULT DAYTIME EDUCATION

While the recent building work has been going on in the Post-Primary School, the M.A.D.E. group has been unable to use their usual hall for morning classes. For this term, we have held our classes in the rooms at the back of the Parish Hall. We would like to thank Fr. Supple for allowing us to rent the rooms at a reasonable rate. A special word of thanks is due to Peter, the care-taker, for all his help, we could not have managed without him. Thanks also to those who helped to carry chairs and tables from the M.A.D.E. Centre to the Parish hall, to those who took charge of the key, and to our tutors and pupils who adapted to the change of venue. M.A.D.E. is a committee of volunteers who, with the help of the V.E.C. organise a variety of morning classes for the local community. This is our tenth anniversary year, and we hope to have a party in the Spring for past and present pupils and tutors. Our list of classes for 1996 will soon be available and there will be some new classes to tempt you out of the house in February and March. Enrolment will be on January 15th and we have been assured that our hall will be ready for use by then.

Bernadette Duffy

First time lucky for Maynooth Post Primary

MAYNOOTH PP	4 - 3
O'CONNELLS	2 - 7

It was a case of first time lucky for Maynooth Post Primary yesterday. In their first appearance in Croke Park they lifted the Dublin schools' juvenile B football title, making it a long walk back down Jones Road for O'Connells.

Maynooth always moved with more cohesiveness but O'Connells will point out that a hard-fought encounter last Tuesday probably accounted for tired legs, which was particularly evident in the final quarter when they allowed the winners to score 2-1.

O'Connells led by double scores - 2-4 to 1-2 - at the break but Maynooth got the perfect boost 17 seconds after the resumption when Cormac McCarthy fastened on to a rebound off the upright from a David Campbell effort.

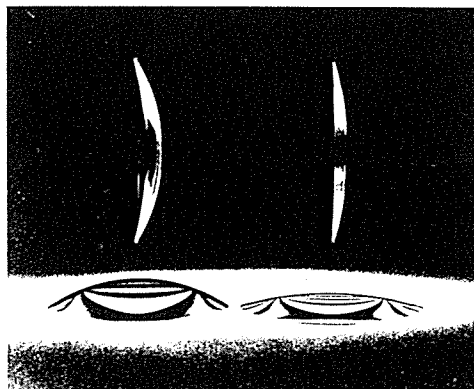
A further goal by George Beirne from a high lob 10 minutes later put Maynooth in front for the first time, 3-2 to 2-4, and while the sides were level with 15 minutes to go, Maynooth always had that extra gear with the losers left to ponder on several wasted kickable frees.

Maynooth PP: T. Masterson, J.O'Brien, A. Dalton, C. Kennedy, S. O'Flaherty, G. Snee, C. Diggins, **G. Beirne (1-0)**, A. Doyle, P.King, **D. Campbell (1-1)**, P. O'Sullivan, **T. Naughton (0-1)**, **C. McCarthy (1-0)**, **W. Farrelly (1-1)**.

Subs: S. Pidgeon for O'Flaherty (half-time).

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OBITUARY

Kevin (Sam) Murphy

Kevin was one of the first friends that I made on coming to live in Maynooth. Over a small Jemie and a few pints he made many newcomers to Maynooth feel welcome. Kevin worked as a bus driver for CIE. He was a very keen gardener and he also found time for many community activities e.g. The Mortality Society, Community Council, Citizens Information Centre (CIC), St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a life long member of the Labour Party and he was an Honorary President of the Maynooth Branch. Sam had a very alert political brain and his advice was always welcome on the topics of the day.

In 1984 he was a founder member of the Community Council and indeed the first FAS scheme of four workers operated from his house. Without Sam's and his wife Kathleen's support then, it is unlikely that the Community Council could have progressed to what it is today — employing 70 workers under FAS schemes.

Kevin was also a founder member of the CIC and he gave of his time freely when it started off from the library. The CIC has now grown to operate from six different locations including Celbridge, Leixlip and Dunboyne.

Kevin has left his mark on the community and he will be sadly missed. We offer our sympathy to his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR DIVORCE IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth voted strongly for divorce in the recent referendum. All told, 59% of local voters supported the proposal. This compares with 67% in Celbridge and 61% in Leixlip. It is likely that Maynooth would have been up there with its neighbours were it not for the results of the vote in the College. The ballot box which covered most of the College gave only 41% support for divorce. In six of the other eight ballot boxes covering the town, support for the divorce topped 60%.

The heaviest support for divorce was in Box 1 (mainly Beaufield and Carton Court) where almost exactly two-thirds of voters voted Yes. This was followed closely by Box 4 (mostly Old Greenfield and Greenfield Drive) with 64% in favour. Apart from the College box, the only two boxes to dip below 60% were Box 2 (mainly Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green, but including also part of the College) at 53% and Box 7 (mainly Meadowbrook and Moyglare Village, but

including some older and outlying areas) at 56%.

These calculations, incidentally, are based on unofficial tally figures compiled on the day of the count. It may be of interest to readers that, after the first few tally sheets were brought back from different boxes around the county to Charlie McCreevy, who was in charge of the tally, he remarked to this writer that the measure would be carried nationally by half of one per cent. This was at 9.30 on the morning of the count! I am still trying to figure out whether this was an inspired guess or a piece of sheer genius. Perhaps it's no wonder that Charlie is a great man for race meetings!

ALL PRIESTS 20TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

The Irish Heart Foundation will present "The All Priests 20th Anniversary Show" in Goff's, Co. Kildare, on Thursday, February 1st, commencing at 8 p.m. Admission is £10 and the proceeds from the concert will assist the Irish Heart Foundation in its fight against heart disease. Tickets for this gala concert are available from the Ambassador Hotel, Kill (Phone 045-877064), and from Goff's (Phone 045-877211). The "All Priests" is always a terrific show and this is a very worthy cause, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

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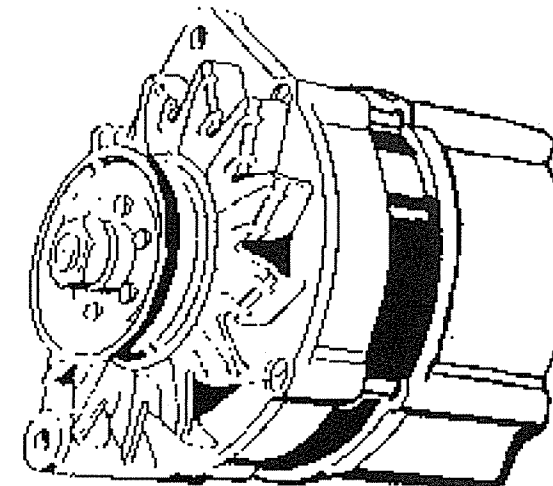
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GARDENING HINTS Water Gardens

Make magic in the garden with a little water — from the tiniest trickle fountain to a full-sized natural pond complete with waterside plants.

The recent spate of long, hot summers has made us all come to appreciate the luxury of water in our gardens. Introducing it as a feature can be as ambitious or as simple as you make it — larger pools and ponds need planning and some heavy spade-work, while the smallest pool can be made with pond liner and a sack or two of pebbles in hours.

Perfect positioning

Plan your pond in relation to the rest of your garden, both in terms of size, and how visible you want it to be from the house and other parts of the garden.

- Choose a fairly sunny position. Too much sun will encourage algae; too little and your water plants won't grow.
- Keep your pond away from overhanging trees, or falling leaves will be a problem.
- If you're having a pump-operated fountain or lighting, remember you'll need to get an electricity supply connected.
- When you've chosen the spot, mark out the shape of the pond with a hose pipe or pegs. Live with it for a few days to make sure it feels right before excavating.

Create drama

A water garden needn't be circular to look natural. You can create the illusion of a stream flowing through your garden with this water channel (see illustration). Mask the ends with tall and bushy plants like bamboo and plant the shelves on either side with lush shallow-water marginals. This feature would make a dramatic division across the width of a long, narrow garden, with a sturdy plank put over as a footbridge.

Keeping your pond clear

The secret of a clear and healthy pond is balanced planting, which means surface-floating and submerged aquatics. Marginals are attractive, but not vital for pond health. Planting begins in May and can continue until September, though no more than two-thirds of the surface should be covered, in order to control rampant growers in the spring.

Underwater Submerged oxygenators, eg, Lagarosiphon major and Myriophyllum aquaticum, are vital for a healthy balance. They don't need soil, but can be grown in

baskets of gravel to keep them weighted down.

On the surface

Surface-floating aquatics help to inhibit the growth of green algae. Water lilies are grown in soil in aquatic baskets; others, such as water soldier (Stratiotes aloides), float on water.

On the edge Marginal plants, eg, Marsh marigold (Caltha Palustris), miniature reedmace (Typha minima) and many irises grow in shallow water up to 6in/15cm deep, or damp soil at the pond edges. Grow them in baskets if your pond has shelves at the sides, or in the soil if making a natural pond with boggy margins.

Planting a water lily

Water lilies grow with their roots in soil and leaves and flowers floating on the surface. Plant them in special aquatic baskets lined with hessian and ordinary garden soil. They need to be lowered gradually to their final planting depth over a period of a few weeks, so start by supporting the baskets on bricks with 3-6in/7.5-15cm water to cover. As new stems and leaves start to develop, remove the bricks until the containers are resting on the bottom of the pool.

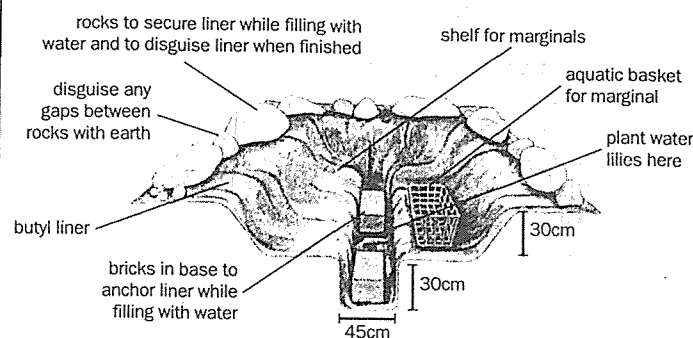
Goldfish pool in a pot

Absolutely no digging is required for this pretty pot pool. All that's needed is an attractive bowl and one or two of the smallest growing water lilies. Keep it slightly hidden by surrounding plants, or if it's on a patio, among other containers. If you want to keep goldfish, remember they need some shelter from the sun, so place your pot pool in filtered sunlight where you'll also get glints of light off the water.

Side attractions

Formal pools look best with a crisp paved edge, or set in a lawn. Informal

How to make a channel (1.5m wide x 2m long)



pools and ponds need a softer edge to blend in with their surroundings.

- Natural and rough-hewn materials like railway sleepers make good borders for informal pools.
- Uneven blocks of stone or rock make an emphatic edge and leave convenient crevices for planting.
- A hidden wildlife pool should be well planted around its margins, so that pond and perimeter planting appear to merge.

How to make a water flow

A safe and simple water flow feature is driven by an electric submersible pump connected to a power supply. For this, a special outdoor socket is needed and should be fitted by a qualified electrician.

You will need

- reservoir to hold 4 gallons of water, eg, central-heating expansion tank
- butyl or PVC pond liner
- small submersible pump, such as Blagdon Budget 80
- strong PVC rigid wire mesh to cover tank with overlap
- pebbles

1. Dig a hole large enough and deep enough to sink the reservoir, with its top 1in/2.5cm below ground level.
2. Line the area surrounding the tank with a 12in/30cm wide strip of butyl or PVC liner, so that it overhangs the edge of the tank.
3. Position the pump in the centre of the tank with the outlet hose just above the surrounding soil level. Fill the tank with water.
4. Cover with wire mesh and arrange pebbles or cobbles over it.

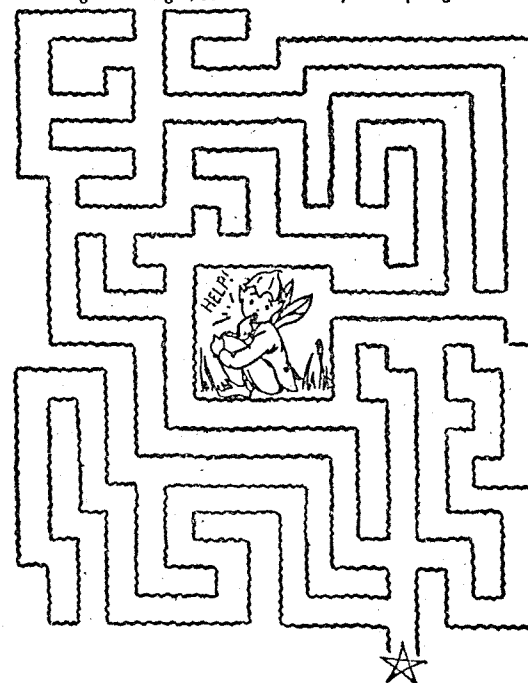


Children's Corner



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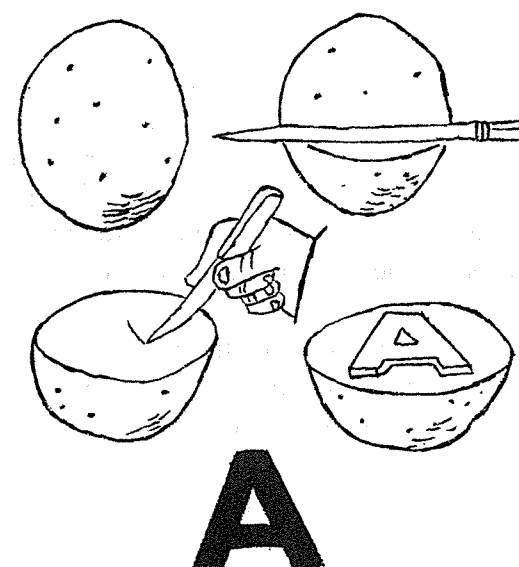
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HOW TO MAKE A POTATO STAMP

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3rd: Danielle Power,
9 Parsons Lodge,
Maynooth.

Features

WALKIN' IN WICKLA

WALK NO. 4:

Glencree-Kippure triangle

This month's walk is a handy pocket-sized effort — it's less than six miles long and should take approximately three hours. You could say it's tailored for those still recovering from Christmas! The fact that the last two-thirds of the walk is by road makes it especially suitable for this time of year — even if it does get dark before you are finished you'll have no trouble getting back to your car. Another simplifying factor of the walk is that Kippure is possibly the most clearly-marked mountain in the whole country, being topped with two 350-foot masts which can be seen from 20 miles off (when it isn't covered by mist).

The start of the walk is at the western end of Glencree on the R115 (the main road from Rathfarnham to Sally Gap). Your starting point is at an acute bend in the road about three quarters of a mile south of the Glencree turn-off. There is a handy little spot beside the bridge at this bend where you can tuck your car in safely.

You start out on foot on the clearly-marked track on the south side of the bridge and before you have gone 100 yards Lough Bray Lower will come into view. You follow this path for approximately half a mile, until it divides to become two paths.

You go to the right at this point and after a couple of hundred yards Lough Bray Upper will come into view on your left. You stay with the track and a quarter of a mile further on you will reach the beginning of the steepest part of the walk.

The track is very clearly marked all the way up to the top of this steep section. The views from the rocky outcrop on top are very pleasant. In the

immediate foreground you will be looking down on Upper and Lower Lough Bray, while just beyond this to the east is the full length of Glencree; at the end of the glen you should be able to see the unmistakable pointed Great Sugar Loaf which is six miles away and about ten miles away the sprawling town of Bray can be seen spreading around Bray Head.

You now turn your back on all this and with a compass bearing of 260 degrees you direct yourself towards Kippure. You will now be entering a broad, damp, boggy area — it is not

very pleasant at first but as you rise higher the views of the surrounding hills add improvement to the scene. The last quarter of a mile to the summit can be a bit bleak, with broad areas of almost black, bare and damp peat to be crossed on the way to the top.

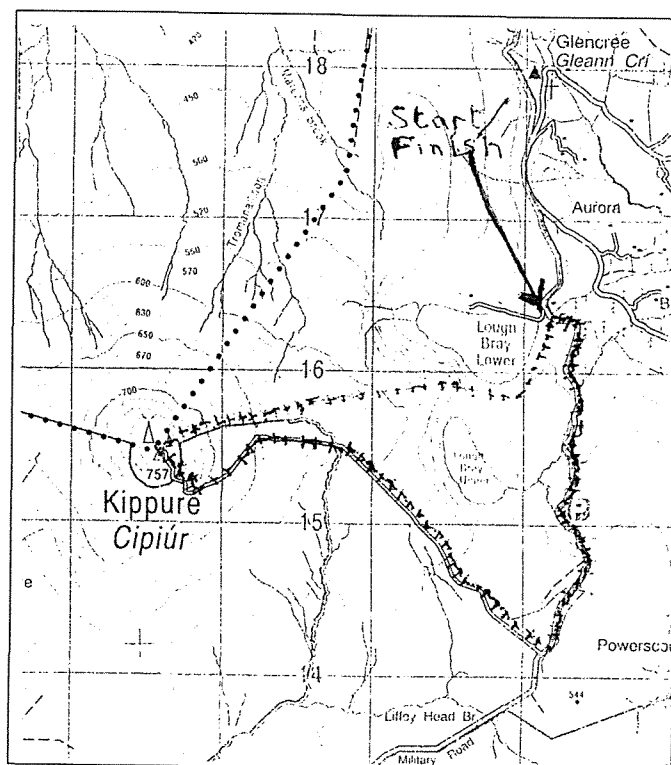
If you are in heavy mist then you are likely to hear the wind blowing through all the stay-wires before you actually see the masts.

From this point your walk will be totally by road. As you descend,

the road will be crossing the first streams which flow off to the right to make the infant River Liffey.

This RTE access road stretches downwards for about two miles before you get back to the R115, where you turn left. You are now only one and a half miles away from where the car is parked and, with the beautiful scenery all around, it is a very pleasant finish to the walk. May you have a very nice day and a very Happy New Year to you all.

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PARTY NOTES

New Cycle Lane/Footpath Straffan Road.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the County Engineer to have the new cycle lane and footpath on the Straffan Road relaid because of its very poor quality. The undulating finish allows water to lodge on the surface and pot-holes will soon appear. Cyclists are using the roadway instead of the up and down surface of the cycle path.

Dumping at Back Lane Greenfields

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the local Area Engineer of Kildare County Council to remove the dumped armchairs and mattresses from this location as they are a health hazard and have attracted rats to the area.

Newtown Cul-De-Sac

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the County Engineer to provide "Concealed Entrance Ahead" signs for the Cul-De-Sac at houses 509-514 Newtown Road. Oncoming traffic are unaware of this very dangerous exit.

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council on 16/6/94.

"That the new bridge to replace Bond Bridge, Maynooth, be built forthwith".

The County Engineer responded by saying that £140,000 had been spent so far in buttressing the existing bridge and that the cost of a new bridge would be £700,000. The Council have only £100,000 remaining from Development Levies collected in the area for the new bridge. He added that he had sought Regional Road Development Funding for the bridge but that Bond Bridge was listed No. 16 on the priority listing for the County. This priority means that it would probably be the year 2004 before it would be considered for funding based on the fact that only two projects are funded for Kildare each year at present.

Despite intensive pressure over the last year its priority listing has remained unaltered. As people's lives are being put at risk, due to the narrowness of the bridge, Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council.

"That in the absence of Development Levies and in view of the new bridge's priority listing for regional Development Funding, that traffic lights and a raised footpath be installed at Bond Bridge, Maynooth".

The County Engineer agreed to this proposal and the other County Councillors agreed to it unanimously at the Celbridge Area meeting on the 17th November 1995.

This is a temporary solution in the interests of safety of both pedestrians and motorists. The fight continues to have the new bridge built as early as possible.

£12,500 Grant for Maynooth Post Primary.

Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D., is pleased that his appeal to his colleague The Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach T.D., has resulted in a Grant of £12,500 to Maynooth Post Primary towards the costs of providing furniture and equipment for the New Assembly Hall.

We would like to congratulate the Parent Teachers Association on their tremendous work in providing this facility for both the pupils of the school and the wider community.

Peaceful New Year

Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., Cllr. John McGinley and the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party would like to wish all of you a Peaceful New Year.

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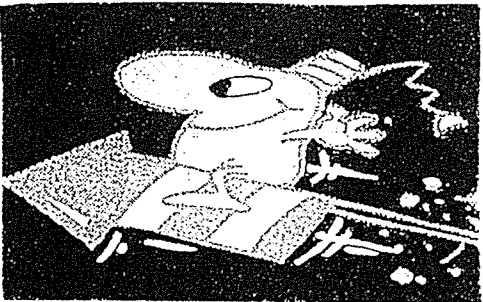
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DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Rail Station Walkway Upgrade

Councillor Catherine Murphy has been informed by Iarnród Éireann that the walkway between Maynooth Railway Station and Bond Bridge is to be greatly improved. Public lighting should be in place by the time these notes appear in print, and re-surfacing of the path is planned for the near future. The overgrowth is also to be cut back and Iarnród Éireann has also undertaken to control vermin in the area.

Bond Bridge Traffic

Kildare County Council has proposed installing a pedestrian footbridge and traffic lights on Bond Bridge as a short-term measure to improve both pedestrian and vehicle safety on the bridge. The long-term plans for the area involve major restructuring of the bridge which would be connected directly to the road dividing Meadowbrook and Beaufield. This road, in turn, would be extended to the Straffan Road near the interchange with the M4 Motorway.

However, it will be a number of years before major work will be done on Bond Bridge, due to the low priority accorded to the project in the County Council's programme for improvement works on non-national roads in the county. The Council's hands are tied to an extent in that, under EU rules, they have to give priority to projects which directly promote the development of industry, tourism and agriculture.

Readers will be interested to hear that the Barberstown Cross - Maynooth road is second on the list, with work projected to begin in 1996. Newtown residents will be even more interested to know that third on the list is major upgrading of Shaw Bridge in Kilcock. While this may in part be justified by the regional status of the Kilcock-Clane road, there is no doubt that strong united action by local residents was important in securing high priority for the project.

It was the essence of bad planning that up to 1,000 houses were allowed to be built in the Newtown area, without adequate provision for the additional traffic this would generate and the pressure that would be placed on Bond Bridge. Development levies are charged on new housing developments to pay for improvements to roads, etc. required as a consequence of such developments. In November, Catherine Murphy sought information on this from the County Council, but was unhappy with the reply received, which failed to specify the amount of levies demanded from developers in the Newtown area. Councillor Murphy is urgently seeking clarification on this issue.

Meanwhile, the Council is considering alternative approaches to dealing with the Bond Bridge problem, and we hope to have further information in the next Newsletter. However, Democratic Left is strongly opposed to any proposal to

remove the bollards at the end of Greenfield Lane, which was never designed to be a through road.

Main Street/Dunboyne Road Junction

Councillor Catherine Murphy has been informed by Kildare County Council that measures to tackle the traffic problems at the junction between the Main Street and the Dunboyne Road are to be included in the major improvement scheme for Maynooth Main Street which is planned for the near future.

Divorce Referendum

Democratic Left welcomes the outcome of the Divorce Referendum, and looks forward to the courts upholding the decision of the people. We see this as an important step forward in the creation of a truly democratic, secular and pluralist society in Ireland. Democratic Left mounted a vigorous campaign of canvassing, leafletting and postering in the North Kildare area and is very pleased by the strong support which the measure received in the area.

Rail Service Proposals Welcomed

Democratic Left strongly supports the proposals for improving the Maynooth commuter rail service recently put forward by a coalition of local authorities and community councils along the route of the line (including Maynooth Community Council). The key to a better service is the doubling of the track between Maynooth and Clonsilla. Without this, a proper commuter service cannot be introduced. The growth of population and industry in the area, along with that of Maynooth College, mean that a proper rail service is now a matter of urgency, and we look forward to a favourable government response to the proposals.

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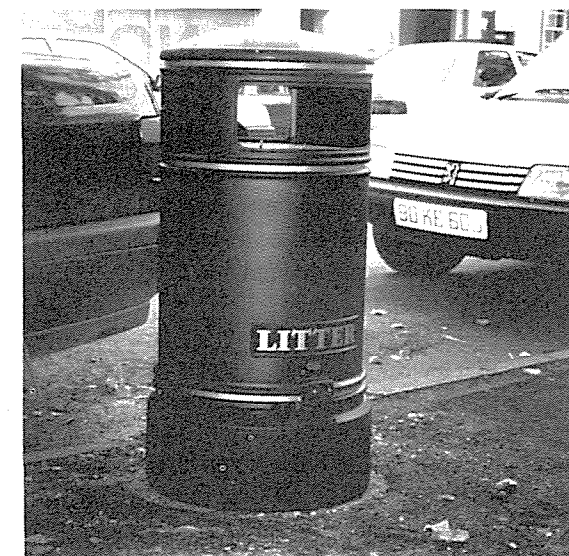
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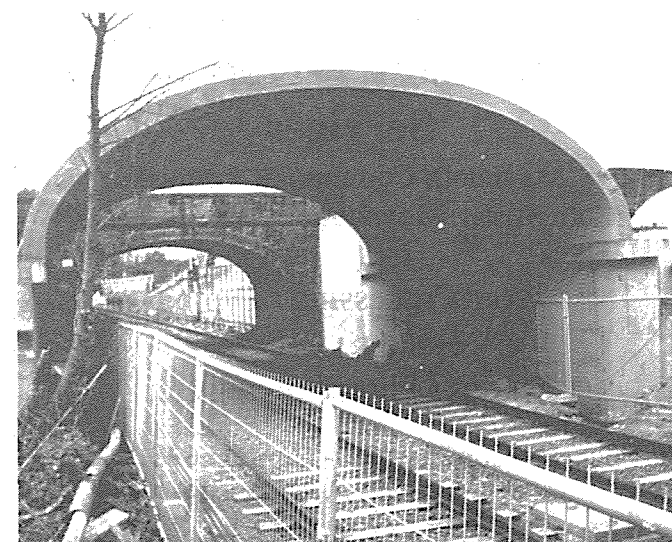
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Square in past days



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Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Councillor Senan Griffin wish the residents of Maynooth a Happy and Prosperous '96. Bernard Durkan, Minister of State at Social Welfare, stated that he was delighted that his Department gave £1 million to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and £50,000 for Protestant Aid prior to Christmas.

He stated that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to be applauded for the trojan work they do to help those people who are less well off in our society. The society is particularly strong in Co. Kildare and he urged people to support them, especially at this time of year.

Protestant Aid will receive £50,000 to help them with their work, which is similar to that of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Mr. Durkan stated that the Department of Social Welfare is paying out a bonus of £40 million this Christmas.

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Councillor Senan Griffin recently welcomed the statement from Minister of State at the Department of An Taoiseach, Mr. Gay Mitchell, when he announced that Kildare North will be included in the Rural Areas for the programme to start their business under the Local and Urban and Rural Development Programme.

This programme enables persons starting their own business to retain 100% of their unemployment payment for one year while also maintaining their entitlement to secondary benefits such as medical cards and rent allowance. In year two the person will be eligible to receive 75% of their unemployment payment and 50% in year three. For further information contact Minister Bernard Durkan at 01 8748444.

At a recent meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee the improvements for the Main Street, Maynooth, were discussed. The proposals include: (a) Undergrounding all ESB and P&T cables; (b) provide for parallel on-street car parking; (c) new street layout at entrance to Girls' School and at Parson Street/College entrance.

The proposed plan will be discussed by the Community Council and Chamber of Commerce early in the New Year.

Bond Bridge

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Councillor Senan Griffin attended a public meeting to discuss the problems at Bond Bridge. The majority of those present favoured the proposal that the bridge be re-aligned and Councillor Griffin was instructed to convey this proposal to Kildare County Council. He was further instructed to determine the exact amount of money paid in levies by the residents using Bond Bridge.

Deputy Bernard Durkan outlined the history regarding levies

and his traffic management proposals to the meeting and he gave his full support to the residents in having the bridge re-aligned.

Maynooth Development Plan

The above plan was discussed by the Celbridge Area Committee on December 8th, when an oral hearing took place. The proposed development at Hewlett Packard has now changed the requirement for housing in North Kildare and with this in mind, along with the real requirement for instant amenity land/open spaces, both passive and active, Councillor Senan Griffin is now working on a package which will be of benefit to all the people of Maynooth.

The Maynooth 1916 Memorial

Councillor Senan Griffin was delighted to be of assistance to the 1916 Maynooth Memorial Committee during their consultations with Kildare County Council. The 1916 committee is to be commended for their work and especially in having sufficient funds available from their own resources to pay for what the people of Maynooth will see as due recognition of the 15 volunteers who walked to Dublin and gave their best support to men/women defending the GPO. This memorial will be erected on the south side of the new square during early 1996.

NEW CUMANN

A Sinn Féin Cumann has been formed in the Maynooth area with the intention of contesting local and Dail elections in the North Kildare constituency. Anybody interested in joining the Cumann is welcome to contact the party's head office at (01) 8734931.

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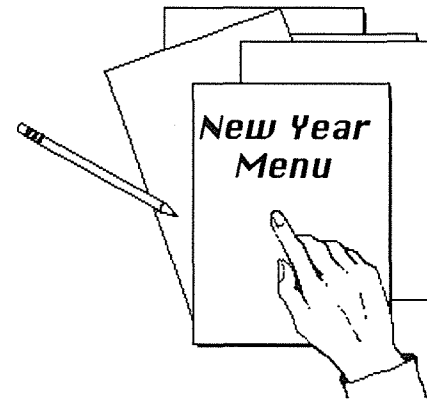
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Baked Macaroni Cheese

Preparation: 15 minutes
Cooking: 40 - 45 minutes
Serves 4

275g/10oz pasta shapes such as rigatoni
2 tbsp olive oil
2 medium onions, peeled and chopped
Leaves from 2 fresh marjoram sprigs
CHEESE SAUCE:
50g/2oz butter
50g/2oz plain flour
850ml/1½ pt milk
75g/3oz grated mature Cheddar cheese
50g/2oz freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Halved cherry tomatoes, frisée lettuce and extra grated Parmesan cheese to serve.

1. Preheat oven to 190 °C/375 F/ Gas mark 5. Cook the pasta in a pan of boiling salted water for 10 minutes (the pasta should be under cooked). Drain.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a pan and add the onions and marjoram leaves. Cover and cook over a gentle heat for about 10 minutes until very soft. Mix together with the pasta.
3. To make the cheese sauce, melt the butter in a pan and add the flour. Cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Away from the heat, gradually beat in the milk. Return to the heat and cook, stirring constantly, for 3-5 minutes until the sauce thickens. Remove from the heat and stir in 50g/2oz of the Cheddar cheese and 25g/1oz of the Parmesan. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.
4. Stir three-quarters of the sauce into the pasta mixture and spoon into a deep baking dish. Pour over the remaining sauce and sprinkle with the remaining cheeses. Bake for 25-30 minutes until bubbling and golden on top. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper and serve with the salad and the extra Parmesan cheese.

Aubergines with Ratatouille - VEGETARIAN

Preparation: 20 minutes
Cooking: 30-35 minutes
Serves: 4

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, peeled and chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
1 red pepper, seeded and diced
1 green pepper, seeded and diced
4 celery sticks, trimmed and chopped
1 (400g/14oz) can chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp tomato purée
100ml/4fl oz dry white wine
½ tsp brown sugar
100g/4oz plain flour
Oil for deep frying
2 medium-size aubergines, sliced lengthways
Fresh flat-leaf parsley sprigs to garnish

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pan. Add the onion, garlic, red and green peppers and celery and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until vegetables begin to soften.
2. Add tomatoes, tomato purée, wine, sugar, salt and freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, for 15 minutes until the vegetables are very tender and the juices have thickened.
3. Meanwhile, sift the flour into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Gradually beat in about 150ml/¼ pt water to form a thin coating batter
4. Heat the oil for deep-frying to 190°C/375 F or until a teaspoon of batter dropped into the hot oil sizzles immediately. Coat 2-3 slices of aubergine with the batter and deep-fry for 3-4 minutes, turning once, until golden and tender. Remove with a fish slice and drain on kitchen paper. Repeat with remaining aubergines and batter.
5. Arrange 2-3 aubergine slices on each warmed serving plate and spoon over some of the ratatouille. Garnish with sprigs of flat-leaf parsley to serve.

Steak and Kidney Puddings

Preparation: 30 minutes + cooling
Cooking: Approx. 23/4 hours
Serves: 6

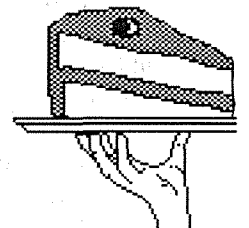
700g/1½ lb braising steak
175g/6oz lamb's kidneys
2 tbsp oil
100g/4oz mushrooms
1 large onion, peeled
2 celery sticks, trimmed
2 carrots, peeled
300ml/½ pt beef stock
150ml/¼ pt Guinness
2 bay leaves
A few sprigs of thyme
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
2 tbsp mushroom ketchup
Suet Pastry
225g/8oz plain flour
15g/½ oz baking powder
100g/4oz vegetable suet
25g/1oz butter
1 tbsp plain flour
Pan-fried vegetables and mustard to serve



1. Trim the steak and cut into 2.5cm/1in cubes. Trim and chop kidneys. Heat oil in a large frying pan, add steak and kidneys and fry for 5-8 minutes until brown. Transfer to a large pan.
2. Wipe mushrooms clean and cut into quarters. Chop onion and celery and slice carrots. Fry vegetables in meat juices for 5 minutes. Add to meat with remaining ingredients; bring to the boil. Reduce heat. Cover; cook for 1½ hours until meat is tender. Leave until cold.
3. To make suet pastry, sift flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt into a bowl. Stir in the suet and mix in 150ml/¼ pint water to make dough. Cover and leave for 20 minutes. Lightly grease and base-line 6 (300ml/½ pt) pudding basins with greased grease-proof paper.
4. Preheat oven to 150C/300F/Gas mark 2. Thinly roll out three-quarters of the pastry on a lightly floured surface; use to line basins. Using a slotted spoon, fill with meat mixture. Add 2 tbsp meat juices to each basin. Moisten pastry edge with water. Cover basins with remaining pastry; trim and press edges together. Cover each basin with pleated buttered foil.
5. Stand puddings on grill rack over a roasting tin. Half fill tin with boiling water; cover with foil. Steam puddings in oven for 1 hour.
6. Strain remaining meat juices. Melt butter in a pan, add flour and cook for 1 minute. Gradually beat in meat juices. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring, until thickened. Season to taste.
7. Turn out puddings on to warm plates. Spoon over gravy and serve with pan-fried vegetables and mustard.

Almond Slice

175g/6oz plain flour
100g/4oz butter, cubed
2tbsp caster sugar
1 egg, size 3, beaten
Topping
100g/4oz butter, softened
100g/4oz caster sugar
2 eggs, size 3
100g/4oz ground almonds
1 (340g/12oz) jar strawberry conserve
50g/2oz flaked almonds
Custard to serve



Preparation: 20 minutes + chilling
Cooking Time: 35 minutes
Serves: 6

1. Lightly grease an 18 x 28cm/7x 11in rectangular, loose-based, fluted flan tin. Sift the flour into a large bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar. Using a fork, stir in the egg to form large clumps. Then bring the mixture together with your hands to form a dough.
2. On a lightly floured surface, gently knead the dough for 2 minutes until smooth. Roll out the pastry and use to line the prepared tin. Chill for 20 minutes.
3. Preheat oven to 200C/400F/Gas Mark 6. Prick the base of the pastry with a fork then line with greaseproof paper and fill with baking beans. Bake blind for 10 minutes. Remove the lining paper and beans and cook for a further 5 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 190C/375F/Gas mark 5.
4. For the almond topping, use either a wooden spoon or electric mixer to beat together butter and sugar until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs, a little at a time. Using a metal spoon, fold in ground almonds.
5. Spread the strawberry conserve over the pastry base and cover with the almond topping. Sprinkle flaked almonds over the top and bake for 20 minutes until golden and firm to the touch. Serve warm with custard.



MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Recent results have remained encouraging and it looks as if we will have an interest on a number of fronts right throughout the season. Due to a good cup run, our first team have fallen behind with their league programme and have a number of games in hand over several teams above them. Most recent results to hand are as follows:

L.J.L. Premier Division

Edenderry Town 1; Maynooth Town 3.

Highflying Edenderry were given a lesson in discipline and commitment by Maynooth, who looked defeat in the face early in the second half but stepped on the gas and ran out deserving winners. Falling behind to an early Edenderry penalty which was hotly disputed by Maynooth, the visitors came more into the game with Paul Byrne giving an outstanding performance, ably assisted by Joey Dempsey. Half time arrived with Edenderry hanging onto their slender lead and the game becoming increasingly physical. Early in the second half Maynooth were dealt a further blow when Michael Murphy was sent off for kicking the ball away following a horrendous tackle by the Edenderry full-back. Although awarding the free kick to Maynooth the referee failed to punish the defender any further, which seemed far too lenient. This spurred Maynooth to greater effort and Edenderry were unable to stem the relentless tide which engulfed them for the remainder of the game. Maynooth got on terms when Paul Byrne headed home following a corner which was soon followed by a Mickey Kelly goal to put Maynooth in front for the first time. Joe O'Riordan sealed the points for Maynooth when he scored from close range following yet another corner. An excellent win for Maynooth with many heroes, with Paul Byrne, Gerry Thompson, Joe O'Riordan and Joey Dempsey topping the honours list.

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F.A.I. Junior Cup Quarter-final Midland Area St. Mark's (Portlaoise) 0; Maynooth Town 1.

This was a hard-earned win for Maynooth, who booked their semi-final place against the highly-acclaimed Dublin side, Tolka Rovers. A heavy pitch made good football difficult and this had a marked effect on Maynooth's usual free-flowing style of play. Maynooth were finding it difficult to get to grips with the St. Mark's midfield, whose captain was commanding the play for the home side. Maynooth manager Mick Dempsey played his trump card when switching Mickey Kelly to midfield in an effort to gain control. The switch had the desired effect with Kelly snuffing out the danger and giving Maynooth the midfield supremacy for the first time in the game. Kelly urged his colleagues forward at every opportunity but a stubborn home defence would not give in. With three minutes remaining, Maynooth's man of the match Kelly drove forward once more and created the opening for Killian Fagan to smash home the inch-perfect pass. St. Mark's had one more chance but Maynooth's keeper Tommy Fay was equal to the task with a fine save. The final whistle came soon after with Maynooth just deserving their place in the next round. Best for Maynooth were Mickey Kelly, Martin McTernan and Gerry Thompson.

L.J.L. Premier Division

Maynooth Town 2; Aston Village Utd. 2.

Maynooth will rate this as a disappointing performance when compared with their other exploits over recent weeks. The visitors shocked Maynooth with two goals in the opening fifteen minutes when slack marking by the home defence made it seem like Christmas had come early to Maynooth. Harsh words from the Maynooth Management team of Mick and Noel Dempsey soon shook the home side out of their complacency and they got right back into the game. Two goals late in the first half had Maynooth on terms at the interval. The first came when Adolar's corner was headed home by Paul Byrne and a couple of minutes later Joe O'Riordan headed home Joe Smullen's corner. The second half developed into a hard midfield slog with neither side

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able to assume overall supremacy. Both sides had a number of chances without success and Aston Village can feel flattered by their performance in gaining a point. Best for Maynooth were Paul Byrne, Mickey Kelly, Ger Thompson and Joe Smullen.

D.D.S.L. U/11

Maynooth Town 2; Corduff 1.

Maynooth's recent good run continued with this narrow victory over a well-organised Corduff side. Conditions were not good for football but nevertheless exciting fare was provided for an enthusiastic attendance. Both sides were very tired before the game ended and the final whistle came as a happy relief.

Best for Maynooth were James O'Dea and David Greely.

D.D.S.L. U/17 B1.

Templeogue Utd. 2; Maynooth Town 1.

Maynooth dropped two valuable points despite taking an early lead and will feel most let down by a disappointing overall performance. Donncha McGarrick opened the scoring for Maynooth and the prospects looked promising. Maynooth's form then took an amazing slump and they were toiling for the remainder of the game. Templeogue scored twice before the break and were content with their slender lead and held on for a narrow win.

Best for Maynooth in a below-par performance were David Coughlan, Alan Nugent and Niall Naughton.

D.D.S.L. U/16

Maynooth Town 4; St. Mochta's 1.

The first half was evenly contested with neither side able to break down very strong defences. The second half took on a new look with Maynooth dominating the exchanges in giving a top-class display. Maynooth went into a two-goal lead but St. Mochta's fought back to reduce the arrears. Maynooth raised the tempo once more and forged back into attack to score twice more without reply. Lester Cassidy (2), David Langan (1) and Niall Byrne (1) were the Maynooth scorers,

with Karl Murray, Stephen O'Sullivan and John Tobin also in top form.

D.D.S.L. U/11

Maynooth Town 6; Mountview 1.

Maynooth went into attack from the opening whistle and gave Mountview a lesson in open attacking play. Scoring three goals without reply in the first half, Maynooth gave themselves a solid platform for the second half. The home side kept up the pressure in the second half which yielded three further goals before the visitors grabbed a late consolation.

Top of the scoring charts for Maynooth was James O'Dea with a superb hat-trick. David Greely contributed two goals and Sean Kennedy completed Maynooth's scoring. Maynooth had an excellent defence in which Ciaran McCullough was outstanding.

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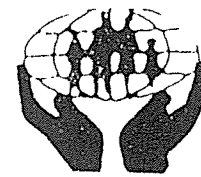
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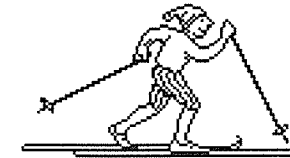
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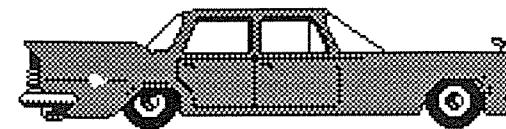
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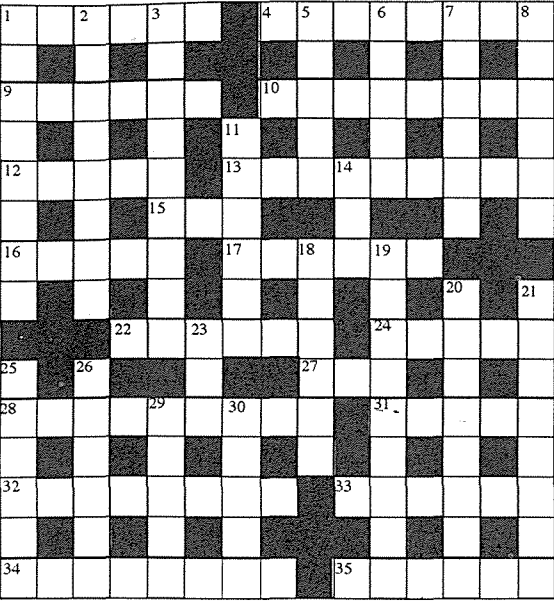
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Crossword No. 98



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, 19th January, 1996

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Across:

- 1 Detect the water isn't hard (6)
4 Something fishy to be beaten? (4,4)
9 Not much hair at the seaside (6)
10 Fantastic notions are fruity to start (8)
12 A cross-country runner in France (5)
13 Figure out how many (9)
15 An egg made of tin? (3)
16 Roman lady (5)
17 Decided to be out of the weather (6)
22 The answer for a town with heart trouble? (2-4)
24 One who could have Her Highness (5)
27 Red setter? (3)
28 Is it unlikely to include bad language because the editor deems it usable? (9)
31 A fixed look could take you to another level, we hear (5)
32 The direct opposite which may be the subject of comparison (8)
33 A trophy for hens? (3,3)
34 A statement made by a judge? (8)
35 Are they said about the better teams? (6)

Down:

- 1 Cosily located and too little to leave (8)
2 Those hairy little rogues made mainly of French soil (8)
3 It marks a ton of time (9)
5 Goodbye to God! (5)
6 It's grand for some French river (5)
7 Something to pay when you cut this man short! (6)
8 The lady with the man's name was off target (6)
11 It helps you see about Tina (6)
14 Possibly West, we hear (3)
18 An aid for the blind? (6)
19 Notices gas indicators (4,5)

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- 20 Improved two points having chanced losing 100! (8)
21 Anticipates how muddled Meryl gets involved with
a politician! (3-5)
23 It sounds like one of many letters received at dinner-
time (3)
25 They can make things hot despite being cold inside
(6)
26 Commence broadcasting at the dole office (4,2)
29 There could be a number (5)
30 Bachelor of Agricultural Science, I see, provides
computer jargon (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 97:

Across: 1, Rained; 4, Speak out; 9, Intact (in-tact); 10, Radiator;
12, Diner; 13, Mistletoe; 15, Sip; 16, Ennui; 17, Averse (a
verse); 22, Snatch; 24, Pinch; 27, OAP; 28, Enclosure; 31,
Ogres (anagram); 32, Presents; 33, Stance; 34, Deniable (den-
i-able); 35, Orders.

Down: 1, Reindeer (rain dear); 2, Intoning ((L)in-ton-ing); 3,
Excursion; 5, Pears (pairs); 6, Axial; 7, Octets (Oct.-ETs); 8,
Turkey; 11, Impact (imp act); 14, Tor (T(h)or); 18, Echoes;
19, Supporter (sup porter); 20, Entrance; 21, Chastens (Chas-
tens); 23, Ass (a-SS); 25, Heaped (he aped); 26, Screen; 29,
Opera; 30, Until (anagram).

Winner of Crossword No. 97:

Michael Keenan, 95 Rail Park, Maynooth.

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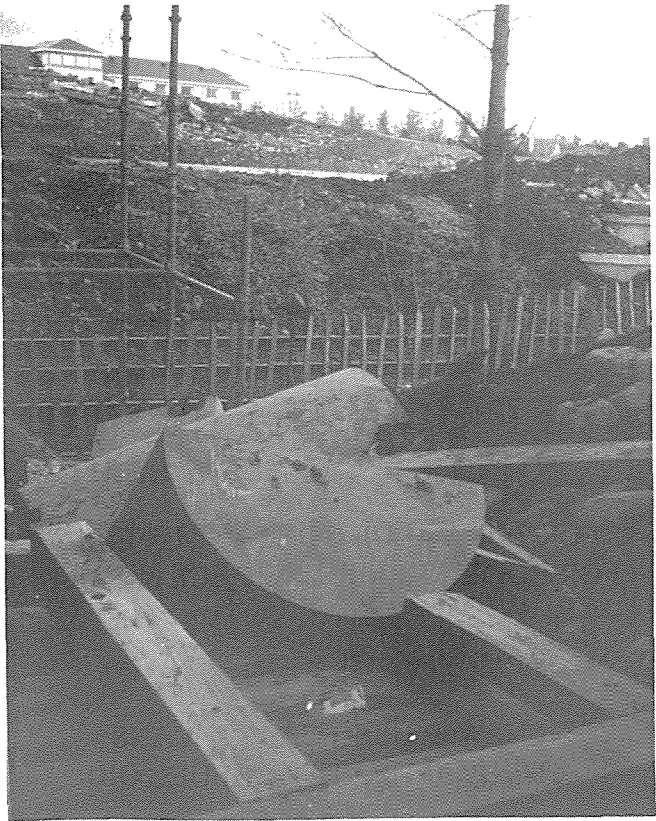


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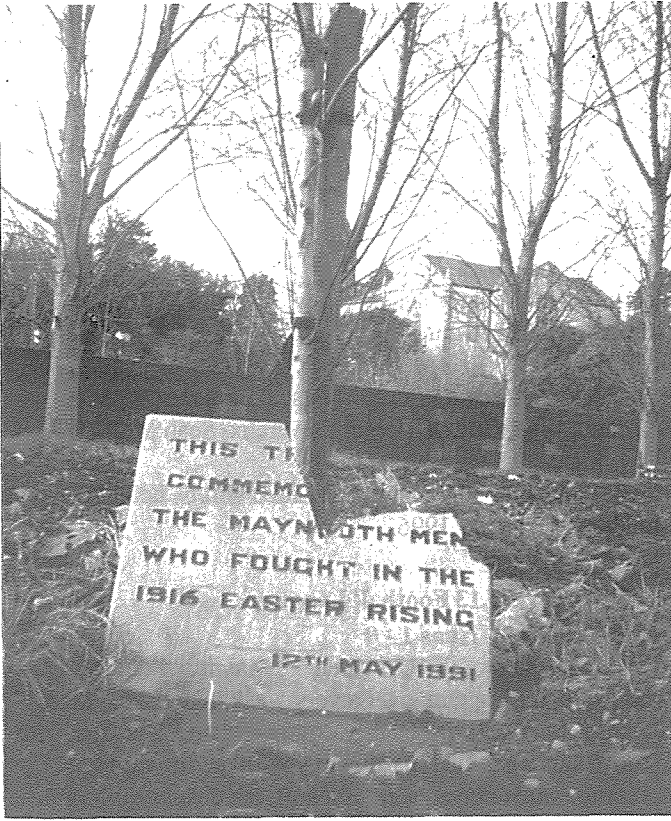


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Executive Committee: Pat Nevin, Eithne Killoran.

In the first round of the Inter Football Championship Maynooth play the winners of Eadestown or Robertstown.

Inter Football Team Manager: Kevin Connolly.

Selectors: Paraig Kearney, Eddie Dunne, Pat Nevin.

Inter Football 'B' Team Manager: Fergus Devereux.

Selectors: Mick Ó Riordan, Paraig Kearney, Brendan Farrell.

Junior Football Team Manager: Gerry Connellan.

Selectors: Matt Doran, Cathal O'Grady.

U.21 Football Team Manager: Joey Edwards.

Selectors: Eamon Dunne.

Minor Football Team Manager: Pascal Ennis.

Selectors: Mick Gillick, Fergus Devereux, Sean Molloy.

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Monday 8th January 1996.

North Kildare U.13 Football League

Maynooth 10-11 Naas 1 - 0

In the final round of the U.13 League Maynooth travelled to Naas and had a big win over a very weak home side. Mark Kavanagh and Seán O Flaherty dominated midfield from start to finish and combined intelligently with the forward line.

All six forwards played well as a unit, but despite getting some good scores they also had some bad wides. The defence was rarely tested and full back Tommy Masterson and corner back Aiden Pidgeon found time to break up field

and get on the score sheet.

Scorers: S. O'Flaherty 4 - 3, S. Deveraux 2 - 1

T. Masterson 2 - 0, M. Kavanagh 1 - 2, M. Sweeney 1 - 1

P. O'Rourke 0 - 3, A. Pidgeon 0 - 1

Team: A. Molloy, A. Pidgeon, T. Masterson, D. Travers, M. Dolan, S. Pidgeon, A. Browne, M. Kavanagh, S. O'Flaherty, P. O'Rourke, S. Deveraux, D. Lawler, F. O'Gorman, P. Sheehan, M. Sweeney.

Lotto result-19/11/95:- Jackpot £850: Numbers 10-12-23.

Won by Phyllis Doran, 66 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

Lotto result-26/11/95:- Jackpot £300: Numbers 10-17-21.

No Winner.

5 x £10:- M. O'Reilly, Phyllis Doran, Elaine Comerford, Edel Maguire, Paul Lanigan.

Lotto result-3/12/95:- Jackpot £350: Numbers 14-15-18. No Winner.

5 x £10:- Bridie O'Toole, Mrs. Patricia Cassells, Ursula Byrne, Martin Armstrong, Joan McNamara.

Lotto result-10/12/95:- Jackpot £400: Numbers 12-16-23.

No Winner.

5 x £10:- Tony Dunning, Kathleen McDermot, Ann Nugent, Carol Feeney, Bridie O'Toole.

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5th Turkey: Dr. Fay.

6th Turkey: Gerry McDonnell.

7th Turkey: Johnny Nevin.

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The Club would like to thank everyone for their help in 1995 and wish all a very Happy New Year.

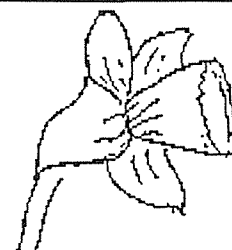
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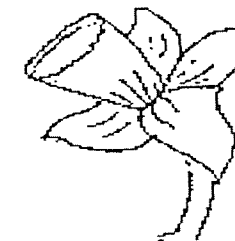
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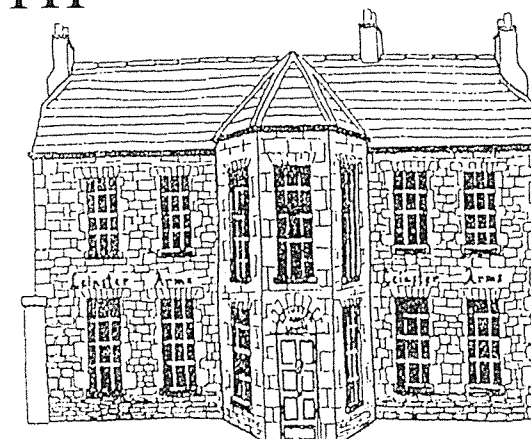
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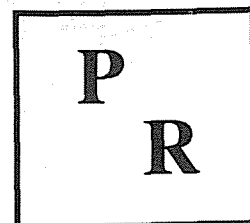


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Deliverance Year

This was the year of deliverance for Maynooth G.A.A. Club. Through barren years they have struggled bravely and now they have reaped their reward. First, they had the official opening of the Clubhouse on May 7th. The highlight of the occasion was a Senior Football Challenge between Mayo and Kildare, which was won by the home team. Then came the victories. It all began with the Junior Football Championship when they beat Kilcullen in Newbridge on Sunday by 13 points to 10. The heroic squad included P. Flood, M. Noone, M. Nevin, P. Ennis, M. Kelly, P. Stynes, D. Mahony, D. Casey, K. Fagan (Capt.), P. Garvey, K. Killoran, John Nevin, Joey Nevin, J. O'Riordan, L. O'Toole, P. Burke, M. Scanlon, J. Rossitor, E. Dunne, H. Nevin, M. Nugent, J. Edwards, T. Farrell and J. O'Toole.
Manager: Kevin Connolly.

Victory Mentality

Then the Junior B team took up the banner and buoyed up by the victory mentality went on to win the County Championship. The panel included Mick Faherty, D. Faherty, Hugh Purcell, Joey Edwards, Jimmy Gilligan, Derek Murray, Fintan Agnew (Man of the Match), Aidan Burke, Noel Reilly, John O'Toole and Eoin O'Neill among others. Manager: Martin Donnelly.
Maynooth could do nothing wrong and roared to victory in the Junior League. By now three cups had come to headquarters at Moyglare Road.

Youth Scoop

The U/16 squad were quick to follow on the glory trail by winning the League and beating Sallins by 11 points to 1 - 4. Team: Packie Carroll, Jas Gallagher, Eamonn Gallagher, Matthew Callaghan, Rory Kelly, David Coughlan, Niall Byrne, Alan Nugent, Eoin Guha, Eoin Nevin, Marty Byrne, Darren Naughton, Niall Naughton, Brendan Mooney, John O'Shea, Mick Tumelty and Rory Gavin.

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Soccer

Maynooth Town A.F.C. competed with considerable prowess in all their various competitions and with several notable victories to their credit they are making steady progress to even greater success.

Local Tournaments

The Community Festival tournament organised by John McGinley again proved to be a great success, with 11 teams participating. The competition was won by Derrinstown Stud. As Manager of the runners-up, the All-Stars, Tom Dempsey tasted the down side of management.

Joe Murphy Memorial Cup

This tournament is a vital and successful part of the local scene with over 160 participants (16 teams). The winners were Hedderdale United, anchored by Michael Faherty, David Faherty, John Nolan and Tommy Murray.

Patsy Byrne Memorial Cup

This competition continues to be an invaluable testing ground and show case for under-age talent. The winning team was captained by Aidan Ryan.

Players of the Year Awards

U/11 Simon Fagan, U/13 Andy Madden, U/14 Karl Murray, U/16 David Coughlan and Michael Murphy (second team). Senior Player of the Year: Gerard Thompson.

Ladies Soccer had another successful year as they achieved several worthwhile victories and finished as runner-up in their Division of the Dublin Womens League.

Athletics

The year of the Campbells would be an apt title for the Maynooth Athletic Club history of 1995. No other family in Ireland, not alone Maynooth, have achieved such national success as this clan. They are led by their father John who has won an All Ireland NACAI Gold Medal in Vets 1500m. and Silver in 5000m. He also crossed over to the BLE Code and won a National Silver Medal in 800m. Young David Campbell has proved a top national champion in the U/14 600m. and High Jump. His brother Philip U/11 also claimed All-Ireland Gold in the High Jump. These same athletes have won several provincial and county medals in 1995. Veteran athlete David Jolly won a National Gold Medal in 4 x 800m. relay with L. McNamee winning bronze in 3000m. Other top inter-county and national performers include Patrick O'Rourke, Declan O'Rourke, Karl Ennis, Mary O'Sullivan, Lynn Brennan, John O'Rourke Senior and Donal Lennon.

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Sports

Boxing

Early in the year we heard the sad news that, the very promising New York based, professional welter weight boxer, Jimmy McMahon from Mulhussey, Maynooth, had to retire from competitive action on precautionary medical advice. This difficult decision by the supremely fit and dedicated athlete was very painful for him and a great loss to all his numerous local fans who join in wishing him well in the future. Jimmy had won 16 professional fights and only lost one in his career to date.

Pitch and Putt

Tony Bean's course on the Dunboyne Road was honoured as the venue for the Kildare Community Games finals. The local girls team achieved outstanding success by finishing fourth in the National Community Games Finals. They were: Brid Ann O'Shea, Suzanne Butler, Margaret Callaghan, Gillian O'Hurley and Emma Cullinane. Trainer: Matt Callaghan. As they are still under-age for this event next year even greater success may be achieved.

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Top Russian Chess player Alexander Baburin took part in a tournament in Maynooth College on Thursday March 16th. Baburin who took on nine contestants simultaneously won eight games but his run of success was interrupted by Post-Graduate Brian Galligan (current Leinster Intermediate Champion) who secured a meritorious draw.

In Community Games the local U/16 Chess team attained county silver medals.

Gymnastics.

The Maynooth Gymnastic Club won the Kildare Inter-Club Tournament at Newbridge, on March 17th last. Competing in the Community Games, locals Niall Cooney and Brian Bean won gold and silver medals respectively in the County Finals.

Parachuting

In early April, local Dare Devil Christopher Byrne, from Greenfield, participated in a charity parachute jump 9,000 ft over the Bog of Allen. Christy careered towards earth at an amazing 150 m.p.h. before engaging his chute. This was in aid of the D.S.P.C.A. What about cruelty to the auld ticker Christy?

Tennis

A Maynooth Girl's team won Div. 3 of the Dublin Parks Tennis League on August 3rd. They were coached by Philippa Pentz.

Golf

In May some twenty three members of Maynooth Golfing Society took part in the annual weekend outing to Athlone. The overall winner of the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup was Ger McTernan Jnr.

Colm Feeney pipped Noel Brady by one point to win the Captain's Prize at Portarlinton in August. Normally Noel is never known to run out of pints.

John Doyle, 'a rookie', won the Christmas Hamper in September. Ken O'Brien won the Captain's Prize in Trim (October).
Overall Golfer of the Year: Sean Tracey.

Summer Project

The annual Summer Project provided plenty of sport and adventure for youngsters in July. Activities included Swimming Outings, Sports Day, Soccer, Crafts, Pitch & Putt, Tennis, Bowling and Bingo. This is a great local voluntary effort which fosters a good community spirit among the young.

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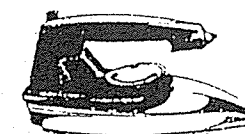
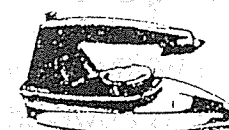
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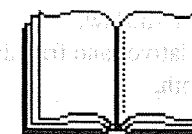


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Sports

Community Games - Athletics

Maynooth representatives in Athletics proved to be top rated contenders at the County Finals in Newbridge. Gold medal winners were David Campbell, Lynn Brennan, Muire Ennis, Pierre Ennis. Silver was won by Donal Lennon in Discus. Muireann O'Sullivan and James Mullarkey won bronze.

In the National finals in Mosney, David Campbell won Silver in 800m. Muire Ennis was 4th in 200m. and Pierre Ennis finished 7th in 600m.

Tug-o-War

Three tournaments took place in 1995.

January 8th - the Hitchin Post tournament
June 25th - the Hitchin Post Cup was a great success with four teams competing.

The Festival Tournament took place on August 13th. The main organiser of this event was Donal Finnan. This was very successful with 80 contestants competing in five sections. Helen's Hair Affair won the Women's Section for the fourth time.

Volleyball

The girl's team won bronze medals in the County Community Games Finals thanks to a great effort and the coaching of Matt Doran.

Basketball

The Boys U/13 team won bronze medals in the Kildare Community Games. Mentor: Anna Dolan.

Sympathies

Kick-Boxing

Local youngster David Tarpey of College Green won a silver medal in the National Kick-Boxing Championship recently.

Obstacle Course Record

Maynooth is expected to enter the record books for possessing the longest running Obstacle Course tournament. For almost a year now Maynooth's residents have dived with Earth Movers, JCB's, Steam Rollers, Jeeps, pot holes and boulders and still have managed to make it over Mullen Bridge and into the town!

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Husband, daughters, sons, grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Annie Walsh, Mulhussey, Kilcock, formerly Woodville, Crossmolina, Ballina and Thomas Street, Dublin.

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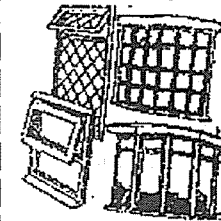


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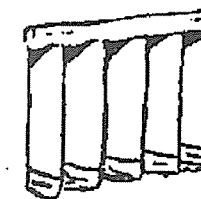
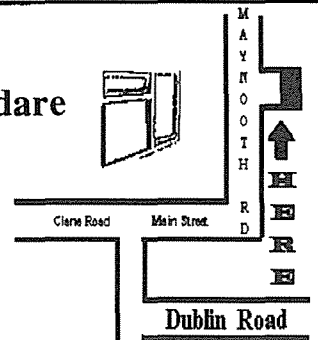
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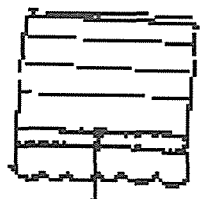


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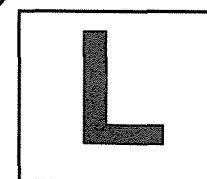
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A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan, Fr. Boylan, Dr. Hanlon, Dr. Fay, Nurse Campbell of the Health Centre, Nurse Carmel Cosgrove and the team of St. Brigid's Hospice; also to our very kind neighbours and friends for all their help and support, to Oliver Reilly, Undertakers for their kindness, help and efficiency in handling all the funeral arrangements.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

The family of the late Louisa Josephine McAssey wish to express their gratitude to all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. A special word of thanks to all who attended the services and helped out in any way.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends a very happy Christmas.

The sisters, brother, and relatives of the late Luke Farrelly, Parson Street, Maynooth, wish to express their sincere thanks to all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who attended the removal and funeral mass, those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, perpetual enrolments and floral tributes. All the neighbours and friends who were so kind and supportive. Trusting this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a personal expression of our sincere gratitude.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

The family of the late George Browne wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. The sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

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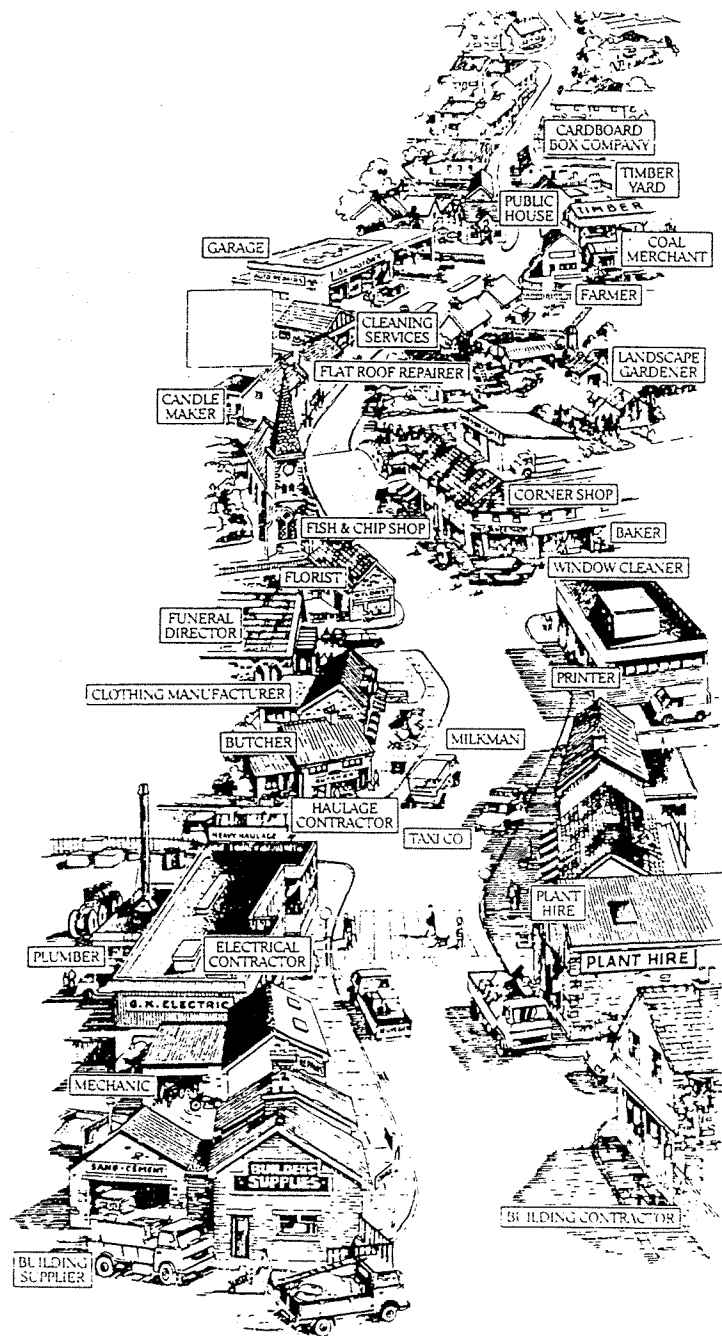
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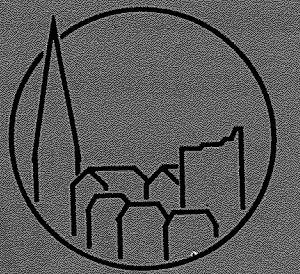
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Dr. Shelagh Waddington and students preparing for Maynooth Survey.

According to Dr. Shelagh Waddington, the survey director, it is hoped to survey between four and five hundred households in all. Most of these will be visited on a single night i.e. Tuesday February 6th. Houses missed on this night will be called to again later in the week.

Respondents will be asked about their place of work and their transport arrangements for getting to work. This information will be important for planning the future transport needs of the town, says Dr. Waddington. Respondents will be asked about facilities and amenities which they think are needed in the town, and about what they think of Maynooth as a place to live. Questions will be asked about residents' views on the future development of the town. Information will also be sought on the age profile of households.

The survey returns will provide a basis for planning the town's future development, according to Dr. Shelagh Waddington, who consulted with Maynooth Community Council in drawing up the questionnaire for the survey. The students carrying out the survey were also involved in its design as part of the Geography Department's Second Year Methodology course. Both Dr. Waddington and the Community Council appeal to the selected households to co-operate fully with the interviewers. "It is in the interest of everybody living in Maynooth that the survey be as successful as possible", states Shelagh Waddington. "A good and reliable response is vital in helping the Community Council make Maynooth a better place to live", she concluded.



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EDITORIAL

Over the next few weeks it is likely that the latest draft of the Development Plan for Maynooth will generate quite a bit of debate in the town. Some are opposed to extensive new residential development, others argue that we must allow this development to take place to acquire badly needed amenities for the town. One way or another the lack of amenities, particularly sporting facilities, is a disgrace. Which brings us to the National Lottery. The National Lottery was first proposed by Cospoir, an umbrella organisation for sporting bodies in Ireland. Originally sport was to receive 55% of the revenue raised by the lottery. This year the Government has cut the allocation to sport to £12.5 million. This works out at about 4 pence out of every pound you spend on a lottery or scratch card. At the launch of the lottery a National Sports Arena was promised, to include a 50 meter swimming pool. That was 10 years ago and all that has been spent is £1.3 million on consultancy fees for the project.

In New Zealand they have a National Lottery very similar to our own. Each year it distributes about £40 million to sport. If the same 'sports friendly' criteria were applied to our lottery then Co. Kildare could expect to receive on average £1 million pounds per year for sports projects. That would be £10 million since the lottery was begun. Instead, the lottery is used as just another form of taxation to fund various services which should be paid for from central funds. If successive governments had used our lottery funds as they were originally intended Maynooth might have the sporting facilities it so badly needs - and without having to rezone for new development to achieve them.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Traffic Lights - Bond Bridge

At the January meeting of the Community Council Tom McMullon, a member of the Executive, requested the Community Council to oppose the erection of Traffic Lights on Bond Bridge.

Tom stated that talk about the reconstruction of the bridge has been continuing for twenty three years but no action has been taken. The erection of Traffic Lights, to help alleviate the problems on Bond Bridge, was proposed by Councillor John McGinley at a recent Celbridge Area meeting. However, Tom McMullon, following discussion with the residents of the area, declared that a new bridge is needed in the area and not traffic lights. John Doogan, representative of Meadowbrook Residents' Association, supported this view. Much discussion followed. The final decision reached urged Councillors McGinley and Griffen to find out what monies have been collected by Kildare County Council from the householders in this area towards the building of the new bridge - estimated cost £700,000. When this information is available a meeting of all the residents will be called and the future of the bridge discussed. This meeting should take place at the beginning of February. The Community Council is also to write to Kildare County Council on the subject of the bridge.

The Town Plan will be on display in the Library from 19th February. Your views are welcome on this plan to the Community Council or Kildare County Council.

MAYNOOTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Planning and Development Sub-Committee

The Planning and Development Sub-Committee held its first meeting since last March on 14th December 1995 and agreed to hold a meeting for the full Community Council and other interested members of the public on 15th January 1996. At the January meeting, some of the local councillors attended to hear the views of the people who packed into the meeting room at the Community Council offices.

The Planning and Development Sub-Committee decided to give the ordinary people who live in Maynooth an opportunity to put their views to the councillors on the most important decisions that they (the councillors) would have to make on the land rezoning proposals being considered by them for the Maynooth Development Plan.

Land rezoning is the only real power that county councillors

have and it is important in using this power that they take into account the views of the people. The proposals in front of the councillors are for the rezoning of the following lands:

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- Comm./Indus.: 108 acres
- Amenity: 52 acres

Total: 534 acres (approx)

The main issues that dominate the Maynooth Development Plan are (1) Provision of amenity land and (2) Provision of a ring road linking the old Dublin road with the Motorway link road (Straffan road).

At the meeting held on 15th January and from subsequent views from the people of Maynooth to the Planning and Development Sub-Committee, the consensus is that both of these are very desirable assets to the town but the obtaining of these should not mean that the population of Maynooth should be doubled in a trade-off between housing and the provision of amenities/and a regional ring road.

The Planning and Development Sub-Committee will hold further meetings for the people of Maynooth to co-ordinate their response to the decisions made by the councillors. Remember, their decisions will affect you in a number of ways, particularly the value of your property and the potential for future job creation in Maynooth. *Be vigilant — watch this space, and make sure that your views are taken into account, before it is too late.*

The Planning and Development Sub-Committee will also be dealing with other issues in the near future as well as planning and development concerns, these will include the upgrade of public transport services to the town.

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The Editorial Board of the **Newsletter** requested the views of the five local Councillors on the issue of the Draft Development Plan and Town Plan for Maynooth. Councillors McGinley and Murphy replied. We thank them for their courtesy.

Maynooth Development Plan, Catherine Murphy View Background:

The Development Plan deals with all planning and development issues including rezoning land, marking out the location of new roads etc. The Plan looks at the adequacy or otherwise of such diverse needs as school facilities to the Fire Brigade service. It comes in the form of a written statement and Maps showing how land is currently zoned and which locations are being considered for rezoning from Agricultural to Housing uses, it also decides new road lines. The plan is supposed to be revised every five years, however the reality is, it is nearer to ten years between revisions.

My attitude to the current plan/planning:

My attitude to planning is that it must provide for the orderly development of a town. While I am not against development I am against large scale rezonings. Maynooth has a lot going for it, it has exceptional buildings and a heritage many towns would be envious of, we must be careful that is retained and developed. There are two issues dominating thinking on this development plan. One is the issue of Amenity Land, which I accept is needed. Landowners who want their land rezoned from agricultural to the more valuable residential zoning, sometimes propose the inclusion of Amenity land, the Maynooth Plan is no exception to this in some cases. I have no principled political problem with this, but my attitude is governed by two things, one the area must be suitable for residential zoning and the number of houses to be built on it must be required based on actual population needs.

The issue of new roads is quite a similar issue. The funding of roads can be done in two ways, one is by way of a Government grant, the second it is built with development levies. Take the proposed ring road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road, some would argue that this could be funded by those who build houses on the land in question, it would be necessary to rezone about 180 Acres (would give extra population of about 5000). The road is necessary but does Maynooth need 180 acres zoned for housing in that location, I don't believe it would be good for the town.

This is just a taste of what we are considering at the Celbridge Area Committee. It is expected that the plan will be decided on at that committee in mid February, and ratified at the full Council by the end of February; this would mean it would go back on display in the Library in March. The minimum display period is one month but the Celbridge Area Committee adopted my proposal to display the plan for



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two months in order to give the community a better chance to respond. This is one of the few areas where the Councillors are the major decision makers, it is also the one area of the planning process that the public can have a strong input, by making submissions etc. I feel this should be encouraged. I can be contacted at 6244903, 46 Leixlip Park, or any Saturday from 6.30 p.m. in the Roost where I would be more than happy to hear views on the issue.

Main Street Improvement plan

£200,000 was recently allocated by the National Roads Authority for the purpose of refurbishing what was a National Primary route, and is now a Regional Road for which Kildare County Council have responsibility. The Council retained a consultant to prepare a design for these works which include improvements to the carriageway and footpaths (natural stone paving), junction improvements (including Moyglare and Dunboyne junctions), provision of parking bays and bus stops, and undergrounding of overhead cables.

The Council have informed me that the plan will be available for inspection at Maynooth Library during normal opening times and at the Road Design Section, at the Council Offices in Naas. The Council are seeking your views which will be welcome in writing up to the 5th March at 5p.m.

The location involved in this plan is from Traveller's Halting site to the college entrance on the Kilcock Road. It is expected when the plan is adopted that work will commence on the Main Street section during 1996 the next phase will be done when monies come available.

Councillor Catherine Murphy

Maynooth Development Plan, John McGinley's View

Following extensive consultations and evaluation of submissions over the past 18 months the written section of the plan has been completed and agreed by Kildare County Council. The written section includes Policy on Planning, Utility Services, Transport and Traffic, Housing, Employment, Community Facilities (schools, churches, libraries, health services, refuse collection, post and telecommunications, electricity supply and fire service), Shopping, Offices, Derelict Sites and Obsolete Areas, Amenity and Tourism. It also includes the objectives for all of these areas in addition to development control within the Maynooth Development Boundary.

All that remains to be agreed is the roads plan and the zoning of land.

When we as your local councillors agreed the Draft Plan in February '95 we had requests from landowners for the rezoning of 640 acres of land from agriculture to residential. There were no requests from landowners to rezone to

amenity. We agreed to rezone 15 acres residential (housing), 17 acres amenity, 15 acres light industry and 100 acres as green belt. This draft plan went on display for three months so that the public and landowners could make their views known to the council.

When we met on the 12th January last to consider the submissions made on the draft we had rezoning requests for:

New Residential —————	374 acres
General Development —————	36 acres
Industry/Retail/Commercial —	77 acres
Amenity Open Space —————	52 acres

No decisions were made at that meeting and a further full day meeting will be held on 22nd January (after **Newsletter** copydate). It is expected that the second draft will be agreed and it will then go to the full council meeting at the end of February. This draft will then on display for a final period of one month (minimum) so that the public can make their comments.

How we will reach our decisions:

Our role as councillors is to draw up a plan in accordance with proper planning and development of the area.

In my view it is essential that we cater for the needs of the schools, the soccer club and the G.A.A. club by zoning appropriate land amenity so that they can develop playing pitches. In addition we need to provide sufficient open space in the town for passive recreation activities to serve the needs of the towns existing and future population.

With regard to road development, it is my view that the distributor road between Meadowbrook and Straffan Road is urgently required to facilitate access to the motorway for the Newtown Road area and to remove traffic from the town centre. I will be insisting that traffic calming measures are included in the design in the interests of safety. It is also vital that the ring road between Blacklion and Straffan Road is included and that arrangements are made to ensure its completion.

According to the Planners in the council, the present population of Maynooth is 9,062 and with 118 acres still to be built on, from the old plan, this would increase the population by 3,200. As the new plan will last for 10 years the planners agree that further rezoning is required. The difficulty arises when it comes to the amount of rezoning required, with the planners advising between 70 and 135 acres and the County Engineer advising a significantly higher figure.

Armed with this conflicting advice, with 52 written submissions, with 21 oral hearings and taking into account the views expressed at the public meeting in the Community Council office, your five councillors have to make their decisions in the best interests of the people of Maynooth.

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Councillor John McGinley

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

At this moment in time we are compiling a report on the first phase of our Tidy Towna Community Employment FAs Scheme.

We thank the workers under the direction of Martin Sherry for their work over the past 12 months.

Work undertaken as follows:

- Carton Avenue - Cut grass and tidy up trees - Clean up cans, bottles, etc.
- Put rockery opposite church and landscape same.
- Landscape Pound St. Park near the Mill.
- Cut grass in greens opposite church, outside school and opposite Maynooth Shopping Centre.
- Harbour Road, plant and maintain various areas.

For the next 12 months we will be, as requested, working and landscaping the Harbour Field.

Next month more news on our plans for '96.

Footnote or rather Wheel note

The Tidy Towns Committee extend New Year greetings to the four Christians who attended 1 o'clock Mass on Sunday 14th January and parked their cars on the island at the junction opposite the R.C. Church.

We pray that they receive more favourable results from their worship, than the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee have received for their efforts to beautify this island.

Richard Farrell. P.R.O.

SUMMER PROJECT

We are now starting our 1996 year and plans are now already in place for a very exciting Project. We had a very successful Christmas Disco in the G.A.A. Our thanks to the G.A.A. for the venue and for all their help on the night. We had twenty adult staff to help on the night and one hundred children attended the Disco. A great night was had by all and there were absolutely no problems with any of the children attending the Disco.

Once the children came into the Disco they were not allowed out until it finished at 11p.m. Rumour had it that there were some problems on the Moyglare Road after the Disco. Unfortunately the Summer Project Committee and their helpers cannot be responsible for children once they leave the premises. It is their parents responsibility to see that they get home safely.

The Committee are very busy at the moment organising for July 1996. If you have any new ideas or suggestions for the Project, do not hesitate to contact Maynooth Community Council. New members and helpers are always welcome. Any further information, contact 6285922.

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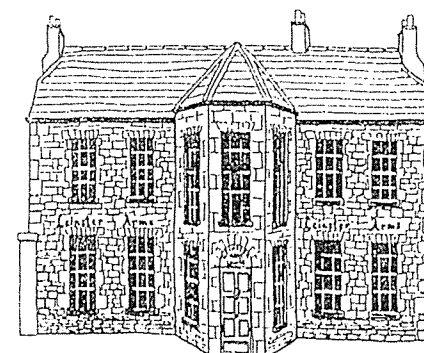
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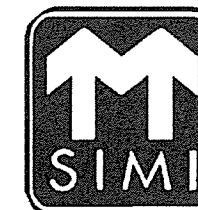


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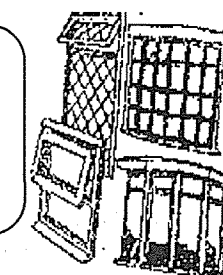
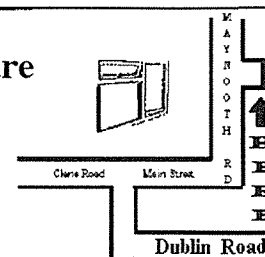
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The time has come around again and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee had their first meeting last week to start on the preparations for the Maynooth Parade. We hope this year to have a bigger and better parade with the extra houses and businesses in the town. The new road should add a new dimension to the route of the parade. We would welcome any band that would like to take part in the parade and also any majorettes. The theme for the parade this year is Maynooth Towards the Year 2000, hopefully the floats taking part this year will take up the theme as proposed by John McGinley, Secretary of the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Committee.

If you have any queries or require any additional information on the Parade please contact Community Council Office Tel. 6285922 or John McGinley Tel 6285293 (after six).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am writing to you on behalf of the Maynooth 75th Anniversary Committee of the 1916 Easter Rising. Our committee was formed in 1991 as a local contribution to the national movement to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Rising.

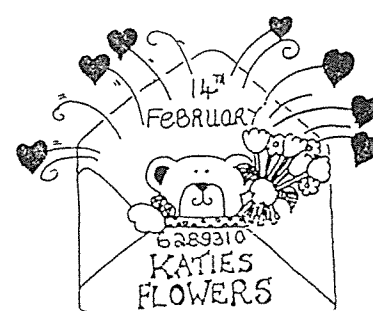
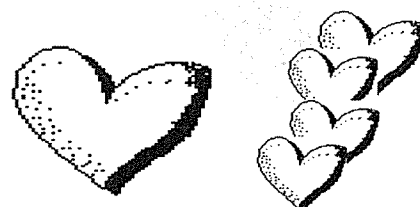
We organised a series of events including a photographic exhibition and cultural afternoon in the parish hall and erected the now vandalised plaque in Pound Park in memory of the Maynooth men who fought in the Rising.

We wish to welcome recent press announcements that the 50th anniversary committee will erect a major memorial in the new square. We look forward to its unveiling and congratulate all involved.

For our part in this the 80th anniversary year we intend to restore the plaque in Pound Park and publish a pamphlet on the Maynooth contribution to the rising. We will be compiling as much information as possible and look forward to assistance from relatives of the Maynooth men and indeed from members of the 50th anniversary committee.

Finally we wish to state that it is our view that the importance of 1916 memorials is that they help to remind us that the ideals, as set out in the Proclamation, i.e. "National Freedom and Sovereignty" and "equal opportunities to all its citizens", have clearly not yet been achieved.

Michael Quinn



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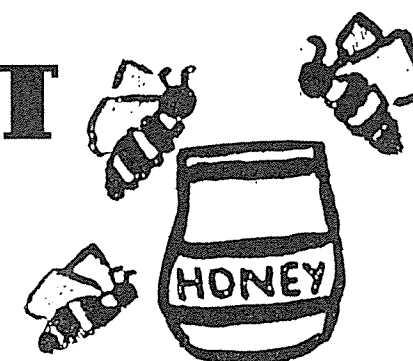
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BAND BULLETIN

We are now settling into the New Year and at the time of writing are looking forward to our Annual General Meeting on 22nd January. We will have a full list of the "Fall Guys (and Gals)" in the March Bulletin. Who knows, even that may be put together by a new scribe?

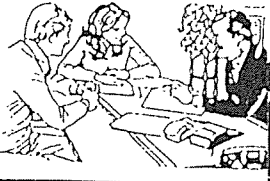
A quick look back at the last weeks of December in which we failed, unfortunately, to keep our promise to visit all areas with our Carol Recitals. Due to our inability to control the Weather Forecaster our plans were very much a washout on several nights so we did our best to spread ourselves as far as possible. Speaking of spreading, with the rapid expansion of the town it looks like we may never again achieve our all area target but we live in hope. However we would like to thank most sincerely all who contributed to the "white buckets" on our rounds and in the two shopping centres. Your generosity is really appreciated. With support like that, there is every reason to believe that there will always be a Band in Maynooth.

Our traditional Christmas morning parade went ahead as usual despite the arctic conditions. The extra long Christmas Masses led to frozen fingers and frigid feet as we waited patiently outside the Church. Happily, we found that we could actually walk when we moved off. Unhappily when we reached the middle of the Main Street we found that old Santa Claus had not come and the Square was in the same state as we had left it the previous night. Ah sure maybe next year.... Due to the inclement weather and Santa's broken promise we did not linger but again maybe next year.....

New Year's Eve was a little less hectic than previous years because it seems time stood still for so many. We had played the old year out and the new one in the company of a smaller than usual group of traditionalists and departed after the normal fifteen minutes into the New Year. Lo and behold revellers later appeared looking for the Band. Maybe next year.....

We are glad to report that the new music classes have started into their second term with very few dropouts. We now have classes in recorder, flute, clarinet and brass and the Band Hall is now open almost every night of the week. It really is a delight to see so many young (and a few not too young) people showing a keen interest in learning music. We hope this will continue.

I think that brings us up to date for now and I hope you will continue reading the "BULLETIN" even if there is a new compiler.

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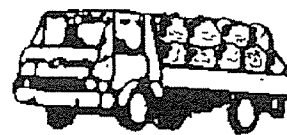

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

Maynooth I.C.A. Guild held it's first meeting of 1996 on Thursday 11th January. Mrs. Marion Souhan, President, welcomed the large attendance and wished the ladies "A Very Happy New Year".

A.I.B./I.C.A. Guild Project

This project requires Guilds to select an EU country, excluding Ireland and (1) make a flag of the country; (2) dress a doll in the national costume of the country; (3) plan a three course menu of the chosen country and select one course, together with recipe for tasting and display; (4) explore trade links between Ireland and chosen country and (5) make a verbal presentation on the life of a woman who has made an impact on the country. As Ireland has the presidency of the EU in 1996, it was felt that this was an appropriate time for our members to learn more about our European neighbours.

This competition is held every two years and so far our Guild in Maynooth has performed very well. We took the overall prize for Kildare on one occasion and have been placed in other years. An ad hoc committee has been formed to prepare our presentation for this project and the ladies will be very busy over the next few weeks. More details in next Newsletter.

Counselling Service

The I.C.A. are very fortunate to have an excellent counselling service available to its members nation-wide and all for the cost of a local call. The councillor is Mrs. Regina Martin and she would welcome a call from any member who may be experiencing problems such as; sexual abuse, marriage breakdown, bereavement, stress, etc. Regina is in her office two days each week. Up to mid January Regina was there on Mondays and Tuesdays but in the future her days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays. So, anyone wishing to talk to Regina, in confidence, should call: **1850 652 652 Wednesdays or Thursdays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.**

Art Classes

Art classes will recommence on Thursday 8th February in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth. The fee is £2 per night and all I.C.A. members are welcome to attend. The classes start at 8.00p.m. and further details are available from our Arts Promoter, Pattie Lavin on 6286696.

Activities

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning starting at 10.45a.m. Our Sports Officer, Margaret Houlihan, also organised a morning bowling in Palmerstown on Monday 22nd January. This was enjoyed by all the ladies who participated and lets hope we will be able to return in the near

future. Crafts are on in the I.C.A. Hall on Monday nights (8.00p.m.) and Wednesday mornings (10.30a.m.) New members are always welcome to come along to any of our activities.

Golfing Society News

The Kildare I.C.A. Golfing Society would welcome new members. Anyone interested in finding out more about this society should contact Breda Cronin. We congratulate Breda, who is a member of our Guild, on her election to the post of P.R.O. for the Golfing Society.

Night Out Cancelled

The night out to the theatre which was planned for 18th January, unfortunately, had to be cancelled. This was due to the fact that the play's run had come to an end. However, Irene Matthews and Rosemary Hanley are trying to arrange another night out at the end February/March. Details at February Guild meeting.

Next Meeting

Our next Guild meeting will be on Thursday 1st February at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. The competition on that night will be "A Funny Valentine Verse". We also hope to have a guest speaker, so we are looking forward to a large attendance.

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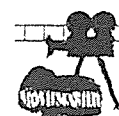
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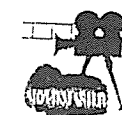
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CELBRIDGE CLUB WOULD SNAP UP NEW MEMBERS

Celbridge Camera Club was established in 1985 by a few dedicated photographers and from such small beginnings it has grown in reputation and size to become one of the most respected and well organised clubs in the Leinster region.

The club caters for all types of photographers; Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. However, all members of the club have the same standing from the absolute beginner to the most distinguished advanced member; all are treated with equal respect, as it is the club's intention to ensure that all members enjoy their hobby.

The aims of the club are simply to promote photography as an enjoyable and fulfilling pastime. However, in doing so they also develop a feel for the art of photography. They feel sure that the people who have never had the advantage of camera club membership and have taken what they feel are very good pictures find that, after they have bored all around them silly, they have no market for their favourite pictures. If you are a member of a camera club you can enter them in the club, Regional, National or International competitions. If on the other hand you have just purchased your first camera or have one of the new fangled ones and don't quite know what all the little things are for, the best place to learn to use it to the full advantage is in the camera club.

During the first year new members are 'paired' with one of the experienced photographers who is always on hand to advise and assist in whatever way they can.

The club's season has been under way now for the past few months but as it virtually never ends it is never too late to join and enjoy many of the excellent facilities that the club has to offer. There is a full set of studio lights complete with accessories and backdrops. Also available is a Tripod, Slide Projector and Screen, Mount Cutters (for print presentation) and the use of numerous photographic books from the club's library. The club darkroom is available seven days per week from 11a.m. to 10p.m.

All of the above facilities are free of charge to club members, however, a small charge is made for the use of the darkroom.

The club meets officially every Monday night from September to June at 8 p.m. in the Slip Hall where they have Guest Speakers, Workshops, Monthly Competitions and a wide variety of other interesting sessions. However, possibly the most valuable aspect of the 'Club Nights' is meeting and discussing successes and problems with other members. Social and photographic outings are also run to various places and events.

You can judge from the above the distinct advantages of membership of the club, so why not come along next Monday night to the 'Slip Hall' beside Castletown Gates in Celbridge, make new friends and begin to really enjoy your photography.

Members look forward to meeting lots of new faces during the coming months. The club is particularly interested in new members and anybody else interested in photography - be they beginners or amateurs (professionals not excluded) - it caters for all.

As part of the business the club run basic courses in photography. The next course commences on Monday, 12 February, at 7.30 p.m. in the Lower Slip Hall, Castletown Gates, Celbridge. Enrolment for the course takes place each Monday night in the Slip Hall from now until 12th February. The course, which covers all aspects of modern photography and costs just £25, is broad and comprehensive and is ideal for those starting out or that little bit more advanced who wish to sharpen their photographic knowledge and understanding.

Any enquiries in relation to the club and the beginners course should be made to either Mark Sedgwick or Michael Davitt at 6273476 or 6288904 who will gladly give you all the facts about what is one of the best Camera Clubs in Ireland.

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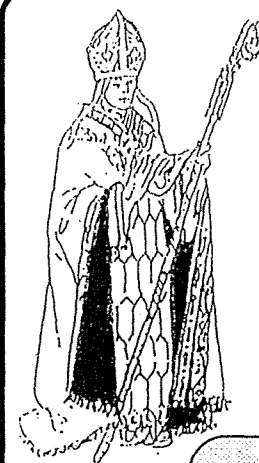
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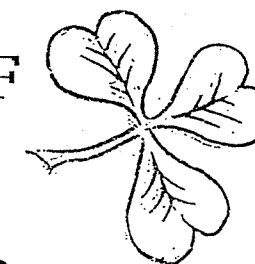
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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Now is the time for planning improvements in our gardens. On February 20th at 8.00p.m. Dorothy Hill, R.H.S.I. lecturer, will give a talk on planting a border with all year colour in mind. This should be an inspiration to anyone interested in low maintenance gardening. Venue: Loftus Hall, Maynooth College. Admission: £3.00 to non-members.

A cheque for £810 has been given to the association of Irish Flower Arrangers for their Alzheimers fund. This money was mainly raised at an "Open Day" at Charlie and Sarah Angel's beautiful garden, a Name The Doll Competition, and plant sales at our monthly meetings. The doll donated by our chairperson Maureen Stephens was won by Margaret Howe.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported these events.

Our secretary is busy at the moment organising a gala demonstration for March 14th when we have an overseas demonstrator Mr. Michael Bowyer, coming to Ireland on his first visit. Tickets for this demonstration will be £6 including supper.

PROGRAMME FOR 1996

All meetings to be held at 8p.m. sharp on the third Tuesday of each month in The Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

FEBRUARY 20th: A garden talk by Dorothy Hill
- "Paint your Borders".

Competitions:

A "Jack Frost" Landscape exhibit. Space 30"
B & C "Romantic Evening"
- a dinner table exhibit. Space 24"

Plant Competition: 3 stems of any Spring flower

MARCH 14th: Demonstrator: Michael Bowyer
- "Vernal Variations".

MARCH 15th: Day school. Details later.

APRIL 4th: Hosting A.O.I.F.A. Educational day
co-ordinator & Judge Brid Kelleher.

APRIL 16th: Spring Show - Details later.

MAY 21st: Demonstrator: Susan Mulvihill
Competitions:

A "Spring in the Air".
A modern exhibit. Space 18"
B & C A modern exhibit
using five flowers. Space 18"

Plant Competition: 1 stem of flowering shrub.

JUNE 18th: Demonstrator: Deirdre Ryan
A, B, C A Foliage exhibit.
Space A - 30", B & C - 24"

JUNE 29th: Annual outing.

SEPTEMBER 17th: Demonstrator: Dympna Kiernan
Competitions:

A Holiday memories. Space 30"
B & C "Get well soon" an exhibit in a
basket. Space 24"

Plant Competition: 1 stem of an Flowering Herbaceous
perennial.

OCTOBER 15th:

A.G.M.

"A plant identification", organised by Sarah
Angel and Noeleen O'Brien.

NOVEMBER 6th: - Day School.

Ideals for Christmas.

Ethna Nugent and Teresa Ledwith.

NOVEMBER 19th:

Demonstrator: Lynda Murphy

Competitions:

A, B & C Collage "My favourite picture"

Plant Competition:

1 stem berried shrub.

DECEMBER 10th:

Demonstrator: Fr. Sean McEvoy

Competitions:

A "Lets Party". Space 30"
B & C Christmas Parcel. Space 18".
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Plant Competition: Flowering Pot Plant.

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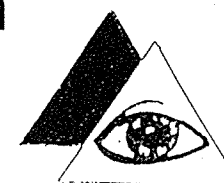
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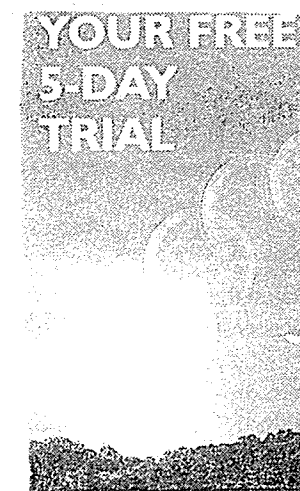


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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

We are now well into the new year and despite the bad rainy weather the Royal Canal workers are back stonewalling and maintaining the canal and surrounds. As well as the workers diligence we have an input into the Community Employment Scheme from three university students from Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin and Bolton Street. They have worked together and between them they have designed and specified a new footbridge. They hope to have their work exhibited in the Library sometime in March. A definite date will be published in the next Newsletter.

We are always in need of stones for our work on the canal and anybody out there who wants to get rid of rubble or stone or wants an old wall removed we will be pleased to oblige.

Station Car Park: It will be a couple of months yet before the car park is open so bear with us and we will probably have an opening date in the next Newsletter.

Royal Canal Corridor Study

The G.A.A. very kindly provided Croke Park as the venue for the launch of the Royal Canal Corridor Study. The launch took place on Monday 22nd January and was attended by the Office of Public Works, Heritage and Waterways personnel and local representatives involved with the planning and development of the Royal Canal. Michael D. Higgins was the guest speaker and he thanked the G.A.A. for putting the premises at their disposal and the support they have given to the Royal Canal Corridor Study. He also stated that community involvement in the Royal Canal was necessary and good.

Planning and Development (as put forward by the Royal Canal Corridor Study)

The County Kildare Development Plan (1985) recognises the potential of the Royal Canal as a recreational amenity for the populations of Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock. It is the policy of the Council, in association with the Waterways Service, to encourage the protection and development of the amenity, tourist and recreational value of the canals in the county. The Council recognises the educational, scientific and recreational value of the Royal Canal and adjoining features at Louisa Bridge and the Rye water valley. It is the policy of the Council to have studies undertaken in these areas and to co-operate in the implementation of environmental management plans. Kildare County Council also aims to protect items of architectural or archaeological interest associated with the Royal and Grand Canals, including bridges, navigation aids and locks.

Proposals for Maynooth

- Improve the town centre and community links to canal by incorporating cruiser base, accommodation, pubs, restaurants and residential use.
- Improve the People's Park and its relationship to canal.
- Provide formal tree planting on south bank adjacent to existing and proposed suburban development.
- Retain existing hedgerows as buffers to future urban expansion.
- Remove existing footbridge and integrate Mullen Bridge as pedestrian/cyclist route.
- Provide a visual focus on harbour island.
- Develop a nature conservation management plan for this section of the canal corridor.

Frieda Kelleher

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our Annual Dinner took place this year on Sunday January 7th and we had the distinction of being the first to use the newly built assembly hall in the Post Primary School. This is indeed a wonderful facility and we thank Mr. Tom Ashe, not only for this year, but for the past thirteen years of co-operation and generosity in this regard.

The evening was most enjoyable and I attribute its success to three main ingredients! Good food, good company and good music. The good food of course was the full Christmas compliment supplied and sponsored by our friend and benefactor Mr. Peter O'Brien who has also supported us for the past thirteen years. The good company was our friends from Kilcloon, Mulhussey and Pagetown who joined us for the evening and the good music was supplied by "Bourbon Street". This is a band well worth hearing and I would recommend them for any event. The complete blend for a wonderful evening. Many thanks to all who helped make the occasion memorable.

Congratulations to all who won prizes in the various draws. Well done to the winners and runners up in our Waltzing competition! Ita McTernan and Angela Caffrey, Bill and Moira Moore, Pat and Peg Smith, Tony Flynn and Mary Mulcahy, Imelda Delaney and Betty Farrell, all of whom can

Old Peoples Annual Dinner



Old Peoples' Annual Dinner

L - R: Margaret Dowling, Kitty Thomson, Nan Fleming (The Three Flowers)



Old Peoples' Annual Dinner

J. Moore & Catherine Mulready thank Tom Ashe for use of the school for the past 16 years.



Old Peoples' Annual Dinner

"Bourbon Street" L - R: Ollie, Kevin, Eamon, Michael, Dermot

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trip the light fantastic so well. (Morosini Whelan eat your heart out).

Our Club is in full swing now after the break and all Senior Citizens are welcome along.

Our Valentine's Party will be held on Sunday the 18th February in the Post Primary School. Don't forget your partners as there will be a prize for the most romantic couple. Of course if you don't have a partner you might consider writing a romantic verse or two. We'll give a prize for the best.

A reminder now, that our A.G.M. takes place on Tuesday, February 6th, in the Health Centre at 8pm. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in our work is welcome to come along.

J. Moore

Celbridge Friendship and Support Group

We are a self-help group offering friendship and support to separated people in the area. We meet every Thursday night from 8.15pm to 10.00pm in St. Eustace Centre, Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Our meetings have a sharing, educational and social content, and confidentiality is assured. All separated people are welcome. For further information: phone 6288758 or 6288019.

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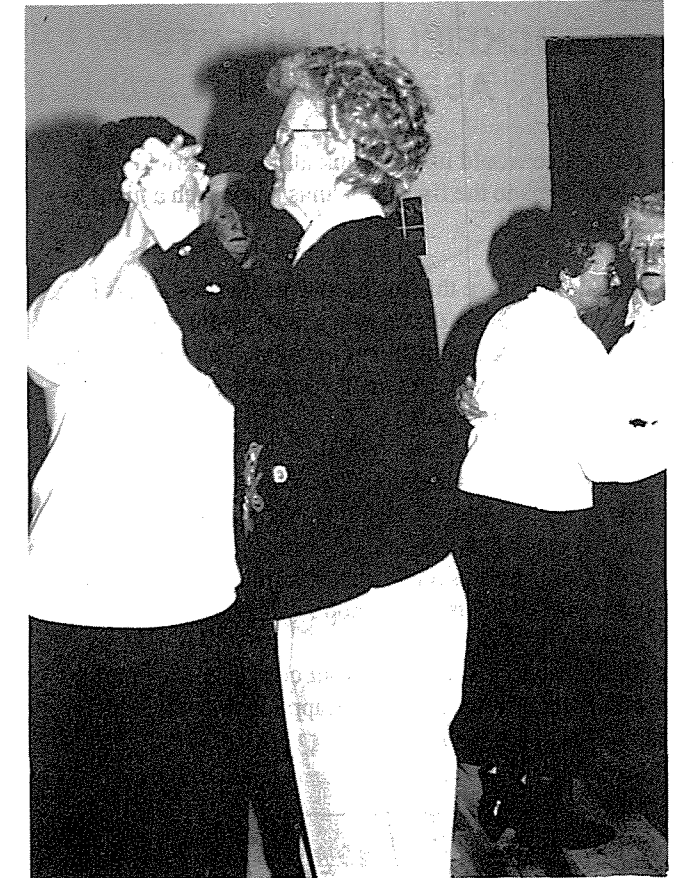
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winners of Waltzing Competition*



*Old Peoples' Annual Dinner
Bill & Moire Moore
Runners up in Waltzing Competition*



*Old Peoples' Annual Dinner
J. Moore thanks Peter O'Brien for his generosity in
sponsoring the annual dinner for the past 16 years*

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ROCKFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The committee would like to thank all the Rockfield party animals who made the first Christmas party such a night to remember.

It was no coincidence that the party was such a success given that the Glenroyal was the chosen venue, both for the excellent service and convenient location. Our thanks to the Glenroyal Management and staff. Our grateful thanks also to our many local sponsors.

Our younger residents had their own party, also in the Glenroyal, when a Scottie Santa came to town. Santa was a big hit, but we do have some tips for next year. Please remember your wellies and do note that identical dolls for six-year-olds does cause confusion regarding ownership.

The committee look forward to your continued support for social and other events in 1996. Happy New Year to all the residents.

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The ladies should be working and/or raising a family and also have community involvement. The winner will receive a trophy plus a cash prize at Kildare level, and will go forward to take part in the M'Lady Eireann Competition which will take place during the Balbriggan Festival on Saturday 8th June.

The winner at National level will receive a cash prize and a weekend for two at the famous Thalgo Beauty Institute in Paris. She will also receive the Studio O'Gamhna designed M'Lady Erin Trophy and the M'Lady Erin Crown designed by Anthony Murphy "Goldsmith". The Crown will be hers for the duration of her reign.

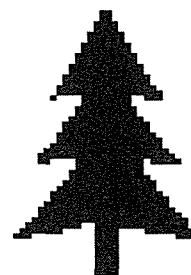
The theme of the competition is a celebration of today's women while working and/or raising a family who still find time to be active in their community and helping in its development. We are inviting local clubs, organisations and societies in Kildare to nominate a representative to participate in M'Lady Kildare.

The entry fee for the competition is £20 per entry. All entries to **Norah Mc Dermott, Maynooth Community Council, Main Street, Maynooth before Thursday 15th February.** Phone 6285922 Fax: 6285079

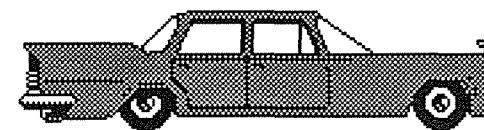


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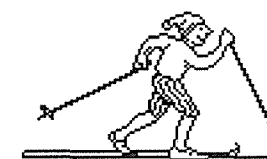
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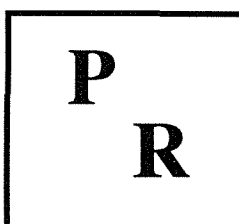
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DIARY DATES

5th February

Celbridge Camera Club. Meeting 8pm every Monday from September to June in the Slip Hall.

6th February

Old Peoples Committee are holding their A.G.M. in the Health Centre on Tuesday 8th February.

8th February

Maynooth Post Primary School's production of "Calamity Jane", will begin on Thursday 8th February and run until Sunday 11th February.

I.C.A. Counselling Service for members is held every Wednesday & Thursday from 10.00 am to 4.00pm, telephone 1850 652 652. Art classes will recommence in the I.C.A. Hall on the 8th February at 8pm.

18th February

The Old Peoples Committee will be having their Valentine's Party on Sunday 18th February in the Post Primary School.

19th February

Maynooth Town Improvement Plan will be on display until February 19th in the Library.

20th February

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club will be presenting a lecture by Dorothy Hill, R.H.S.I. - "Planting a border with all year colour in mind" in Loftus Hall, in Maynooth College.

Admission: £3.00 to non-members.

Maynooth Pitch and Putt course now open weekends during February and March. Course re-opens fully at 2pm Sunday 17th March.

Lucan Community College - Summer School is now taking bookings. Telephone 6282077 (office hours), 4591567, (after office hours) 6271094.

G.A.A. Club Set Dancing Classes will be held in the Clubhouse every Tuesday at 9 pm. Instructor: Brendan O'Grady.

G.A.A. training for under-age players every Saturday morning in St. Mary's Park. Help needed for all under-age training.

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band are holding new music classes, now in their second term in the recorder, flute, clarinet and brass in the Band Hall.

7th March

M'Lady Kildare Competition. Glenroyal Hotel

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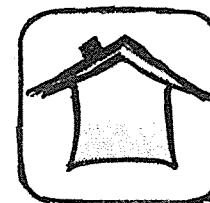
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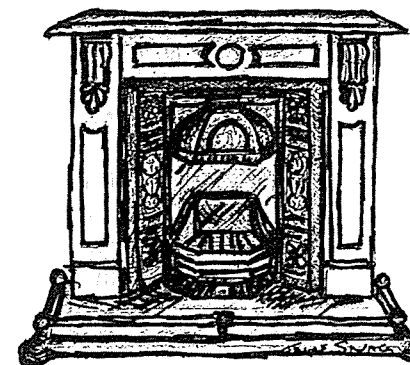
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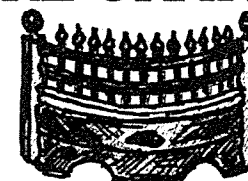
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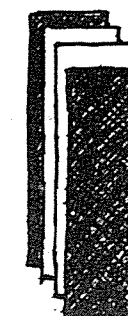


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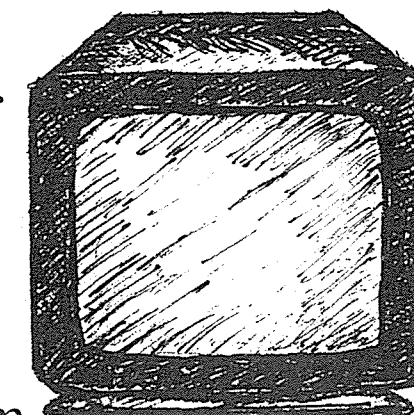
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LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Lucan Community College will again stage its highly successful Summer School this year. The four week programme is aimed at Leaving Certificate students who are studying French and German, and at both Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students in the case of Irish. The emphasis will be on oral and aural as well as written. There will be a terminal examination and a certificate awarded showing results achieved.

The Summer School is an answer to the growing need for better standards in languages. Also it answers the oft repeated criticism that a modern well equipped school with a new language laboratory should be left idle for the summer months.

The four week programme is aimed at students preparing for the Leaving Cert in French and German and at both Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students in the case of Irish. The programme including short breaks and a half hour session for games, will run in one hour classes from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. each day.

As a response to the large volume of enquiries, Irish has been added to the curriculum this year. This will be offered at two levels, i.e Junior Cert and Leaving Cert standard. The Summer School will be open to students from all areas. The cost of the course is £100. Application forms and further information are available from the college.

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Following the success of the musical "Oliver" performed by the students of Maynooth Post Primary School in February 1995, it has been decided to stage "Calamity Jane" this year. The production will be staged at the Parish Hall Maynooth, commencing Thursday February 8th at 8pm and continuing nightly at the same time for four nights. The last performance will take place on Sunday, February 11th. The majority of the cast are transition year students. In charge of production are Fr. David Boylan and Ms. Mary Murphy.

Now that the new Assembly Hall is completed, the Parents Association would like to acknowledge the hard work put in by, and the commitment of Mr. Tom Ashe and his staff to this project. We would also like to thank the parents, and everyone who contributed to this venture. This Hall is a tremendous asset to the school, and no doubt will prove invaluable to present and future students.

It has been proposed to hold an American Tea Party/Sixties Night early in April 1996. Details of same will be published in the March Newsletter.

Michael Dillane (P.R.O)

Careers Exhibition - Tuesday 16th January.

A highly successful Careers Exhibition was held in the school at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th January. There were 42 Exhibition stands from a variety of Careers/Colleges and over 400 students and parents from our own and neighbouring schools. Our new Assembly Hall proved to be invaluable as a venue. We also availed of the gym as a second venue.

Many thanks to all our Exhibitors, to the staff members who helped out and to a dedicated group of students - Junior Certificate and First Year - who worked so hard that day and later in the evening, to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

Eunice Haughney
(Guidance Counsellor)

School News

(1) **Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition 1996**
Congratulations to Aoibheann O'Sullivan and Sarah Commene who successfully completed a project for the Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition. The title of their project was as follows: "Which school system gives better preparation for life, single sex or co-ed?" The girls were most unfortunate in their choice of subject. They originally set out to compare the Leaving Certificate grades of the two systems but were unaware that a government survey was being conducted into this area. They were also unaware that the findings of the government review body would be issued about a month before the Aer Lingus Exhibition was due to take place.

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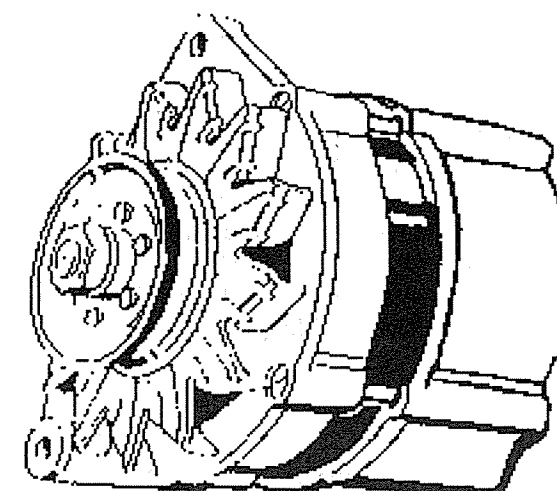
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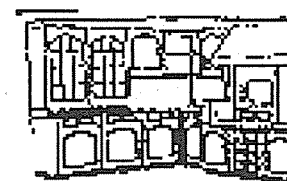
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The girls prepared questionnaire forms which were sent to thirty randomly chosen single sex schools and thirty randomly chosen co-educational schools. They wanted to compare like with like and could only do this by randomly selecting school names from a raffle drum. Of the sixty schools surveyed, only one school replied. Unfortunately, most schools regarded examination results as highly confidential and were reluctant to give out any information in spite of guarantees of confidentiality. Faced with this dilemma, the two girls sought the advice of experts in the Education Departments of Universities, who advised them to change their line of research from examination results to personal development and preparation for life. This meant that their earlier research was of no value to them as a totally new approach had to be adopted a month before the exhibition was due to begin.

Resulting from interviews and surveys among students of both educational systems, the girls found a majority of students in favour of co-education. The government findings were also in favour of co-education. The two girls believe that the future of Irish education in the twenty first century will depend on the co-educational system.

(2) Gaelic Football

Maynooth Post Primary School, who were Under Fourteen winners of the Leinster Colleges (Dublin Section) recently in Croke Park, are scheduled to play the Leinster Final against the winners of north Leinster section (Kells Community School) and the south Leinster section (Bunclogh F.C.J.). Our match is scheduled for 20th of February.

Michael J Walsh

POETRY

Social

Mind elsewhere
It is not even formed
That thought
"I couldn't be bothered"
Nothing to say
Preliminary formalities aside
Nothing more
Forced chitchat
Draining my brain
Along with the alcohol.
I must abandon ship
Before I drown.

Renewed Attempts

I wanted to write a song
There was so much
That needed to be said
I should have sung it
in my song.



But now I'm on the verge
of breaking free
My poor soul is so confused
She doesn't know
Whether to laugh or to cry.

So sometimes I sink
Into the underworld
Of black and blue and soul-
seeking

And
Sometimes I try
To reach for the sky.

I'm just trying to take it
One day at a time.
Singing soulfully one moment
Breaking mirrors the next.
Sarah O'Connor

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It'll make Beauty Queens forget their good looks,
It'll make all your children forget their school books.

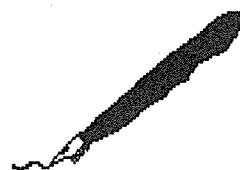
It'll take a grand speaker and make him a bore,
It'll rape your dear mother and make your sister a whore.
It'll make a school teacher forget how to teach,
It'll make the good preacher no more want to preach.

It'll take your rent money and you'll be evicted,
It'll murder your babies they'll be born addicted.
It'll make you lie, cheat, steal, injure and kill,
It'll drain all your will-power and then take your will.

It'll make shootin' and stabbing a common affair,
Once it's taken charge sure you won't have a prayer.
The day you agree to sit down on its saddle,
Is a day you'll regret that you ever did dabble.

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To everyone our most grateful thanks.

MARY COWHEY - SECRETARY.

Scoil Ui Riada Serving Maynooth/Kilcock

Scoil Ui Riada is the all Irish primary school serving the North Kildare areas of Kilcock/Maynooth and the adjoining hinterland some of which is in Co. Meath.

Scoil Ui Riada was established by parents from both Maynooth and Kilcock communities in 1986. Scoil Ui Riada serves the families from both areas who have an interest in education through the medium of Irish and we do not see the need for a second Scoil Lan Ghaelach. Management and all ad hoc committees are made up of parents from both areas.

During the last nine years the parents from Maynooth, Kilcock and Co. Meath have put a lot of time, effort and money into Scoil Ui Riada with the support of the Department of Education and the business and local Communities, to provide the facilities which our children enjoy today. Our efforts are just now coming to fruition and hopefully during next year the further facilities of a hall, library and extra rooms will also be made available to the school.

If there is another school required in this area for those interested in all Irish Education, it is a Meanscoil (Second level all Irish School). This would mean that our children from Maynooth and Kilcock who are at present attending Scoil Ui Riada could make the natural progression to a second level Scoil Lan Ghaelach.

To ensure that the communities of North Kildare supporting education through Irish continue to be strong and united, rather than fragmented and weak we require your continuing support, and we assure you that Scoil Ui Riada will continue

to serve your needs.

All those wishing to register their child/children for September 1996 should contact the school immediately.

If you have any queries please contact the school 01-6287906 or any member of the Bord of Management 01-6287024.

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Just around the corner

"Just Gifts" will be moving from their Aladdin's cave on Main Street around the corner to one of the new shop units in The Square. After an extremely busy Christmas, rather than rest on her laurels Terri Rogers began preparing to move to her newer, bigger premises and should be safely installed by the time we go to print. Moving all those delicate objects should turn out to be an interesting juggling act and we look forward to seeing Terri wending her way through the traffic and across the square to the new shop. No doubt her many customers will be making the same trip in search of those little curios, pictures, delph, and knick-knacks which currently are on display in her shop but will soon adorn houses the length and breadth of the land, each one picked with thought and purpose but presented as "just gifts".

Royal Wedding

On Sunday, February 11th, between 2p.m. and 6p.m., the main function room of the Glenroyal Hotel will be filled with balloons, flowers, things old, new, borrowed and blue as their first Wedding Fair gets underway. At 3 o'clock a fashion show will provide a glimpse of the future for brides and bridegrooms to be. Amongst the contributors will be "Something Special" bridal shop from Naas. Also on the day there will be flower and balloon displays by "Katie's Flowers".



Helen Courtney, Assistant Manager Glenroyal Hotel, preparing for the wedding fair.

'New Print' from Newbridge will have a large selection of wedding stationery to choose from. For the gents, there will be formal hire, beauty tips, and of particular interest to the father of the bride, financial advice from Coonans. For that perfect grooming "Helen's Hair Affair", and local make-up and beauty specialists will be in attendance. Photography and videography by Pat Foley from Kilcullen, limousine hire, in fact everything you need to make the day special will be on display. Free tea and coffee on the day in the luxurious surroundings of the Glenroyal make this bright, white, fair a

perfect antidote to the wintry days still upon us.

College Cabs

On the transport front, news of the opening of a new cab company, College Cabs, in the Castle Stores, should provide some relief to Maynooth's harassed motorists. Instead of jumping in the car and fuming at delays, bad driving etc. why not just take a taxi? Open 24 hours a day College Cabs have a fleet of 4 cars and 6 mini-buses ready to take you here, there or anywhere. Their all local driving crew includes Jimmy Beehan, Trevor Smith and Teresa Cremin. Back at base Nicky O' Brien, controller extraordinaire, ensures the operation runs as smoothly as possible. The opening of this new cab company in the unit formerly occupied by Aran Knits, means Maynooth's much put upon populace are spoiled for choice. The motto of College Cabs is "No Job Too Small", so whether it's a party of ten to a party in town, or just a lift home from the shops, College Cabs are ready for your call on 6290111 or 6290119.

Even though the Christmas clamp-down may be finished the message still remains don't drink and drive, and if you must take a tippie take a taxi! Remember all local runs are just £2.

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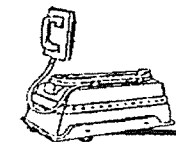
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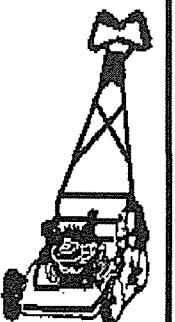
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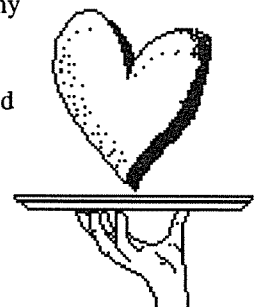
COFFEE CULTURE

With the rains and winds of Winter giving way to the rains and winds of Spring, the editor decided it was time to send some of our reporters on a coffee crawl around Maynooth. With a strict budget and low on caffeine two of our team set off in search of food, chat and some coffee.

The Rye Smile

The first stop on our brown bean odyssey around Maynooth was the Rye Restaurant. Situated beside the castle, the Rye, formerly Helen's, serves good quality food at a good price. Nice decor and friendly staff make it a very comfortable place to eat, sip coffee and have a chat. The coffee itself was piping hot and served in a 'week's gossip' sized mug. The Rye is very busy during lunch time but is nice and quiet in the morning and afternoons and we never felt under any pressure to finish up. In short, good food, friendly staff, nice prices and a grand mug o' coffee, what more could you want?

Recommended: BLT and Chips or the Lunchtime special.

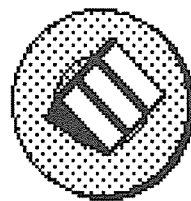


Kehoe's Delicatessen

Step into Kehoes on a wet afternoon and various scents hint at the assorted delicacies for which the shop is famous, transporting you to far away lands! Well almost, certainly if it's the coffee culture you are in search of then Kehoes is the place to go. Ensnared in the rear of the shop hugging a mug of coffee it's almost possible to forget the howling winter's wind and the pot-holed streets outside.

Kehoes itself serves excellent food for which, as you'd expect, you have to pay a bit more, but it's well worth it. Oh yes and the coffee, served in the nicest mugs around, is great.

Recommended: Buttered scone and coffee if you're on a budget, if not, anything else.



Elitism

If the Rye is the place for a good meal and Kehoes the place for coffee and je ne sais quoi then the Elite is the genuine cream bun and coffee shop. The sheer

volume of freshly baked produce in this shop can be overwhelming, you are best advised to enter the shop knowing exactly what you want or by the time you leave the counter you could be carrying one of everything on display! The coffee, which was ostensibly our reason for entering, was nice and mild, without being weak, and the cream buns were dangerously good.



Recommended: Pick a bun!

Perfectly Fitted Kitchen

The Coffee Kitchen in the Maynooth Shopping Centre is the perfect antidote to the hustle and bustle of the busy shopping day. The food is cooked to order and the wood finish decor is very relaxing.

A nice touch we thought was the provision of the day's papers and also the coffee was served in a pot which was a nice change. The food in the Coffee Kitchen always tastes good, somehow they manage to impart a sort of home cooked taste even to burgers and chips. Again there was never any rush on us and we could have sat there 'til closing had not the need to write this article sent us packing.

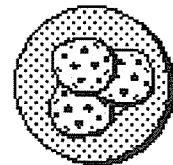
Recommended: Hawaiian burger and chips.



Hot Potato

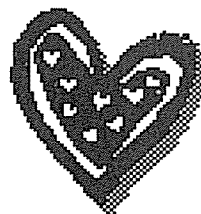
Situated beside the bookshop in one of the new square units, Pic-Kwik's is just the place to go to pick up a hot potato. A recent addition to the Maynooth restaurant scene if it's freshly made sandwiches or baked potatoes you're after then this is the place to go. Like most of the restaurants we visited Pic-Kwik's is busy during the lunchtime rush, but it's nice and quiet before and after, so if you want a quiet, smooth mug of coffee pop in before 12.30 or after 2.30. If you're in a rush you can phone in, but as the square's development continues apace it will soon have one of the nicest views in town (fingers crossed).

Recommended: Baked potato with mild chilli sauce.



A Walk on the Wilde Side

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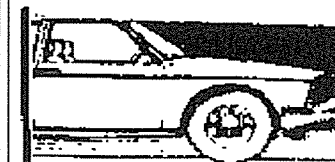
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start to the day, no matter when it starts, and as they stay open until 7p.m. on Thursday and Friday this could mean up to an extra hour in bed in the evening (students will know what I mean). The decor is nice and bright and the big fish tank in the corner kept us occupied as we stared for ages at the two big faced open mouthed creatures looking back at us, eventually, however, we gave up looking at ourselves and concentrated on the fish themselves. The staff, again, were great and we stayed until we left.

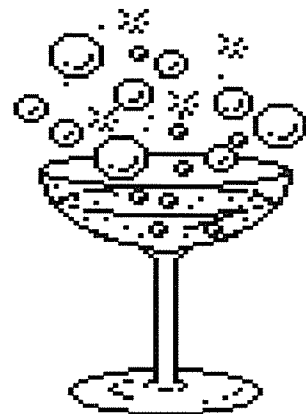
Recommended: Hot apple danish and coffee.

Overall we couldn't fault any of the restaurants we visited. The coffee was always good, the staff always great and when our budget did allow us to sample the food it was always (as we told the editor) money well spent. At no stage in any shop did we feel under pressure to finish up and leave, and we were always made to feel welcome. If there is one problem with the restaurants or coffee shops in Maynooth, it is that



most of them are closed by 6p.m.. While food is still available after this time, there is nowhere to sit and have a chat. Sunday is the same story, with a few exceptions there is no alternative but to head for Leixlip, it seems that even our coffee culture is becoming an emigration culture.

The opinions and recommendations expressed in this article are those of two twenty something, ex students, who took over while our regular gourmet was ill.



VIDEO REVIEW

Judge Dredd (15s)

The Judge Dredd and 2000 A.D. comic strips have a cult following, but this film will appeal to almost everybody. Sylvester Stallone stars as Dredd, and does a solid job. The special effects are excellent; in particular the "Lawmaster", a motorcycle armed with laser cannons that can also fly! The whole film is non-stop action from start to finish and is hugely entertaining. Pure escapism!! Recommended.

First Knight (P.G.)

The Arthurian legend re-told, with Lancelot of the Lake played by Richard Gere! Imagine; Robin Hood played by John Wayne, Ivanhoe played by Roy Rogers, or even Hamlet played by Humphrey Bogart, and you'd be near enough to Gere as Lancelot. I can only assume that Sean Connery, as King Arthur, was short of a few bob for his green fees at St. Andrews to allow himself to be roped into this. Sir John Geilgud must have had a free Sunday afternoon and thought he was doing an episode of One Man and His Dog. The script is cringingly awful; "Ya gotta not care if ya live or die" and the whole thing comes out as a sorry mess. Don't bother with this one! Garbage.

The X-Files - The Unopened File (15s)

This is basically three episodes from the television series which have not been released yet, and is none the worse for that. You either like the series or you don't, and if you do, you'll love this. Superb, if somewhat complicated storyline, which will hold your interest from beginning to end. Good performances from all concerned, and all in all, worth seeing if you're into the X-Files. Excellent!



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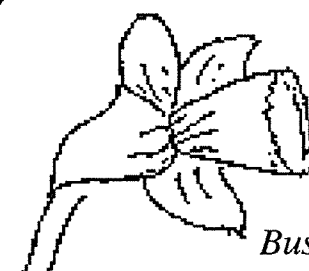
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Predictions for 1996

Due to lack of space in our January issue we were unable to publish our soothsayers predictions for 1996. We are glad to report that his prophecy for January was right on the button and all of us in the Newsletter made a tidy sum on 'Warm Spell'.

January

The only certain prediction for this month is that a horse called Warm Spell will win the 2:40 at Kempton on January 20th at odds of 20/1. We advise you to bet your life savings on this one. It's a cert.

February

The FAI finally appoints a manager for the Irish soccer team. At his first press conference Mick McCarthy refuses to answer questions for Eamonn Dunphy but invites him outside and, then, beats the living daylight out of him. McCarthy is immediately granted Irish citizenship.

March

The latest version of the Maynooth Development Plan is published. It proves very controversial. It proposes to move Maynooth and Leixlip into Co. Dublin. A spokesperson for Kildare Co. Council states 'most of the people up there work in Dublin anyway so let them shag off back to where they came from. We're fed up of their complaining. This is primarily a sheep rearing county. You don't hear the sheep complaining about potholes and lack of amenities...'

April

On April Fool's Day the bar in the Glenroyal Hotel is awarded Student Pub of the Year.

May

Kildare Co. Council imposes tolls on Bond Bridge. A spokesperson for the Council states 'people can't expect to be crossing bridges for free. Bridges

don't grow on trees you know. For two hundred years people have been crossing this bridge for nothing and it just has to stop'. Residents in the Newtown area declare an independent republic and elect Tom McMullon as King. Border checkpoints are set up on the bridge. The United Estates of Newtown declares that it is opposed to monetary union, but in favour of hanging, especially students.

June

England withdraw from the European Championship in favour of the Maynooth Festival Seven-a-side. There are rumours that the competition organisers have been offered a substantial bung by Terry Veneables to ensure England win. England are knocked out in the first round by Greenfield Seconds on a score of 3-0. Crowd disturbances break out during the match but thanks to the heroic work of Lenny Murphy mounted on a white horse all the English fans are driven out of the Harbour Field and into the canal.

July

The results of the Maynooth Survey are published (see cover story). The three main findings are that it is impossible to get a drink on a Friday night with the students cluttering up all the pubs; that 84% of people hate Manchester United and that there is a very high correlation between I.Q. and Newsletter readership.

August

The people of Maynooth have been enjoying three months of peace with the link road finished and the pergola (look it up in the dictionary) looking resplendent in the Square. Kildare Co. Council declare an end to the ceasefire and start digging up the footpaths and the Main Street. A spokesperson states 'we have it on good authority that there is gold buried under these footpaths. We

need this money to increase sheep headage payments in the south of the county. There will be little disruption and we expect the work to be complete in 2005'.

September

Kildare win the All-Ireland. Monaghan United beat AC Milan in the first round of the Champions Cup. Radavan Karadic of Serbia is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Note: we don't guarantee ALL our predictions.

October

The final draft of the Maynooth Development Plan is adopted by the Co. Council. Despite the protests of councillors from the area, the Co. Manager's kind offer to British Nuclear Fuels to relocate their nuclear reprocessing plant from Sellafield to a field off the Celbridge Road is adopted. Farmers in the area are delighted. 'Now we'll be able to rear sheep with six or eight legs' a spokesman stated.

November

In a surprise move the Pope changes his mind on women priests and decides to get married himself, but Princess Di turns him down. Major changes take place in the College as clerical students are seen holding hands walking up the Main Street.

December

Due to extensive residential development when the 1996 census results are published they show Maynooth has a population of 37,206. Maynooth is granted city status and a whole series of new amenities. These include a City Hall, a sports centre with swimming pool in the Harbour Field, a football stadium shared by the GAA and the soccer club and an airport in Carton. Carton International Airport has to close, however, because of a problem with flying pigs in the area.

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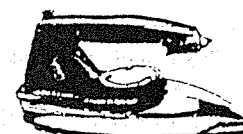
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GARDENING HINTS

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!!

There are definite indications during the month of February that spring is in the air with the appearance of snowdrops, crocus and honeysuckle with its scented creamy white flowers. Despite its reputation as a rainy month, February usually has more dry days than wet. The days have steadily begun to lengthen, and the extra light - and sometimes warmth - will start plants into growth towards the end of the month.

The Flower Garden

Lawns may need topping, no more, on a mild day when the soil is not waterlogged or frozen. If it is very wet, spiking to a 4-inch depth with a garden fork is better treatment for the turf, and gives the grass roots a chance to breathe; later in the month worm casts may need sweeping off with a stiff broom.

Happily, the cold fails to deter the witch hazels (*Hamamelis*) or *Daphne mezereum* from opening their scented flowers now. The winter-flowering heathers continue to bloom profusely, regardless of frost and snow, while the winter-flowering jasmine and *Viburnum x bodnantense* open a fresh crop of flowers as soon as each cold spell passes. The first dainty blooms of the dwarf *Cyclamen orbiculatum* often appear this month and the yellow winter aconite (*Eranthis*) get into their stride if it is sunny. The scented string of pale yellow *Mahonia japonica* flowers open at the shoot tips, and the first winter crocuses open wide in any warming ray of sun. The dwarf yellow *Irish danfordiae* and blue *I. histrioides* 'Major' come into flower.

Retread the soil around newly planted trees and shrubs to firm it again when it dries out after heavy frost. Check posts, pales, trellis, and wires used as plant supports and replace or tighten any that are broken or loose before the plants break into new growth. Now is the time to prune all clematis plants except the small-flowered ones, such as *Clematis montana*, that bloom early.

Some February Plants in Flower

The Flower Garden
Aconite
Christmas Rose
Crocus
Cyclamen
Iris
Snowdrop

The Ornamental Garden

Clematis cirrhosa
Dogwood
Daphne mezereum
Witch Hazel
Heaths
Honeysuckle
Magnolia Viburnum

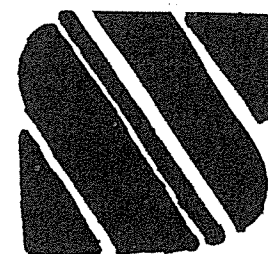
Throughout the garden weeds may be starting to grow. Hoe them off or otherwise eradicate them before they get into their stride - it is so much easier to do and quicker, when they are at the seedling stage, or when they have only a weak winter hold on the soil. In the growing season it sometimes takes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

House Plants

Don't forget to keep an eye on those houseplants received during the Christmas period. Theirs is often a perilous life as they can be left roasting near a radiator or on a television set. Alternatively they can die from the cold, left to freeze on window-sills between the glass and drawn curtains. And if they are lucky to escape these fates they can often die from drowning through over-zealous watering. So if you want to hold onto your house plants for as long as possible, keep them at an even temperature, out of draughts, in reasonable light and water sparingly. In addition, follow any special instructions that may be provided with your particular plants.

Sowing Seeds

Many seed catalogues are now on offer through the daily or Sunday papers and now is the time to be making plans for sowing seeds. Some of the earliest kinds should already have been sown and many others will be sown during the next few months. You will find much to tempt you in the seed catalogues and the choice of seed is much greater than that available in most seed shops. If you do not want the bother of sowing seeds, many catalogues now offer young plants as well.



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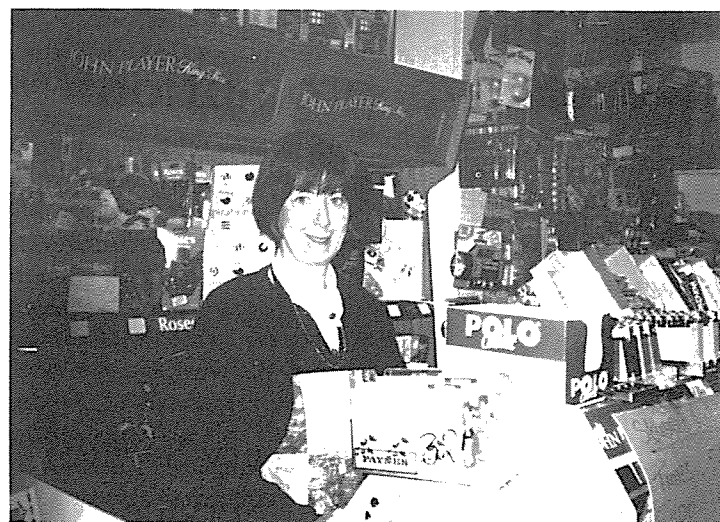
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Valentine's Day



• James Currie -- Postman

Valentines week is a busy time for the Postal Service, and James is no exception, but when he finally does leave his post, it'll be for a romantic dinner with his girlfriend. He thinks that Valentines day itself is a bit of fun and, despite the extra work, he enjoys the day.



• Carol Mc Nally -- Nuzstop

Carol will celebrate the day by going out for a meal with her husband. She enjoys all the craic associated with the day, and likes being in the shop to watch the faces change from relaxed and choosy in the morning to uptight and rushed in the evening, and reckons she usually ends up somewhere in between.

• Fintina Regan -- Katies Flowers

Last year during Valentines week Fintina reckons they sold about 1,000 roses, but she says by the end of the day anything goes, chocs' and balloons particularly. As for herself (we hope her boyfriend reads this) she's looking forward to a nice surprise!



• Breda Donovan -- Donovans Newsagents

A chinese meal, a crackling fire and a nice glass of wine is Breda's idea of an almost perfect Valentines date, having the man in her life there completes the picture. Always a romantic, she enjoys the day and says 5.45p.m is the best time, when all the guilty men (and women) rush in for a card, better late then never!

Wednesday, February 14th

• Terri Rogers -- Just Gifts

Terri thinks that the day is becoming more important as people, men in particular, become more "flower power" conscious. She remembers years ago seeing a man reverse up to the door of a flower shop and throw the flowers into the boot from the shop door, rather than be seen with a bunch of flowers. Terri hopes her day will be somewhat more romantic, but that at the end of the day it's really just a bit of harmless fun to brighten things up for a while.

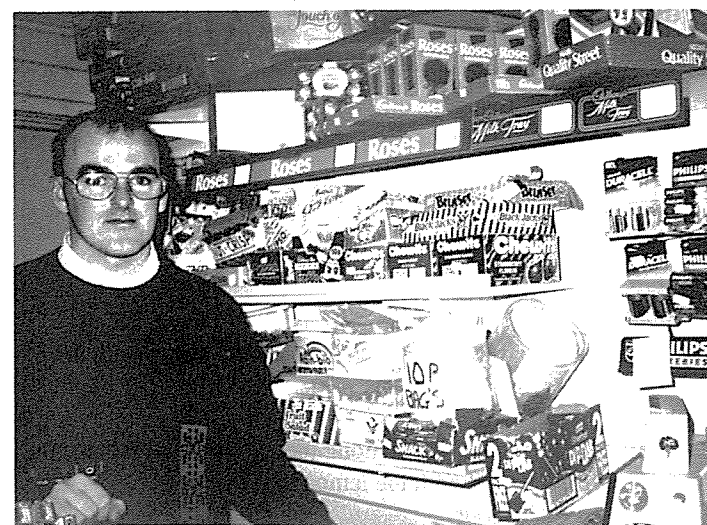


• Joe Wall -- Cardinal Press

Joe and his wife Doreen will be going out for a meal, to celebrate the day, according to Joe he'll also be sending flowers.

• Sean Horgan -- Keely's Corner

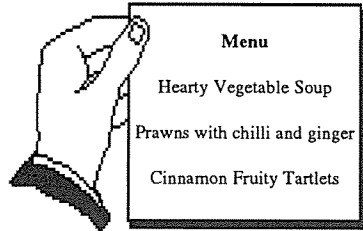
We caught Sean on the hop early in January before he even began to think about Valentines (at least that's what he wanted us to think) but eventually he did admit to enjoying the day, although he "doesn't take it all that seriously"! (We believed him, thousands wouldn't).



• Carol Harte -- The Flower Pot

Carol reckons Valentines day is getting busier every year. Roses, roses and roses are the order of the day, no matter the cost. As for herself, by the time her busiest day of the year is over, being given the chance to put her feet up and relax is her idea of a perfect Valentine's gift. And when it comes to roses in the evening the only ones she wants to see are chocolates that come in a cardboard box.

Deliciously Simple



Hearty Vegetable Soup

Serves: 4
Prep: 15 mins
Cook: 25 mins
Cals per portion: 110

- 2 tbsp/30ml sunflower oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 large potato, diced
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 4 sticks celery, chopped
- 8oz/225g can chopped tomatoes
- 1pt/600ml vegetable stock
- salt and pepper

Heat the sunflower oil in a pan and fry the chopped onion and crushed garlic until soft. Add the diced potato and diced carrot and fry for a further 3-4 minutes. Place the pepper, celery, tomatoes, stock and seasoning in the pan and stir thoroughly. Bring to the boil and simmer for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Check the soup for seasoning and adjust if necessary. Remove from heat and serve immediately with lots of warm crusty bread.



Prawns with chilli and ginger

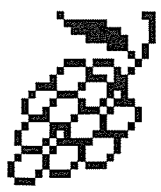
Serves: 4
Prep: 10 mins
Cook: 1 min



- 450g (1lb) large, cooked tiger prawns, unshelled with heads removed
- 2 spring onions, trimmed and finely shredded
- 2.5cm (2") piece fresh root ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 2.5ml (1/2 tsp) chilli sauce
- 30ml (2 tbsp) oil
- 60ml (4 tbsp) light soy sauce
- 30ml (2 tbsp) rice vinegar or white wine vinegar
- dash of sesame oil
- cucumber fans or spring onion, to garnish

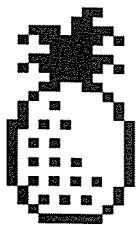
- 1 Peel the shells from the prawns, leaving the tails intact. Remove the black vein from the back of the prawn and discard.
- 2 Place the shredded spring onions, ginger and chilli sauce in a small, heatproof dish.
- 3 Heat the oil in a saucepan and pour over the spring onion mixture. Stir in the soy sauce, vinegar and sesame oil. Stir the mixture well, then spoon half into a small serving bowl and set aside. Return the remainder to the saucepan and heat gently with 70ml (4 tbsp) water. Add the prawns to the saucepan and heat gently, stirring until piping hot.
- 4 Arrange the prepared tiger prawns attractively on a large, oval serving platter. Place the serving bowl containing the spring onion mixture in the centre of the prawns. Garnish the prawns with cucumber fans or shredded spring onion pieces.
- 5 To serve, dip each prawn in the sauce before eating.

Cinnamon Fruity Tartlets



Serves: 4
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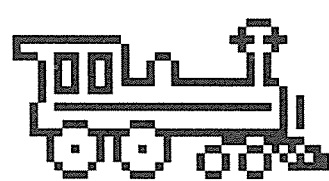
- 115g/4oz filo pastry
- 20ml/4 teaspoons oil
- 115g/4oz fresh or canned pineapple
- 75g/3oz grapes
- 200g/7oz fromage fraais, 0% fat
- 1.25-2.5ml 1/4-1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Lemon balm to decorate



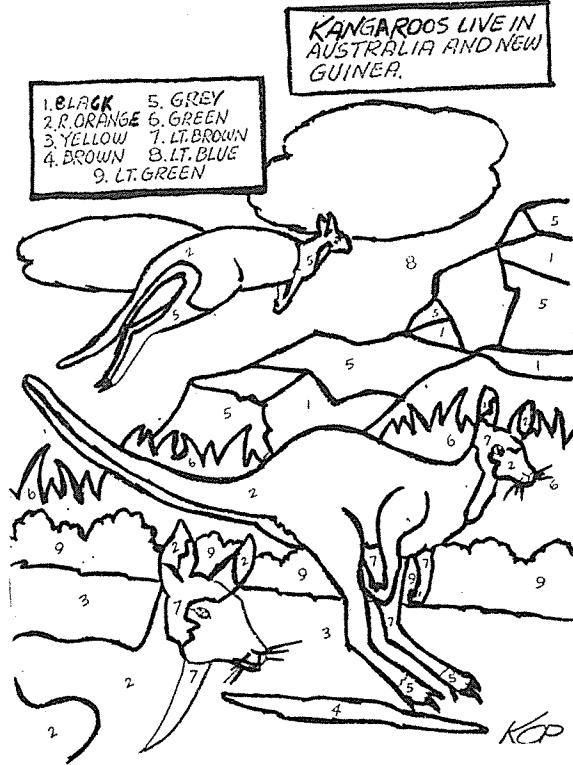
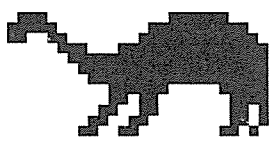
- 1 Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/gas mark 6.
- 2 Lay the sheets of filo pastry on a board and cut into 4 x 13cm/5in squares.
- 3 Brush 4 x 8cm/3in tartlet tins with a little of the oil. Line the tins with the pastry squares, then brush the pastry with the remaining oil.
- 4 Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Cool slightly before turning out.
- 5 Cut the pineapple into bite-sized pieces and halve the grapes. Divide the fromage fraais among the tartlets, then arrange the fruit in the fromage fraais. Sprinkle each tartlet with cinnamon and serve decorated with the lemon balm.

COOK'S NOTE

Serve the tartlets as soon as they're filled, as the pastry becomes soggy if you leave them to stand.

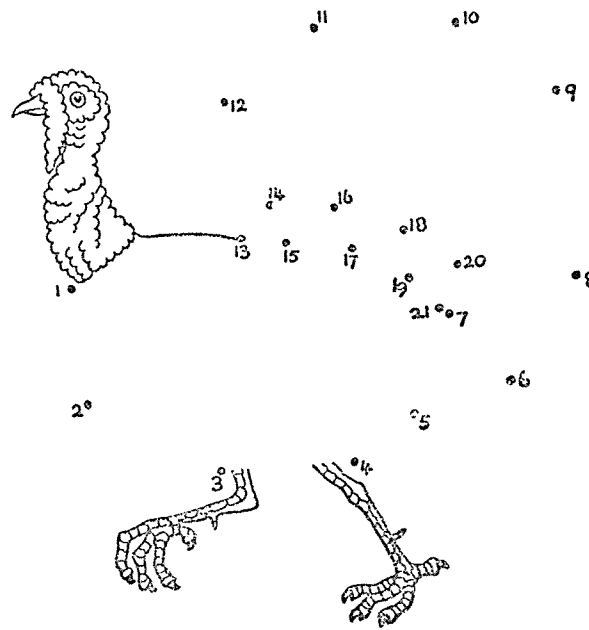


Children's Corner



CATCH THE TURKEY

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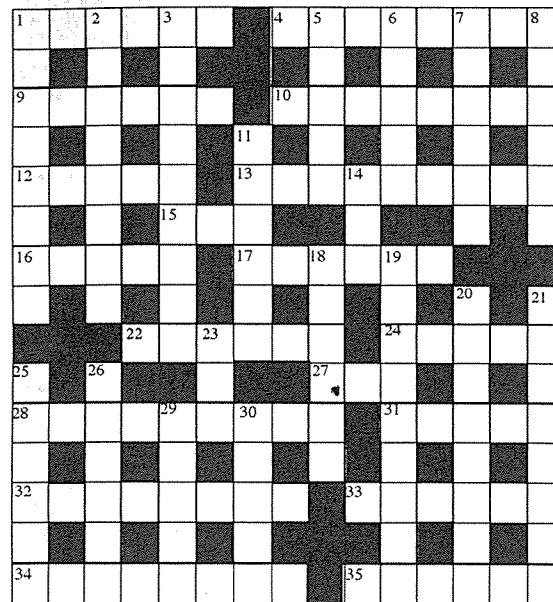
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Crossword No. 99



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, 16th February, 1996.

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Across:

- 1 The novice mother has a girl! (6)
- 4 Her town is an example of honesty! (8)
- 9 Could it have an impact on the weather forecast? (6)
- 10 A motorcycle race starts to reveal a mental disposition (8)
- 12 Goods which one puts on, we hear (5)
- 13 Stole what was mainly a beam from the attic? (9)
- 15 Short military officer found high in the mountains? (3)
- 16 A French river almost makes her (5)
- 17 You are likely here when not away (2,4)
- 22 Useful for drinking or sailing (6)
- 24 Bits of two cities for a synthetic material (5)
- 27 1000 A.D. — an unbalanced year! (3)
- 28 Estimate poorly for less than the going wage (9)
- 31 An unpleasant taste can get you right in the tummy acid (5)
- 32 No alias is needed when this law is used (4,4)
- 33 Romantic tens? (6)
- 34 Some things you pay, but never get billed for (8)
- 35 It may be used as an example of good service (6)

Down:

- 1 To be caught in such a twist could leave you looking dated (4,4)
- 2 Certainly not of the inner sanctum (8)
- 3 Outward appearance of our "near" neighbour (9)
- 5 Go in through a section of the green terminal (5)
- 6 A French friend gets thumbs down for this kind of acid (5)
- 7 The lizard costs almost a guinea! (6)
- 8 Surrenders the crops (6)
- 11 Spreads theatrical production in the ship? (6)

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Winner of Crossword No. 97: Michael Keenan, 95 Rail Park, Maynooth, being presented with his prize by John Byrne, Proprietor of The Maynooth Bookshop.

- 14 A short look could give you relief! (3)
- 18 Headgear worn by E.T. in the driving seat! (6)
- 19 Fix a town? Don't you believe it! (9)
- 20 In the open air you may find a calf sore! (8)
- 21 How the metal was coated for protection (8)
- 23 An honourable gentleman told to arise (3)
- 25 It's a crime the way that dead horse turns up! (6)
- 26 Contributors to the snake population! (6)
- 29 The kind of money you pay for some tomato puree! (5)
- 30 Distribute plenty, we hear (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 98:

Across: 1, Notice (not ice); 4, Bass drum; 9, Strand; 10, Figments; 12, Loire; 13, Enumerate; 15, Nit; 16, Norma (anagram); 17, Intent (in tent); 22, By-pass; 24, Owner (own E.R.); 27, Sun; 28, Printable; 31, Stare; 32, Contrast; 33, Egg cup; 34, Sentence; 35, Asides (A sides).

Down: 1, Nestling; 2, Terriers; 3, Centenary; 5, Adieu (a dieu); 6, Somme (some); 7, Rental (rent Al); 8, Missed (Miss Ed); 11, Retina (re Tina); 14, Mae; 18, Tassel; 19, Neon signs; 20, Enhanced; 21, Pre-empt (anagram of Streep-MP); 23, Pea; 25, Spices (sp-ice-s); 26, Sign on; 29, Three (anagram); 30, BASIC (B.A.S.-I-C).

Winner of Crossword No. 98:

Patrick Donoghue, 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth.

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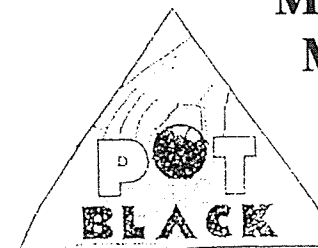


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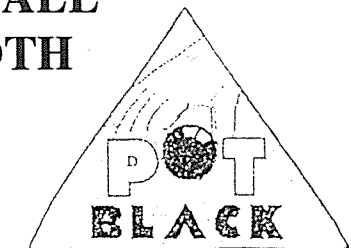
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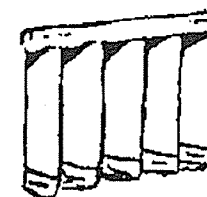


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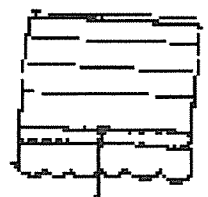


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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 1996

Underground Nuclear Dump near Sellafield.

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., who has responsibility for nuclear matters, led a high-level Irish delegation to the Public Inquiry in Cumbria into an application by the UK nuclear waste disposal company, NIREX, for planning permission into investigations as to whether the site was suitable for an underground vacuum dump.

Minister Stagg emphasised the Government's grave concern at the possibility of a nuclear dump being built virtually on the edge of the Irish Sea. He stated that the eventual dump would be an unnecessary and unacceptable addition to the existing extensive operations at Sellafield.

He also stated that "The apparently endless stream of incidents at nuclear installations leads my Government to the inevitable conclusion that old unsafe reactors, many of which are situated close to the Irish Sea, should be shut down and that no new nuclear capacity should be built."

"UK NIREX Ltd, the state owned nuclear waste disposal company, have shown scant regard for the genuine concerns of the Irish people", said Minister Stagg, and he hoped the Inquiry would reject the proposal.

Traffic Calming Measures - Parson Street.

Following the passing of Cllr. John McGinley's motion at the Celbridge Area Meeting of Kildare County Council on the 16th December, the County Engineer undertook to prepare a detailed report for the next meeting of the Committee on 26th January. It is vital that the road be made safe for the residents and pedestrians and that finance is allocated, by the Councillors, from this years Discretionary Grants to carry out the work.

Wall between Convent School/Carton Avenue

The dangerous condition of this wall was brought to the attention of Cllr. John McGinley by the Board of Management of the School. Cllr. McGinley brought the matter up with the County Manager and he has replied as follows.

"The wall has been surveyed and an estimate has been prepared. We are endeavouring to have the matter resolved and I will advise you further."

In a subsequent letter the County Secretary advised Cllr. McGinley that "The estimated cost of restoration is £25,000 for which purpose funding is not yet readily available. The matter is being kept under review so that a resolution can be found as soon as possible".

Maynooth Development Plan

This important matter is examined in detail by Cllr. John McGinley elsewhere in the Newsletter.

It is hoped to finalise the Draft Plan at the Celbridge Area Meeting of Kildare County Council on the 22nd January (after the Newsletter copy date).

Blocked Shores in Greenfield Estate

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley, Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., has received the following reply from Philip Cronin, Chief Executive, Bord Gais.

"We have been in contact with the County Council on this matter and have been advised that they are investigating drainage problems in the Greenfield Estate area and have already cleared a number of shores on the Estate and will shortly complete the work. If the problem persists after the Council have completed its work I will arrange an investigation by our people. Alternatively, we will undertake any remedial works which the County Council may identify as being necessary due to our pipe laying activities."

Maynooth Town Improvement Works

Kildare County Council hired a consultant architect to prepare a plan for the road and footpaths from the Travellers' Halting Site to the College Entrance. The plan encompasses Cllr. John McGinley's approved motion to have the E.S.B. wires placed underground, to pave the footpaths with stone and to erect appropriate street lighting standards and lamps. The intention is to make Maynooth a model town in line with other University Towns throughout Europe.

The plan, which will cost £500,000, proposes junction improvements, provision of parking bays and bus stops, relocation of existing services and the extension of trees out the Kilcock and Dublin roads. It was on display in the Community Council Office on the 24th January and it will be on display in the Maynooth Library from the 19th January until the 19th February.

This is a draft plan and submissions and observations are invited from the public before 5th March, 1996.

Footpaths Moyglare Road.

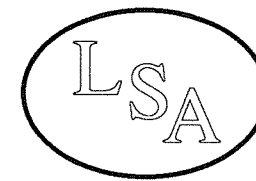
It was agreed at the Celbridge Area Meeting on the 15th December that a proper footpath would be provided from the Nursing Home to the G.A.A. Grounds and that money would be used from Development Levies for this purpose.

SINN FEIN NOTES

New Cumann

A Sinn Féin Cumann has been formed in the Maynooth area with the intention of contesting local and Dáil elections in the North Kildare constituency. Anybody interested in joining the Cumann is welcome to contact the party's head office at (01) 8734931.

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We hope to start building our 40 x 20 Handball Alley in the coming weeks.

We wish Roddy Molloy the best of luck in his new position as Vice-Chairman of Kildare Hurling Board. Roddy is Chairman of Maynooth Hurling Club at present and also looks after U/12 to U/14 teams.

Congratulations to Killian Fagan on winning a Kildare G.A.A. All Star Award.

Congratulations to our U/15 Hurling team who were left out of the last issue of the **Newsletter** on winning the North Kildare League. A function will be held shortly to present medals to U/15 and U/16 winning teams.

Training every Saturday morning in St. Mary's Park for our under age players. We are looking for help for all under age teams so if you are free on Saturday mornings please come along to St. Mary's Park and you will be more than welcome. Training starts at 10.30 a.m.

Championship Draws 1996

Intermediate Football A and B:

First round Maynooth V Robertstown / Eadestown.

SemiFinal: Maynooth/Robertstown/Eadestown v Rathcoffey/Grange.

Junior C Football

First Round Maynooth V Carbury.

Quarter Final: Maynooth/Carbury V St. Kevin's/Naas.

U/21 Football

Quarter Final: Maynooth/Leixlip "B" V Celbridge/Sallins.

Minor Football

First Round. Maynooth V Grange.

Quarter Final: Maynooth/Grange V Kilcullen/Confey.

Our Senior, Junior, Minor League fixtures in next issue of the **Newsletter**.

Our **Golf Classic** is fixed for 7th June this year. More in next issue of the **Newsletter**.

Lotto Results 17/12/1995 - Jackpot £450 - Numbers **13-17-20**
No winner. 5 X £10 Jim Gilton, Mrs. Wylie, Josie Murphy, Sean Boodie, D. Downes.

Lotto Results 30/12/1995 - Jackpot £500 - Numbers **9-12-21**
No winner. 10 X £10. Karen McGlynn, Dan Smith, A. White, Gerry McDonnell, Patricia Kavanagh, Mary Ward, Tina O'Riordan, May Mahoney, Eithna Fanning, Joey and Michelle.

Lotto Result - 7/1/1996 - Jackpot £550 - Numbers **5-11-16**
Won by Marie Murphy, Courtown Road, Kilcock. Seller May Mahoney.

Lotto Result - 14/1/1996 Jackpot £300 - Numbers **2-19-22**
No Winner. 5 X £10 Anne Garrett, Joe Nevin, Nora Feeney, J.J. Thompson, Florence Cullinane.

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Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 16th February 1996 by 5 p.m.

MAYNOOTH TOWN
A.F.C.

F.A.I. Junior Cup Semi-Final (Midland Area) 21-1-96
Killavilla Utd. 2 Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth's exit from the F.A.I. Junior Cup came at the penultimate stage, after a pulsating encounter with the holders Killavilla Utd. at Dublin Rd., Roscrea. The match finally took place after a series of postponements on a pitch that conditions could be described as holding rather than heavy, both sides deserve top marks for first class performances in energy sapping conditions.

Maynooth found it difficult to adapt to the short narrow pitch, finding it hard to play their normal wide style. Killavilla opted to play against the strong wind in the first half but, provided much of the early pressure, forcing two corners in the first five minutes, but Maynooth weathered the storm and forced a corner after ten minutes, but the chance was wasted.

Maynooth began to pick up their pace and Joe Smullen drove a shot over after sixteen minutes. On twenty minutes Maynooth won a free kick forty yards out and Martin McTernan sent his shot wide of the post. Three minutes after this, Killavilla mounted an attack of their own and broke through the Maynooth defence to open the scoring against the run of play. The tight pitch contributed to close physical exchanges with Maynooth's Adolar Acacio the object of some tough tackling. In the thirty-fifth minute the Killavilla full back was rightly booked for another scything tackle on Adolar, when in full flight for goal. The free kick was twenty-five yards from goal, up stepped Martin McTernan and sent one of his specials scorching along the ground into the net for a deserved equaliser.

Just before half-time Maynooth got the off-side trap wrong and were caught out with the second Killavilla goal. The second-half turned out to be an intriguing battle of wits with both sides showing great respect for each other. Maynooth's defence had now plugged the leaks with Gerry Thompson in terrier like form despite a rapidly closing eye following an earlier accidental clash of heads, Fergal Barton, Eamonn Dunne and Martin McTernan were now restricting the eager home forwards to long range shooting which was capably dealt with by keeper Joe O'Riordan.

Paul Byrne was driving Maynooth forward in search of the elusive equaliser, but with a Killavilla defence sticking to their task and some bad luck, Maynooth would be denied. In the later stages Maynooth's midfield found more opportunities to support the forward line. Adolar had a shot stopped, then Paul Murray shot over from eighteen yards

and next Joe Smullen fired over the bar during a prolonged attack by Maynooth. Keith Cooke came into the fray for Joe Smullen with fifteen minutes left, his fresh pair of legs giving more penetration to the Maynooth attack. Michael Murphy and Joey Dempsey were raining crosses into the Killavilla penalty area, it was during this period that Maynooth got their best chance. With seven minutes remaining, the home keeper dropped an awkward cross in the six yard box only for Joey Dempsey to scuff his shot and the ball trickled agonisingly wide. When the final whistle came Maynooth were camped in the oppositions half.

Maynooth: J. O'Riordan, G. Thompson, F. Barton, E. Dunne, M. McTernan, M. Kelly, P. Byrne, J. Smullen (K. Cooke 74mins), J. Dempsey, A. Acacio, P. Murray (M. Murphy 62mins).

Lenny Murphy

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The family of the late Susan Grehan wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss; those who attended the removal and funeral Mass, sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to the priests of the parish, to Father O'Brien and Father McWey of Kilcock and Father Duhig of Maynooth College; also to the doctors and nurses of St. James's Hospital. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

The mother, father, wife, daughter, son, brother, sisters and relatives of the late Philip (Junior) Burke, Convent Road, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement; all who called personally to his home and attended the removal, Mass and funeral; those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes, perpetual enrolments, letters of sympathy. All the neighbours and friends who were so kind and supportive. A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Supple, P.P., Rev. Fr. Cogan, C.C., Dr. M. Cowhey, Pat Pidgeon and his staff, the Gardaí, Ambulance crew, Reilly's Undertakers for their kindness and help and efficiency in handling all funeral arrangements; also the Soloist at Funeral Mass, Mrs. Ita McCormack. Trusting this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a personal expression of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

The late Jimmy Lenehan, Newtown, Maynooth. Maureen, his wife, and daughters, Catherine, Mary Anne and Carolyn, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss, to those who attended the removal and funeral and sent flowers, Mass cards and letters of sympathy, thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. Duhig, to Dr. Vincent Walsh and Reilly's of Prosperous. Special thanks to Anne Duchess of Westminster, to our friends and neighbours in Maynooth and Celbridge, to the management and staff at The Beehive, the Shopping Mall, Nuzstop, Haven Hire and Setanta House Hotel and to the committees and members of North Kildare Rugby Club, North Kildare Hockey Club, Lucan Golf Club, Ballyoulster Football Club, Malahide Tennis Club. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

The daughter and sons of the late Mary Bright, R.I.P., wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss; those who attended the removal and funeral; those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Blanchardstown Hospital for looking after her while she was there, also the doctors and nurses who attended her at home. A very special thanks to Fr. McWey and Fr. Kavanagh for their kindness through her illness. Thanks also to our neighbours and friends. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all. Ann, Tony Mooney and family wish to thank all their neighbours and friends in Maynooth,

especially those in Greenfield, for Mass cards and wreaths and for all their support on the death of Ann's mother, Mary Bright, Kilcock. R.I.P.

SYMPATHIES

To Maureen Martin, Manor Court, on the death of her brother, Paddy, in Canada. — Phyllis.

Wife, son, daughters, brothers, sisters, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Patrick Feely, Straffan Road, Maynooth, late of Station Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

Son, daughters, brother, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Mrs. Susan Grehan (née Siggins), Newtown, Maynooth.

Mrs. Annette Killoran, Ballygoran, Maynooth, on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Carey (née Gannon), Crissawn, Ballinagore, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath.

Wife, son, daughters, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, nieces, relatives and friends of Peter Darcy, Taghadoe, Maynooth, formerly Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.

Mother, father, wife, daughter, son, brother, sisters, sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends of Philip (Junior) Burke, Convent Road, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAYS

Sean Durack, Kingsbry, Maynooth, aged 5 on February 7th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, Grandad, aunties, cousin Conor and pal Rikki.

John Sauls, Kingsbry, January 10th; Mrs. Ita McTernan, Parson Street, January 11th, and her sons Gerard (Greenfield), February 25th; Larry, Kilcock, February 27th, and Larry's wife, Marie, February 1st. Best wishes to you all from Grandad Gearóid.

To Alison, happy birthday on 10th February with love from Andrew, Mam, Dad and Rachel.

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Congratulations to Sheila and David Jolley on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on February 27th.

Martina and Claire of the Maynooth School of Speech and Drama wish to congratulate the following students: Aisling Byrne, Alice Cunningham, Laura Daly, Anita Grattan, Clara Monaghan, James Nolan. Who all obtained excellent results in The Guildhall School of Music and Drama exams November 1995 session. Well done all of you.

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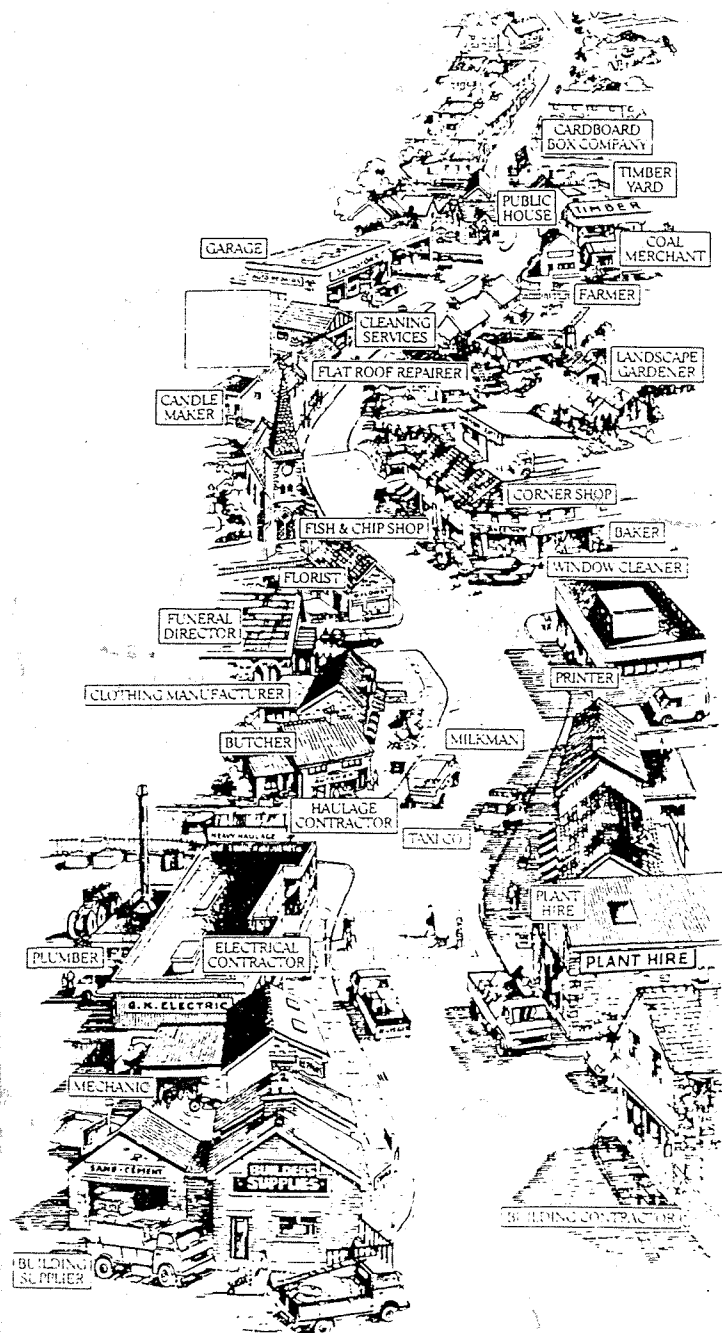
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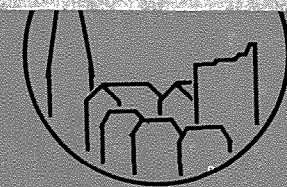
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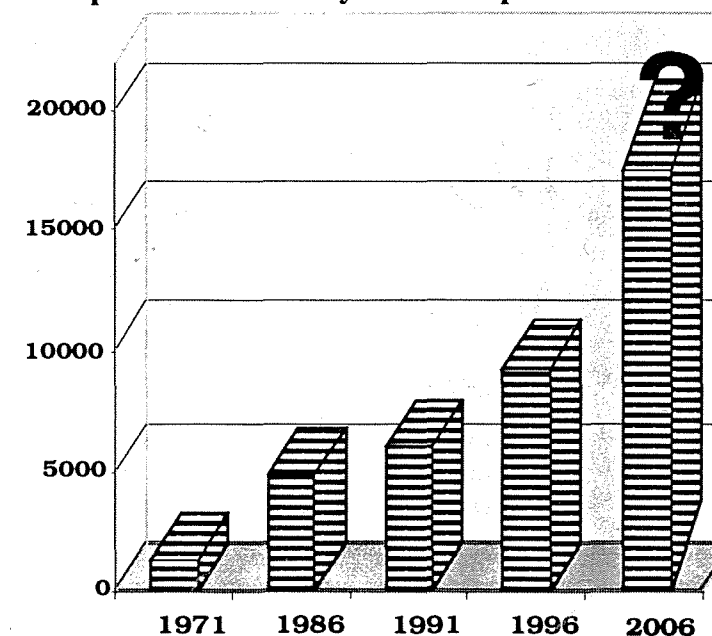
Rezoning and Amenities in New Development Plan

Our local councillors have put the final touches to the Draft Development Plan for Maynooth and the plan goes before a full meeting of the Co. Council this Friday, February 26th. The main features of the plan include a proposal to rezone 238 acres for housing, 28 acres for sports fields, 10 acres for a public park and 8 acres for a school and church. In addition, 100 acres has been zoned as Green Belt. The plan also includes provision for the building of a regional ring road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road which is to be funded from development levies arising from residential development in that area.

Significant Growth Planned
All councillors appear to have agreed that Maynooth is set to continue growing over the next ten years. A recent survey carried out by Kildare Co. Council showed Maynooth as having a population of 9,270. On this basis the councillors were advised that additional land needed to be rezoned to accommodate the town's growth over the next 10 years. The Draft Plan also seeks to address the chronic shortage of amenity land in the town and the GAA and Soccer clubs have expressed satisfaction with the proposal to allocate them a total of 22 acres for playing pitches.

The 238 acres which have been rezoned residential means that there is sufficient land in the Maynooth area for the town to grow to about 18,000 in the next ten years. There are currently 116 acres zoned for housing from the 1985 Development Plan which are undeveloped, giving a total 354 acres available for housing. Working with an assumption of 7 houses per acre and 3.4 persons per house, this gives a potential additional population of about 8,500. The councillors have differed on how much land needed to be rezoned. Cllrs. Brady and Griffen appear to favour more extensive rezoning than the 238 already rezoned while Cllr. Murphy did not support a number of rezonings which were subsequently passed.

Rapid Growth in Maynooth's Population to Continue



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EDITORIAL

The press have a funny way of blowing things out of proportion. For example, during the last three weeks there have been reports in the local press of invitations issued by the Community Council, the St. Patrick's Day Committee or Councillor John McGinley to Orange Lodge Bands to play in our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. These reports emanated from a comment made during the February meeting of the Community Council. They have, since then, spread far and wide. They were mentioned in Sinn Féin's newspaper An Phoblacht during the early weeks of February.

To set matters right and to correct any mistaken impressions — invitations were never issued to Orange Lodge Bands. During the February meeting John McGinley stated that we hoped during this period of the ceasefire, to get some bands from Northern Ireland to attend and play at our parade. John said he hoped that bands from all sides of the sectarian divide would attend. John, being a Donegal man, may have used the Northern terms — Nationalist and Orange — however he never used the term Orange Lodge Bands. In the newspaper reports following this meeting it was stated that invitations had been issued to Orange Lodge Bands.

A simple mistake on the part of a reporter at the meeting but I believe I have now read five or perhaps six newspaper articles based on this mistaken report. Even within our own Newsletter there is an article, in Party Political Notes, repeating the content of these articles. It is not Editorial Board Policy to censor Political Notes but they should be based on fact. Thus I hope that the truth of the matter has now been outlined and it will rest here. The St. Patrick's Day Committee are still hoping that there will be bands, representative of the two traditions in Northern Ireland, present at our parade.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday, 6th March: in I.C.A. Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Greenfield Residents' Association holding A.G.M.

Thursday 7th March: *M'Lady Kildare Competition* at 8.30 p.m. in Glenroyal Hotel. Admission £3.00. *Music: Mick McGarry*

Thursday 7th March and Sunday 10th March
Old People's Committee holding annual collection

Tuesday 12th March: Meeting: *Maynooth Women's Forum* at 8.00 p.m. Venue: Maynooth Post Primary School.

Thursday 14th March: *Maynooth Flower & Garden Club* at 8.00 p.m. hosting a Gala demonstration by Michael Bower in Parish Hall, Maynooth.

Sunday 17th March: Main Street, Maynooth, at 11.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 17th March: *Maynooth Pitch 'n' Putt*

Re-opens from 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 24th March and Sunday 31st March

at North Kildare Club 10 a.m. - 12 noon

North Kildare Junior Tennis Club - holding 2 Open Days for 5-17 year olds.

Tuesday 26th March at 8.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Parson St., Maynooth

Maynooth Orchestral Players holding a concert.

Tickets - £3. Concession of £2 - children.

Available from Maynooth Bookshop and University Bookshop.

RUNNING CURRENTLY:

Students of the Christian Communications class in **Kairos Communications Institute**, at the Divine Word Hostel on the Moyglare Road will be presenting a live magazine programme on CKR from March 8th which will run for a week. They will be covering local issues and events so listen in.

Leixlip Heritage Environment & Culture Project, Scoil Mhuire, Green Lane, Leixlip.

Exhibition commemorating Irish Famine from 10.00 a.m. daily.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29th April: M.A.D.E. holding a 10th Annual Party in their centre 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Special Kind Of Holiday

Short breaks and holidays are important for both children and parents, and even more important when a child in the family has a learning disability (mental handicap).

Break Away is a scheme which offers short breaks or holidays to children with a mental handicap. It involves "host families" in the community taking a child into their own home for a break.

Saint Raphael's runs a Break Away Scheme for children and would like to hear from interested families. For further information contact:

Brid Leahy
Social Worker
Saint Raphael's
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Many thanks for your interest and help in the past.

Dear Editor,

The number of people in Maynooth has increased by 50% in the last five years — from around 6,000 to over 9,000. According to the proposals going to Kildare County Council, enough land is to be rezoned to accommodate another 9,000 over the next ten years.

In return for a potential doubling of the current population and the enrichment of land owners and developers, it appears we are at last to get some land zoned for amenities. But what type of amenity are we getting? As far as I can see, we are to get a few pitches for

the GAA in the Moyglare area, three pitches for the soccer club halfway between Maynooth and Celbridge and a seven-acre field which may become available as a "park".

I would urge our County Councillors to reconsider the definition of amenity. When I came to Maynooth in 1975, Maynooth's rural environment itself was a precious amenity. There were quiet country roads; green fields, farms, there was fresh air, little traffic. This amenity has now been destroyed by the concrete jungle which Maynooth has become. How much worse is it going to be when the jungle has spread even further into the countryside?

I am glad to hear that the few hundred who play soccer and GAA sports will be looked after. However, what about amenities for the many thousands of other residents — the young, the old, women, men, disabled, all those who do not play these sports? If we are to lose our rural environment completely, we must replace that amenity with the kind of amenities which any well-planned town should have.

We need outdoor amenities. We need a park close to town (much larger than a meagre seven acres). This should be landscaped with walks, tennis courts, multi-purpose playing pitches, children's playground, outdoor performing space. The land along the avenue, between the Main Street and Carton would be ideal for this purpose.

We need social amenities — a greater choice of restaurants, pubs, discos, public meeting places for clubs and organisations to meet and hold functions.

We need cultural amenities — a

cinema, theatre space, art gallery, museum — or some general cultural space. Perhaps the Castle might feature here.

We need retail amenities — a more extensive mix of retail units, perhaps with some of the larger multiples in the town centre.

Transport amenities — has any thought been given to providing public transport for the thousands who will be located along the Moyglare and Newtown roads?

As far as I can see, none of these amenities which would make life in Maynooth worth living, have been catered for in the plan, either explicitly or implicitly.

If the planners, politicians and developers continue to take a narrow view of what constitutes an amenity, we in Maynooth will live in a sprawling mass of housing estates dotted with useless blobs of green space, and small neighbourhood shops divided by ring roads. We'll have a few playing pitches for the small minority of people who have the interest or ability to use them, but if our interests lie elsewhere, that's where we'll have to go.

I would appeal to all residents of Maynooth who have any opinions on this issue to make sure their voices are heard, before the decisions have been made. Now is the time to act; in ten years' time, our options may well have been buried in concrete.

*Yours sincerely,
Kay MacKeogh,
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

St. Patrick's Day Parade 1996

The St. Patrick's Day Parade 1996 is now well under way. The floats taking part have been coming in steadily and up to now we have approximately fifty floats. With all the expansion, new buildings and roads in the town of Maynooth this year a lot of new floats have been anxious to take part.

Where we will have the reviewing stand this year will depend mainly on the condition and stage of completion of the square. At the moment the builders seem to be forging ahead and the square is looking very well.

Hopefully this year the sun will shine on everyone, spectators and participants alike.

If any further information or application forms are required please contact Maynooth Community Council 6285922 or John Mc Ginley 6285293 after 6 p.m.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

At time of writing we have submitted our Progress Report to FAS on work achieved to date and work planned for 1996.

In this plan we hope to do some planting and landscaping in the Harbour Field.

Please look out for our entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

R. Farrell,
P.R.O.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

Question:

I am married with four children on long-term U.A. £152.80. If I find work will the Budget changes help me?

Answer:

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You should call into your Citizens' Information Centre to find out other Budget developments (that will be coming into force during the year) that may be of benefit and interest to you.

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Wednesday: 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. (Dunboyne Community Centre).
Thursday: 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Leixlip Library).

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Citizens' Information Centre, which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Telephone 6285477. Main Street, Maynooth.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Councillors Divided

Proposed rezonings in two areas divided the councillors. The first was a proposal to rezone 148 acres, located between the town and Carton wall to a mixture of housing, industrial and amenity. This was defeated by 3 votes to 2 with Cllrs. McGinley, Purcell and Murphy opposed and Cllrs. Brady and Griffen in favour. Most of this area remains zoned as a green belt.

Ring Road

The second issue which divided the councillors related to a series of rezonings from Blacklion right around to the M4. Again, all councillors have expressed support for the building of a ring road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road to remove much of the regional traffic passing through the town centre. Cllrs. McGinley, Purcell, Brady and Griffen supported the rezoning of lands owned by O'Toole, Feeney, High Degree and Bruton, totalling 118 acres, on the basis that development levies raised from building in this area would be used to fund the much needed Ring Road. In addition rezoning in this area provides land for the Soccer Club (10 acres), a public park (10 acres) and land which may be used in the future to accommodate a school and church (8 acres). Cllr. Murphy did not support these rezonings on the basis that the extent of the rezoning to residential was excessive and inconsistent with orderly planning and that it represented poor planning to build a regional ring road through residential areas.

Co. Council to Consider Plan

The Draft Plan adopted by the Celbridge Area Committee goes before a full meeting of Kildare Co. Council on Friday, February 26th. This meeting has the power to amend the plan further. One possibility is that the decision taken by our local councillors to refuse applications for rezoning Doyle's land on the Dublin Road will be overturned. In early March the revised plan will go on public display for a period of two months. During this period the public are encouraged to view the plan and groups and individuals may make submissions. These submissions are considered by our local councillors before the plan is finally put before the Co. Council for approval. The **Newsletter** would encourage all Maynooth residents to involve themselves in this process which will determine the shape of the town into the next century.

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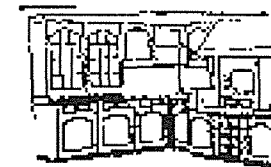
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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Maynooth Development Plan

Following our notes last month and further information in the local press public interest in the proposals has increased dramatically. The five Celbridge area Councillors have made their decisions and their proposals go forward for consideration by the full Kildare County Council.

The Planning and Development Committee have spent the last number of weeks consulting with various local interest groups to form a view on the proposals. We feel that it is important that the people of Maynooth make their views known. The details of the proposals will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

In considering the proposed rezonings remember that the two big issues dominating the plan are (1) **The provision of amenity land** and (2) **The provision of a Regional Ring-Road for Leinster.**

As we have said before these proposals are made by Landowners/Developers to the County Councillors who will take some advice from the Professional Planners and Engineers. However, the proposals **are not the decisions of the professional planners, they are exclusively the decisions taken by the five Celbridge area Councillors.**

It is because these are political decisions rather than pure planning decisions that the ordinary people of Maynooth should ensure that these decisions are in your best interest. The Planning and Development Committee will be happy to advise any interested group on the details of the various proposals. We can be contacted at the Community Council Office. The Plan will go on display in the Library during March.

Maynooth Street Plan

Anybody who travels through the town cannot but notice the work progressing on the Square and more recently the Main Street. Since early February a plan for upgrading the Main Street has been on display in the Library. While we welcome the investment of this money to upgrade the Main Street, some reaction to the alterations in traffic flows proposed and other changes have met with some disapproval from the people of the town. We advised the people who contacted us on these matters to submit their objections directly to the County Council who sought submissions up to 19th February.

Train Services to Maynooth

The Planning and Development representative on the "Western Suburban Line" upgrade forum advises that the proposal to double the track for Clonsilla to Maynooth has

taken a setback as it must now form part of the overall investment proposals for Iarnród Éireann. Together with our colleagues in Leixlip, Dublin 15 and Kilcock we will be putting pressure on our local Ministers and opposition politicians to promote this project at Government level and this campaign will be strengthened during the Dublin West by-election. Meanwhile we have met Iarnród Éireann to consider timetable changes from May 1996.

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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

First of all, we are still looking for three more Community Employment Scheme workers, so once again if anyone is eligible and interested please apply to the Supervisor, Tom Flatley.

In the area around the I.C.A. Hall work has been completed on the walls at the entrance to the harbour. Surfacing to the entrance of the old playground has also been completed. This week the children's playground should be cleared of debris and all old metal.

The training scheme for the Community Employment Scheme workers undertaken by Supervisor Mr. Flatley has received approval by FAS, so now the Canal workers can go ahead and pursue a course or classes of their choice to enable them to obtain full-time employment.

Our three students are still in the process of designing the bridge and when it has reached completion it will be on exhibit to the public sometime in May.

We are pleased to announce that the Steam Train will once again be with us on the 26th May.

Frieda Kelleher

MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

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If you are thinking of changing your car, building on that extra room, going back to school or whatever you need to borrow for. Think first of your Credit Union.

On Friday 26th January we had the pleasure of hosting the Inter Primary Schools Table Quiz. Over two hundred children from the Boys and Girls Schools took part. To them all, very well done. The level of general knowledge displayed by these 4th, 5th and 6th class children put this poor sod to shame. Full details of the winners next time.

To Mrs. Boylan and Mr. O'Connell a very sincere thanks, to the teachers from both schools who marked the answers, to St. Patrick's College for the use of the Aula a big thank you to all.

To the committee in the Credit Union who put so much work into the smooth running of the quiz, thank you. The next round of the Inter Schools Table Quiz is on February 23rd. I will report next time on how our team (5th class Boys School) performed.

Michael Mooney.

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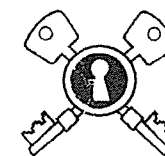
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The February meeting of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association took place in the ICA Hall on Thursday 1st February. Mrs. Marion Souhan, President, expressed her sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Collins, who was a former member of our Guild.

Lots of Competitions

The following competitions should keep our members busy over the next few months:

A. Waterford Crystal Make and Model Competition - Federation final will probably be held in March with the National semi-final on 23rd April. The theme this year is "After Eight".

B. Spring/Summer Inter-Federation Competition is a short story, not more than 1,500 words. Entries to National Contest Secretary by 12th April. Fee £3.

C. Baumann Cup for Art - Theme for Competition is "Food, Glorious Food" in any medium - paint, pastel, collage, embroidery, etc. maximum size 12" x 18" unframed. Entries to the National Contest Secretary by 5th April. Fee £3.

D. Guild Spring Competition is for the "Most Unusual Pin Cushion" (home-made). Entries to be with Mary O'Gorman on or before April Guild meeting.

E. AIB Guild Project will be held in Kill GAA Club on 12th March. We wish our team every success in this event.

F. Other competitions: Murial Gahan Rose Bowl for Lace, Hurley Waltzing Competition, Baumann Shield for Music and An Bord Glas Drama — details on notice board in hall or from Jo O'Connell, Guild Contest Secretary.

Guild Activities

Crafts, as usual in the ICA Hall on Mondays at 8.00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. Mary O'Gorman is doing "Shadow Quilting" at present.

Badminton in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 10.45 a.m.

Bowling in Palmerstown on Monday 11th March. Details at March meeting or contact Margaret Houlihan, Sports Officer. Art Classes in the ICA Hall on most Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. with Linda Souhan.

Calligraphy in the ICA Hall on Friday nights at 8.30 p.m.

A six weeks course in Effective Speaking in Leixlip in March.

PLEASE NOTE that these activities are only available to fully paid-up members of our Guild. However, we are happy to welcome new members at any time during the year. The membership fee is £18 per year and very good value for money, if I do say so myself!

Outing To An Grianán

Over 20 members of our Guild are off to An Grianán, the ICA Adult Education College in Co. Louth, on Tuesday, 2nd April.

The one day outing includes transport to and from the college, lectures, visit to the garden centre and, of course, lovely food and all for less than £30. Kay Burns is organising this trip and anyone interested in visiting An Grianán at any time during the year should talk to her. Kay has details of all the courses available at the college.

Collections for Charity

Our members collected at the Church gate on 17th February for the Arthritis Foundation of Ireland. We will be out again collecting on Daffodil Day which this year is on 22nd March. "Thank you" to all who support these two charities each year.

Federation Meeting

The Spring Federation meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, CBS, Naas, on 21st March at 8.00 p.m. All ICA members are most welcome to attend this meeting. The Council meeting of the ICA will take place in the Silver Springs Hotel, Cork, on 2nd March.

Night Out

Rosemary Hanley, our secretary, is arranging a night out to the National Concert Hall on 19th March to see The Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society's production of "Gondoliers". Irene Matthews, our treasurer, hopes to have more details of a night out to the theatre for our March meeting.

Bi-Lingual Quiz

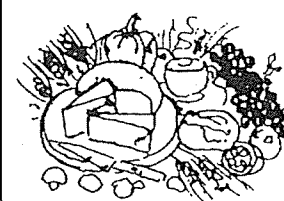
Our February meeting ended with a cup of tea and a bi-lingual quiz. Veva Kearins and Jo O'Connell were our quiz masters and the winning team was P. Healy, M. Killian, B. Duffy and L. Wright. Well done ladies.

Next meeting

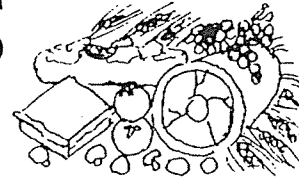
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th March at 8.00 p.m. in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth. The competition on that night will be "A Mother's Day Card" (home-made). Congratulations to the winners of last month's competition for "A Funny Valentine Verse". Some of the verses were very funny indeed! Let's hope the standard will be as high in the March competition.

A meeting of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association will be held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, on Thursday, 7th March, at 8.00 p.m. Note, new members are always welcome to come along to any of our meetings. Activities include Badminton in the Parish hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.45 a.m.; Crafts in the I.C.A. Hall on Mondays at 8.00 p.m. and Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.; Art in the I.C.A. Hall most Thursdays at 8.00 p.m.; Calligraphy in the I.C.A. Hall on Fridays at 8.30 p.m., and Bowling in Palmerstown on Monday, 11th March. The April Guild meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall on April 4th.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our AGM took place on February 6th in the Health Centre. The chairperson, J. Moore, welcomed everyone to the meeting. In her address she thanked the committee for their co-operation and dedication through the year. She also thanked, on behalf of the committee, the business people, organisations and the community in general for their support which is vital to the success of the committee's work.

The secretary, Patsy O'Rafferty, gave a comprehensive account of the year's events to everyone's satisfaction.

The treasurer, Catherine Mulready, in her financial report produced a detailed statement of accounts.

The chairperson then thanked both of these officers for their competence and attention to detail. A special word of thanks was extended to Eugene O'Reilly, F.C.A., who, in his generosity, audits our books annually.

The elections then took place and the officers were returned unopposed. The committee is as follows: Josephine Moore (chairperson), Patricia Nolan (vice-chairperson), Patsy O'Rafferty (secretary), Joan Lennon (minutes secretary), Catherine Mulready (treasurer), Patricia Cusker (assistant treasurer), Bridget Tierney, Marie O'Toole, Lily O'Riordan, Betty Moore, Kathleen McAtamney, Georgina Mulready, Ita Loughnane, Aileen Dunne, Helen Doyle, Imelda Delaney, Agnes Boyd, Phyl Donovan, Mary Simon, Lynne Whittaker and Anne McGarry.

We held our Valentine's party on Sunday, February 18th, in the Post Primary School. We were joined by our friends from Celbridge, who added to the enjoyment of the evening. Many thanks to Fr. Boylan, who celebrated our Mass and to Willie Coughlan for all his help on Saturday and Sunday with the organisation of our party.



Maureen and Paddy Malone,
the "Most Romantic Couple".

Congratulations to Maureen and Paddy Malone, who won the contest for the most romantic couple (see photos). The competition for the most romantic poem/card was won by Margaret Walshe and the runners-up were Mary Deane, Chris Feighery, Mollie Cahalane, Betty Farrell, Annie Burke, Carmel Reilly and Mollie Kearney. Well done and thank you to all who entered into the spirit of the evening at a time when we can all do with a little love and peace in our lives. Our thanks to Jayne and Maureen who judged the competition. Thank you to Kevin and Vincent for their consistent loyalty and to John and Dermot for all the fetching and carrying.



L-R: Betty Farrell, Tom and Mary Deane
enjoying the Valentine's Day party

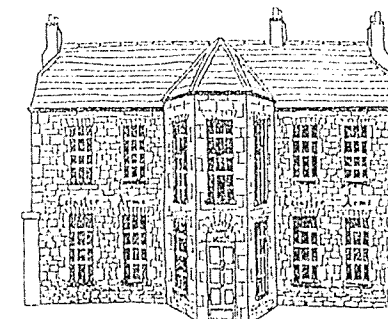
A special word of thanks to the Post Primary School teachers and students involved in the superb production of "Calamity Jane" for the complimentary tickets and courtesy extended to our senior citizens. Congratulations to the young people who performed so brilliantly, both on and off stage. They did their school, community and themselves proud.

Finally, our annual collection will take place this year from March 7th to the 10th inclusive, and we trust we can rely on your generous hearts once again.

J. Moore

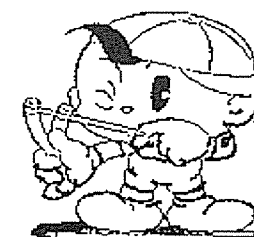
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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Members and friends had a most enjoyable night out at Moyglare Manor Hotel in January. Annette O'Carroll and Phylis Read were again the winners of the fun competition. All present were presented with a gift of pot pourri kindly donated by Katie's Flowers, Maynooth.

A gala demonstration by Michael Bower on Thursday 14th March in the Parish Hall, Maynooth at 8 p.m. This promises to be a very exciting demonstration as it is Mr. Bower's first time to Ireland.

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BAND BULLETIN

1996 began with our Annual General Meeting on 22nd January. Our special intention this year was to try to introduce some of our younger members into some of the more important positions on our Committee so that they can gain the valuable experience necessary to carry on the tradition of the Band in the years ahead. I'm glad to report that there was a fantastic response and we have a completely revamped committee with an inbuilt core of experienced members to guide us through 1996 and beyond. Congratulations are due to the outgoing officers (who did not seek re-election to their respective offices) for their trojan work in the past as well as the "young bloods" who have committed themselves to their new positions with marvellous enthusiasm. The new Committee is as follows:

Hon. President:	Phil Brady
Chairperson:	Paddy Boyd
Vice Chairperson:	Tom Clarke
Secretary:	Deirdre Stynes
Asst. Secretary:	Michael Dempsey
Treasurer:	Jennifer Quigley
Asst. Treasurer:	Elaine Bean
Committee:	Kevin Boyd
	Colm Carroll
	John Curran
	Eoin Maher
	Mark McCarron
	Rachel Alcorn
	Peter Brazil
	Cliff Murphy
	Seamus Reilly

Sad Deaths

Last month was indeed one of our saddest periods during which we lost our Joint Honorary President Father Fergal O'Higgins and Séan Nolan who spent a great deal of time in the Band up to the time of his departure from Maynooth in the early 1970's.



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The Glenroyal Hotel will be staging an event each week in order to raise as much money as possible for People In Need. See your local newspapers each week to see what fun and entertaining events are in store for our area that week!

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Remember it's as much fun as we all make it and perhaps someone you know will benefit from the 1996 RTE Telethon.

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Father O'Higgins was Parish Priest of Maynooth for ten years and a very keen cyclist. When he heard that the Band was in dire need of funds to purchase new instruments in 1970, he immediately suggested that he would cycle to Armagh and back to raise sponsorship for these same instruments. True to his word his feat attracted much publicity and money and as a result we accumulated just over £790 towards the fund. To put that amount in perspective, our three day Flag Weekend in 1995 a full fifteen years later raised £824.

We were privileged to be permitted to play a part at the removal of his remains to the Beaumont Convent Church, where he had acted as Chaplain prior to his death and again at the special mass on the following morning, where we provided the music in the presence of the Archbishop and Bishops of the Dublin Diocese as well as a large number of clergy. Our trumpeters also played the last post at the burial in Glasnevin Cemetery.

We would like to thank all who joined us in a special mass for Fr. O'Higgins in our own church on 12th February. Our special thanks also to Fr. Supple who worked so hard to ensure that we were involved at every stage of the removal and internment.

Calamity Jane

We were pleased to be associated with an innovative exercise in community relations when seven of our members joined the orchestra for last months production of Calamity Jane by the Post Primary School. Three of the aforementioned are pupils of the school, one was a past pupil and the remaining three guys would surely have loved to be current pupils judging by the bevy of beauties in the cast. Sure maybe in the next life.... Seriously though this was a very worthwhile and satisfying undertaking and could well

be the forerunner of many future such joint efforts between bodies in Maynooth.

Marching in March

March is traditionally one of our busiest months and this year we expect an exhausting St. Patrick's weekend with parades in Maynooth, Kilcock and Enfield on Sunday 17th and our annual outing to the Limerick Marching Band Festival on the following day. We are really looking forward to our local parade which this year should have a totally new look (pardon the pun) where we will for the first time actually see the people line the streets as we reach the new Square - the 'Thing' is dead, long live the new Square. We hope the new works to the street will greatly add to the Parade this year and judging by the appearance of the Plans for Maynooth, 1997 should be even better. We are happy to be paying a return visit to Kilcock which is the hometown of two of our members and likewise to Enfield, where our genial trumpeter Kenny Davey and his sister Lorraine live.

Limerick Expedition

Provided our bodies survive the Paddy's Day onslaught we shall be heading for Limerick on the 18th at the more respectable time this year of 11a.m. (it's been 7.30a.m. for the past eight years). We join with up to forty bands from all parts of the globe in a feast of Marching bands all competing for honours in the various grades. We have an excellent record in Limerick winning our section on four out of eight occasions. Of course the competition is only the supporting act on the day, the real craic is on the coach and at the "food stop" on the return trip. We hope all goes well for 1996.

We hope to have news of the results and lots more next month.

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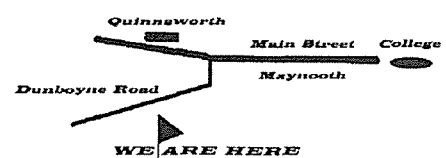
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List of Outings for 1996.

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Kilcock - March 23rd - Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup
Moate - April 20th
Courtown/Enniscorthy Weekend - May 24/26th - Christy Kenny Memorial Cup
Athlone - June 22nd - Shay Moore Memorial Cup
Glasson - July 13th - Captain's Prize (D. Nyland)
Portarlinton - August 10th
Longford - September 14th - President's Prize (J. Carey)
Edenderry - October 12th - Joe Murray Memorial Cup

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The third term of the 1995/'96 season started on 10th February and will run until 13th April. The pool will be closed on Saturday 10th April (Easter Weekend). All fees are due in by 10th March. Please note that because we are a non-profit making club, once a place has been booked for a term the full fee is due.

Again this year we are delighted to have a fancy dress float, participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

All new members are welcome, however there is a waiting list. Anyone requiring a place for their child on the waiting list please contact Joan Cooney P.R.O. Phone 6289296.

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MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT NOTES

The course re-opens regular hours from 2 p.m. on 17th March, opening each day at 10 a.m. and staying open until dusk.

Some winter planting will be in evidence and hopefully will have enhanced the appearance of the course and made it more interesting. Green 13, which was lifted and reshaped late in 1995, will be back in play early in 1996.

We will be offering a limited number of memberships in the opening weeks of March. Further details from the clubhouse or phone 6285233. Also during 1996 we will be having monthly draws for players to win one of these memberships, entitling the owner to free games for 12 months.

All of the players who filled out information sheets during the autumn of 1995 will have received letters with discount facilities included. We hope to see them used during the coming months.

Lastly, there will be a price increase from 17th March. The pricing system has been simplified and we have retained the reduced rate for under-16s and a discount rate for groups. This is our first price increase since opening in March 1993 and we hope on foot of these increases to expand the facilities available. Details of the new prices are on display in the clubhouse.

We wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Tony Bean.

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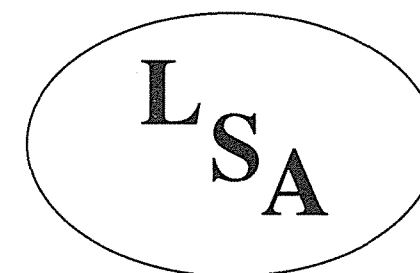
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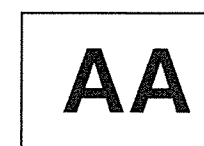
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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

The A.G.M. took place on 24th January last in the I.C.A. Hall.

The Chairperson, Marie Gleeson, in her comprehensive report thanked the hardworking committee and the co-ordinators of events for their trojan work throughout 1995, but of course there would not be any games here in Maynooth without the continued help of the parents, who turned out in such vast numbers to assist in the smooth running of each event.

The Treasurer, Madeline Stynes, in her Financial Report produced a satisfactory Statement of Accounts.

The Secretary, Kathleen Mullarkey expressed disappointment in connection with the poor response to her request for the return of all Trophies, Plaques etc. won in the various events. Kathleen appealed once again to the winners of same to return these to the Community Council office, with a view to ascertaining the extent of lost or damaged trophies.

The meeting was attended by Richard Farrell, National Administrator. Richard gave a report on the games from National level and emphasised the importance of having young people involved in the Community Games. He drew attention to our many International Stars i.e. Niall Quinn, Sonia O'Sullivan and Michelle Smyth etc. who commenced their sporting activities in their local area Community Games.

Our outgoing officers were returned unopposed. The Committee for the coming year is as follows:- **Chairperson**, Marie Gleeson, **Secretary**, Kathleen Mullarkey, **Treasurer**, Madeline Stynes.

Committee Members:- Breda Gormally, Mary MacNamara, Paddy Doherty, Mary Bean, Mary Cahill, Matt Callaghan, Elizabeth Callaghan, Margaret Houlihan, Ann O'Malley, Bernie O'Shea and Jim Fleming.

This year it is hoped to have entries in the following:- **Art, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Camogie, Chess, Choir, Draughts, Gaelic Football, Gymnastics, Hardcourt Tennis, Hockey, Hurling, Modelling, Project, Pitch & Putt, Quiz, Rounders, Soccer, Swimming, Variety and Volleyball.**

There are co-ordinators for each of the above events. Should you wish to help in any area with the games, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of our committee members, who will be happy to put you in contact with the co-ordinators.

The Quiz, Draughts and Chess are already up and running, so keep an eye on your **Newsletters** for dates, also notices at the schools, shop windows, etc.

Please note in order to participate in Maynooth Community Games you must reside in the Maynooth area. Going to school in Maynooth, having an address elsewhere does not qualify you to participate. (See Map showing the Maynooth Boundaries)

Maynooth Community Games look forward to a very exciting year and hopefully we will have lots of representation at Mosney later in the year.

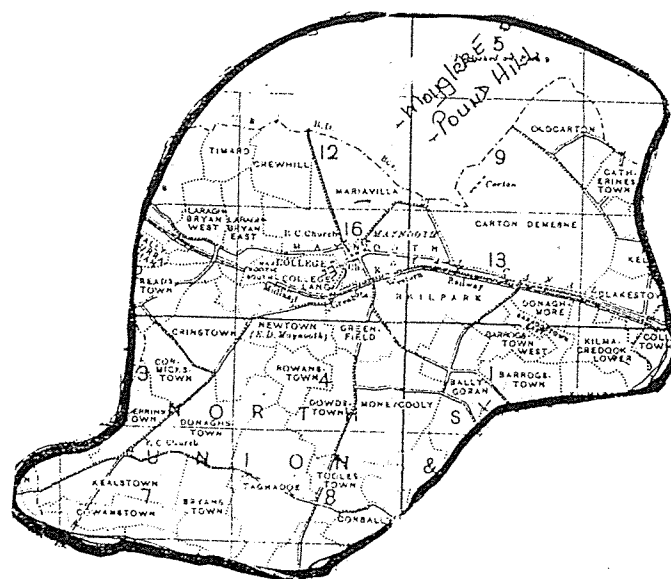
The Committee would like to see as many children as possible take part in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. Please assemble at Greenfield Shopping Centre at 10.30 a.m. on the day. Our Community Games jerseys sponsored by Maynooth Credit Union will be a feature again this year.

Dates to hand at present:

Art:- Post Primary School - 9th March 10 - 1 p.m.

Gymnastics:- Girls Presentation School - 23rd March 6p.m.

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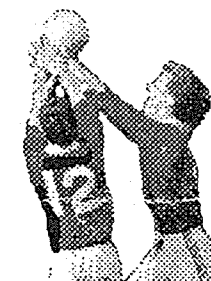
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MAYNOOTH WOMEN'S FORUM

Following announcements made at several masses and in the Parish Bulletin, the first meeting of the Maynooth Women's Forum took place on Monday 8th January in the Parish Hall.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect two parish representatives to go forward to the Deanery. One person will go forward from the Deanery to represent the Diocese at the Women's Forum to discuss the role of women in the Church.

Those elected were Stasia Ashe and Eithne Bean. Our representatives were asked to report to the Maynooth Women's Forum on a regular basis.

The first Deanery meeting took place on Tuesday 6th February in Lucan. As this was an introductory meeting it was agreed that they would meet in two weeks (on Monday 19th February) to elect the representative.

The second meeting of the Maynooth Women's Forum took place on Tuesday 13th February where it was agreed to discuss issues at both Parish and Diocese level. Several ideas have already been discussed and will be brought to the Deanery on 19th February 1996.

The next meeting of the Maynooth Women's Forum will be held on Tuesday 12th March 1996 in Maynooth Post Primary School at 8pm. We invite all women in our parish to come along so the group can be as representative as possible.

UNITED ROAD CLUB

Interested in cycling?

United Road Club meet every Sunday morning in the car park of the Geraldine House, on the Clane road. We are a club that cater for both touring and racing. If you are interested in coming for a spin, training for the Maracycle or having a go at racing, why not come along and join us? We have club members living in Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip, Celbridge and Clane.

United Road Club have their own Minibus which enables us to travel around the country to various cycling events. Last summer (remember the great weather), we had the honour of leading the Galway Sean Kelly Classic in which the great man himself participated.

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R. Farrell
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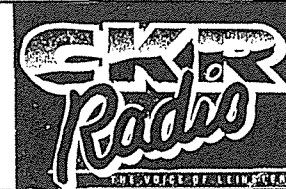
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7.20am Weather
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8.09am The Early Morning Riser
8.18am The Front Page with Caroline O'Brien
8.21am Weather
8.26am Provincial Traffic Update
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1.15pm Bargain Counter
1.25pm Weather
1.30pm Bingo
1.45pm Community Diary
2.05pm "For the Record" - (6 letters jumbled giving song title).
2.15pm Bargain Counter
2.20pm "For the Record" update
2.40pm "For the Record" update
2.40pm "A Lotto Fun" syndicate, 1 x Vinny + 5
3-4pm "Radio Romance" 3 back to back songs from a featured year.

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4.30pm Music Business Birthdays
4.45pm Evening Papers
5.00pm Regional News
5.04pm Sports update
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5.15pm AIB Jobspot
5.20pm Traffic Update
5.25pm Dancetime on the Drive
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SWAN RESCUED FROM ROYAL CANAL

The Royal Canal, Maynooth, hardly seems a likely setting for a dramatic attempt to rescue a distressed swimmer. Especially when that attempt takes place on a freezing cold Thursday afternoon in early February. However, when the distressed swimmer's water wings are capable of breaking a man's arm with one blow you know that this is not your run of the mill dramatic land/sea rescue attempt. This is not the stuff of headlines, but of hypothermia.

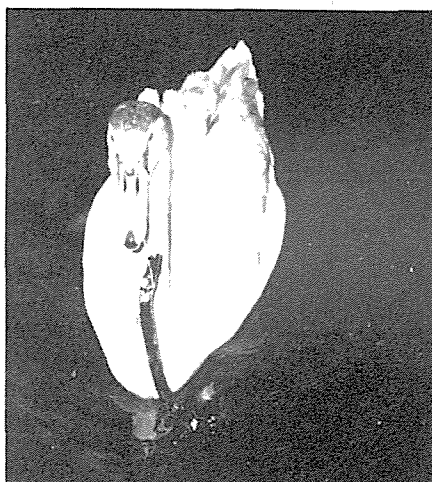
While walking by the canal on my way to Oscar's Coffee Dock (see attempted restaurant/coffee guide in last month's issue) I noticed a family feeding bread to some of the swans in the harbour. One of the younger swans was taking no part in the feeding frenzy but was drifting aimlessly towards Bond Bridge. As I walked past I noticed that a piece of twine was tangled round its beak. On further inspection I saw that a stick was tied to the end of the twine and was trailing in the water just below the swan's neck. Pressed for time and shivering from the cold, I kept going, but decided to return by the canal to see if the swan had managed to work the twine loose.

I had only been gone an hour but when I returned I could see that the swan was considerably more distressed as it appeared to have swallowed some of the twine while trying to free itself and the stick was half way up its neck.

From the Newsletter offices on Main Street I rang Paul Dempsey of the Kildare Animal Rescue. Within three-quarters of an hour, Paul had joined myself, Colin Meade (also from the Newsletter) and a member of the R.C.A.G. who had noticed the swan's plight.

At this stage the swan had been joined by the rest of the family, who complicated things by snatching the bread intended to entice the stricken swan to shore. Eventually we split our forces, with Colin being despatched

further up the canal with orders to keep the others away, by any means necessary. In the end this turned out to be through the thoroughly unimaginative process of hurling bits of bread at the other swans, as hard as his frost-bitten fingers would allow.



"IceCube", the Cool Swan.

I myself was stationed close to Paul to catch the dramatic grab attempt on film, but not too close as the flash from the camera would frighten our quarry (which I had named Ice-Cube after the rap artist and my last memory of my fingers). As it became clear the Ice-Cube wasn't going to stick his head in the grab pole's noose, Paul waded into the water and began slowly to reach for the stick. This was the moment that every photographer dreams about — a dramatic on-the-spot action shot. I could see it so clearly, the swan rearing up majestically, its wings spread and silhouetted against the winter sun as Paul wrestled it to the bank and freed it. As I lined up my lens and planned the frame for my picture Paul struck. Making a grab for the stick, he just reached it and as the swan pulled back the twine snapped . . . about two seconds before my shutter did!

So my shot was gone, but how about Ice-Cube himself? With the stick gone and following the shock of Paul's lunge, Ice certainly seemed to have defrosted, the lethargic sufferer of a few moments previous was gone to be

replaced by Ice the Angry. Mute swans normally live up to their name, but Ice was having none of it, and made his displeasure known. Paul assured us that this was a good sign.

As he surveyed the broken twine he asked us to check on Ice the next day. When a swan is alone or lethargic or has dropped its head onto its body for a long period, it is in trouble. I am happy to report that the following day Ice was in fine form and had not forgotten the previous day's events, something which I noticed as the fifth slice of bread I threw to him floated past his disdainful gaze.

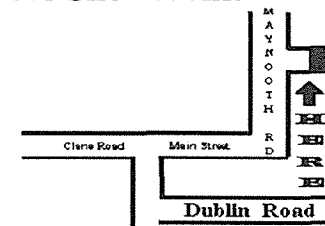
Back at the car park Paul took off his dripping waders and prepared to follow up a call about a horse seen in a very distressed condition near Naas. The K.A.R. are kept busy throughout the year answering calls from the public, according to Paul they get three or four calls a year about the swans in Maynooth. Some of his more bizarre calls, which occur regularly, at least once a week, are to rescue swans stranded on the motorway. Apparently, the swans see the motorway from the air as a suitable landing site, especially when there is some surface water on it, but once they land they find it impossible to take off. Usually by the time Paul arrives the birds are so frightened that capturing them and releasing them on water is easy, keeping them away from motorists isn't and there have been some injuries.

Thankfully, however, Ice-Cube appears to be getting over his ordeal, the hope is that the twine will gradually decay enough for him to be able to free himself of the remainder. If that doesn't work it'll be back to Bond Bridge and the old bread bait. Or maybe Q could invent a gadget to capture swans, remove twines and take that elusive action shot photograph.

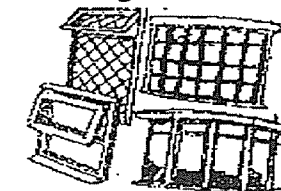
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RAG WEEK '96

THE ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS!

The traditional week for official fun and frolics in St. Patrick's College, namely Rag Week, was in full swing during the week beginning 12th of February. The weeks events ably organised by the Entertainments Committee under Olwyn McCauley was very wide ranging and also appealed to everyone's taste - from the "iron stomach" competition to simple and unchallenging Karaoke!! Coinciding with all students having a wild time, the charity "Make-a-Wish Foundation Ireland" also benefits from funds raised during the week's entertainment.

"Make-A-Wish Foundation":

This charity which is based in Leixlip was founded in 1992 and is based on the original foundation set up in America in the 1980's. "Make-A-Wish foundation" grants wishes to terminally ill children. They have granted a vast variety of wishes in their short existence in Ireland, from bringing children to Disneyland to taking a child to see their favourite pop band. As a charity they are dependent on fundraising events and sponsors and no doubt they will benefit from the students' efforts from Rag Week '96.

This year the town of Maynooth was quiet compared to previous years due to the successful provision of entertainment in the S.U. Most of the days were jam packed with a time table for around the clock drinking and no doubt fun with Rag Week being renowned for its universal licence for debauchery.

The Week's Events:

Monday began with a great night's quality entertainment in the Union with music by *Revelino* and *Whipping Boy* - to have two such fantastic bands on one night, under the same roof was exceptionally good value for £5 with a Bar-ex. This night's music was provided by the Heineken Roller Coaster Tour who in total hosted four bands for the night.

During Rag Week there were plenty of Beer Promotions on in the Students' Union and also in the Roost and the Leinster Arms. It could easily be assumed that most of the week's drinking was undertaken in the Union, but the Roost provided many of the promotions - namely Budweiser, Murphys and also Heineken. Such promotions and at such a pleasant frequency make socialising in Maynooth relatively cheap for the student pocket.

The annual Eating Competition often renamed the Iron Stomach competition was held at lunchtime in the canteen. It has to be said that what was served up at this event is not normally on the menu. Previously, such delicacies as live worms and the not so gruesome Pedigree Chum have been served up with it being washed down with cod liver oil!!

Not for the faint hearted. The evenings entertainment was sponsored by the great American beer Budweiser with a Traffic Light Ball making things interesting.

Good old Valentine's Day began with the 'Lurve Squad' hitting on unaware targets at the wishes of secret admirers often in full lecture halls or other places of public congregation, who instead of flowers or roses wished to embarrass them into submission. Lover's Day is never complete without the 'Slave Trade' with a male and female auction, blind date and a kiss-athon. "Stars in your eyes" made their own appearance in the S.U. during the Karaoke session (seeking the new Take That) which was sponsored by Heineken.

Usually on a Monday, this year's Drag Ball was held on a Thursday with everyone using this night to swap their identity (at least until midnight). Mind you it would be fair to say that it was mainly the Ugly Sisters who graced the Ball that night! A sponsored chest-waxing facility was available on the premises....ouch! To keep with the tone of the evening the Rocky Horror Show had its annual showing and the Drag Ball featured the Glam Tarts, Tony St. James Experience and the King of Drag, Mr. Pussy.

The week's entertainment ended not with a bang but with the need to wind down considerably with a traditional night with Danny out of Fiddlers Green. The general consensus was that the mid-term break was well deserved after the exhausting but thoroughly entertaining week.

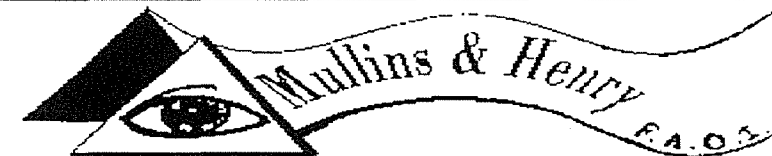


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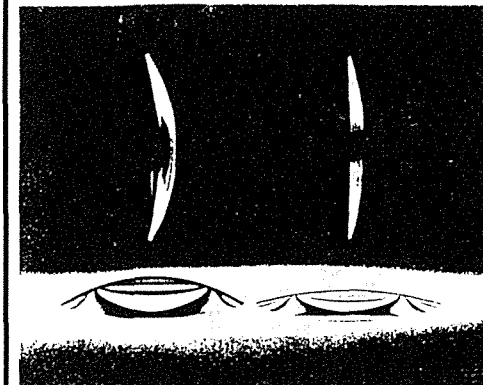
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

This has been the most hectic week since the school began 25 years ago. Below is a list of the various activities which have made the week hectic.

(1) Production of Calamity Jane

A brilliant performance of Calamity Jane in the parish hall was so overbooked for the four nights that an extra performance had to be staged on Sunday night in response to the demand for tickets. The standing ovations each night were testimony to the satisfaction of the audience with the production and the school has been inundated with messages of congratulations and appreciation. The performance was a credit to all who participated in it. The choice of Calamity Jane was certainly an ambitious one and the cast certainly did justice to it. For an amateur production, the standard was exceptionally high. Congratulations to all involved and a special word of thanks to Father Boylan, Ms Mary Murphy, Ms Claire Murphy and Ms Laurene Barry for their hard work and support.

(2) Transition Year

A special meeting was held in the new assembly hall at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th February, for parents of future transition year students. Ms Haughney and Ms O'Leary, next year's co-ordinators, brought the parents through the subject choices, aims and objectives in advance so that informed choices can be made.

(3) Enrolment for next year

Enrolment and assessment took place on 3rd of February in the new assembly hall. Over 130 students enrolled for next year. All parents living within the catchment area of the school are guaranteed a place for their children next September. Maynooth Post Primary School operates an open enrolment policy for those entitled to attend.

(4) Sport

The senior boys' gaelic team won the county championship on February 7th by beating St. Farnan's of Prosperous by 2-11 to 1-6 in very convincing style. We also have a team of cross-country runners who have qualified for the Leinsters.

Lots of support would be welcome for our Under-18 girls who play in the Leinster Senior Schools soccer final on Tuesday, 5th of March, at Whitehall (Home Farm-Everton ground). Last Wednesday, they won the semi-final 4-1 against Dunshaughlin Community School.

(5) Debating and Public Speaking

There have been a number of successes in debating and public speaking 1996. Early in January Lorraine Downey, Fiachra Kirwan and Claire Duke won the North Kildare final of the Mental Health Public Speaking competition, bringing

home a beautiful shield, on display in the school. We wish them well in the Regional finals on February 28th in Stillorgan.

Lorraine Downey and Fiona Hoare competed in the Soroptomist International Public Speaking Competition. Lorraine won this North Kildare final and competed well in the Regional final in Mullingar.

Andrew Duffy, Aengus Martin and Finola Griffin won their final round in the Michael Rigby Jones Memorial Shield Debating Competition. Well done to all our competitors.

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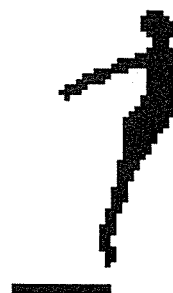
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Report: Drugs & Your Child - FACE to FACE - Programme

The Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association, in conjunction with the National Parent's Council (Post Primary), sponsored by the VHI and Drury Communications and backed by the Dept. of Health, held a special meeting for all 12-15 year old children of Maynooth Post Primary and their parents, on Tuesday 30/1/96 at 8.00p.m. in the new school hall. However, other interested teenagers and their parents, in the locality, were also invited to attend.

Guest speakers included, a prominent local Doctor (Dr. C. O'Rourke), a Drugs Abuse Advisor (Ms. Liz Corbett) Hon. Sec., Community Against Drugs (C.A.D.), a VHI Regional Manager (Mr. Hugh McGovern), the President of the National Parents' Council (Post Primary) (Mr. Nick Killian) and our local Garda Sergeant (Peter Kearney). The theme of the meeting was "Drugs & Your Child — FACE to FACE". The VHI have sponsored specially commissioned leaflets for all 12-15 year olds, at Post Primary, and a different leaflet for parents of all these children. [Did you get your leaflet?]

Over 500 students and parents attended the meeting and listened with interest to what each of the speakers had to say. CKR Radio's reporter, Ms Bernie Jameson who attended the meeting, played excerpts from the meeting on her radio slot, "Points of View", on Thursday 1/2/96. For example, Sgt. Kearney reminded the audience that "make no mistake about it, Ecstasy is a killer drug... it incapacitates people, it kills people very slowly and very painfully. However, not all the victims of Ecstasy die, some suffer from long-term kidney and liver failure, life-threatening disorders, severe depression and paranoia. These are the facts about "E" -Ecstasy." He cautioned that "possession or supply of an illegal drug is a criminal offence".

Ms Liz Corbett, C.A.D., expressed her concern regarding the "wide-spread use (abuse) of Cannabis in Kildare"; children who smoke cigarettes are at increased risk, in this regard. Dr. Christy O'Rourke highlighted the real danger of alcohol abuse and yet this danger is often overlooked by many. He reminded parents of the message they may give their children if they took, for example, "a pink pill with their gin at night-time or a red pill with their rosé." Issues like these are likely to come up in discussions with children.

Nick Killian, National Parents' Council, warned that no town was immune to the drugs problem and that disco owners had a responsibility to screen those entering night clubs. He said, "the gardai have a difficult task and we must support them." Anyone who would like to get further information, help or

assistance, in relation to drugs abuse, may do so, in confidence, by contacting the E.H.B. Drugs Abuse Counsellor, Ms Catherine Fogarty 045 876001, the local Garda station or the Citizens Information Centre, Main St., Maynooth 01-6285477.

In conclusion, the Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association wish to express their thanks to all our guest speakers for their valuable contributions. To the students, parents and teachers who attended, we say thank you. And a special thanks to Mr. Ashe and his staff who so effectively responded with additional seating accommodation when the number attending the meeting exceeded initial expectations and finally our thanks for provision of hospitality to our guest speakers after the meeting.

*Dermot Nangle,
Chairperson.*

EXIT '96 WEST STUDENT WORK AND TRAVEL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, February 6th, saw the opening for the acceptance of applications for the Student Work and Travel Programme in USIT centres across the country. Travel Options, Maynooth, is one such centre, which on the first day received 110 applications and a further 50 the following day.

Students, anxious to participate in this unique opportunity, started queuing outside Travel Options from 7 a.m., however, the doors were not opened until 9 a.m. The first 20 in the queue were given a free breakfast in the 'Rye Restaurant', courtesy of Travel Options.

The Student Work and Travel Programme, this year, celebrates 30 years in operation, which indicates its success. It offers an excellent opportunity to young people to work legally in the U.S. from June 1st to October 19th and earn money to make their stay affordable. This sort of experience is an education in itself.

1996 will allow 5,000 students to travel to America on this programme - and within just three days of opening 3,000 places had already been secured. Applications were being accepted on a first come, first served basis - with students travelling out from Aston Quay and Belfield to Maynooth, as the USIT centres there were forced to close due to such large numbers queuing.

Reports from students who have travelled to America on this programme in the past suggest that this is a wonderful way to spend a summer and make money to boot!

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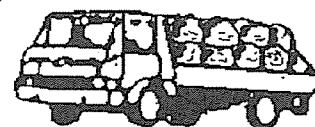
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L-R: Geróid O'Longáin, Coiste; Betty O'Hare, Asteoir; Colm O'Cearúil, Cathaoirleach; Maire Ní Ghúil, Rúnaí and Johnathon Meade, Oif. Cad. Pob.

The parents of Scoil Uí Fhiaich's, Naionán beaga '96-'97, Maynooth's Gaelscoil recently attended and enjoyed a very successful meeting and social evening. The parents were brought up to date on the details of preparation for the school's opening date on Monday 2 September 1996. A 'Choiste Chomhairle' an advisory committee was set up consisting of Noel Reilly, Ger Scanlon, Bernadette Murray, Angela Brady and Mary Geraghty. This committee shall formulate school policy, school ethos, code of discipline (based on a value system), uniform, and extra curricular programme. A cairde Scoil Uí Fhiaich committee was also set up consisting of Betty O'Hare, Denise McCarthy, Paul Coyle, Ger Uí Cheartúil and Catherine Coyle. This committee shall be engaged in fund raising to help defray the short fall in State funding.

All involved enjoyed the night and were reminded to speak the occasional word of Irish to their children in preparation for September. Bhí níos mó ná cúpla focail le rá ag Bridie Marcello as Litir Mhór i gConnemara.

Beir bua,

*Jonathan Meade
Oif. Cad. Phob.*

GARDA TALK

Important memo to all Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and secretaries of residents' associations: The national safety council have organised a panel of speakers to give lectures on the subjects of "Fire Safety in the Home" plus "Road Safety" to interested groups between January and April 1996. Lectures within a radius of 25 miles from Dublin Monday through to Thursday nights will last 1 1/4 hours, will be complemented by a video, question and answer session, and the distribution of leaflets. Bookings from interested parties should be made 14 days in advance from the council: telephone 4963422. **This service is free of charge.** Please consider the use of this service in your estate.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

We look forward to this year's parade and wish the organisers, entrants and spectators an excellent day. Parking will be restricted on the Main Street from early morning. Parents, please watch your children when the parade is passing.

Garda Dinner Dance

This year's dance will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on 8th March. As we go to print, our tickets are sold out. We apologise to those who sought tickets, and a sincere "thank you" to all our patrons for their continued support.

STREET TALK

New management at Vanity Fayre

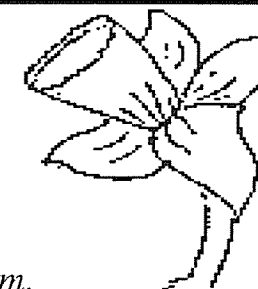
Vanity Fayre, a well established hair and beauty salon located at The Mall off Main Street, has gained a new Manageress. Ms. Mary Flynn who originates from Summerhill, Co. Meath has been in her new role for just two weeks but is thoroughly enjoying the challenge. This recent takeover by Mary is the only change of staff as all the usual girls are still there to attend to your every beauty and hair need. Mary is ably assisted by Aideen Bennett, Emily Lennon, Valerie Kelly and Bernadette O'Shea is available by appointment every Friday.

To celebrate her new responsibilities, Mary has reduced the sunbed sessions by 10% to £20 for 200 minutes and all Cuts and Blow-dry are also reduced by 20% for the month of March. Vanity Fayre with their comfortable surroundings is the perfect place to get your make-up and hair done for that special occasion but do ensure to make an appointment to avoid disappointment.

Such offers are definitely an enticement to change your look for the Spring weather which we are supposed to be getting! Also if you wish to have an all over tan before everyone else, drop into Mary and the girls and book a session or two!



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VIDEO REVIEW

CONGO (12)
High adventure on a grand scale, complete with high-tech special effects; this one has it all and more. The story centres around the quest for flawless diamonds in a lost city deep in the jungle and the adventures of the team sent in to locate them. There is also an anthropologist who must release a gorilla, that had been used in scientific experiments, back into the wild. The closer they get to their destination, the more it becomes obvious that things are not as they should be. Sounds familiar? I thought so! Oh, and by the way, the gorilla talks! Yes, this one ranks right up there with Skippy, Flipper and Mr.Ed! Your kids will absolutely love it, but it is *strictly* for kids or to pass a couple of hours if there is no football on the telly.

DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE (15)
What can I say about this one? The third film in the DIE HARD series, and made to a tried and tested formula that works extremely well. Basically it's the mixture as before; the hero (Bruce Willis) has to outsmart the villain (Jeremy Irons) who is the brother of the terrorist in the first movie, and he's out to avenge his demise at the hands of good old Bruce. Car chases, explosions and gunfights; it's action all the way, with the usual Willis one-liners thrown in for good measure. Very entertaining and definitely well worth a look!

WATERWORLD (12)
Don't be influenced by all the bad publicity; this is not the turkey that it is cracked up to be. In actual fact it's not half bad, as science fiction movies go. The story is fairly simple; the world of the future is covered by water with the inhabitants living on man-made islands. Their lives are hampered by "SMOKERS" (isn't everyone's), a tribe of pirates, and to try to escape they enlist the help of Kevin Costner, who may or may not know the way to get to dry land. The special effects, which cost millions of dollars to stage, won't fill you with awe, but for all that it's reasonably entertaining. Worth seeing, if only to see what all the fuss was about!

M'LADY KILDARE


The M'Lady Kildare competition will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday 7th March at 8.30 p.m. Admission £3.00, music by Mick McGarry 'till late. We have Ladies from Leixlip, Celbridge, Sallins, Monasterevin, Cookstown and Kilcock. The competition is for Ladies over 35 who are working and/or raising a family and also find time to work for their community. Individuals, Clubs and Organisations have nominated the ladies for the title. The nights entertainment is open to everyone so do come along and cheer on these ladies who give of their time to their communities. The winner of the Kildare title will go forward to the National competition in Ballbriggan in June.

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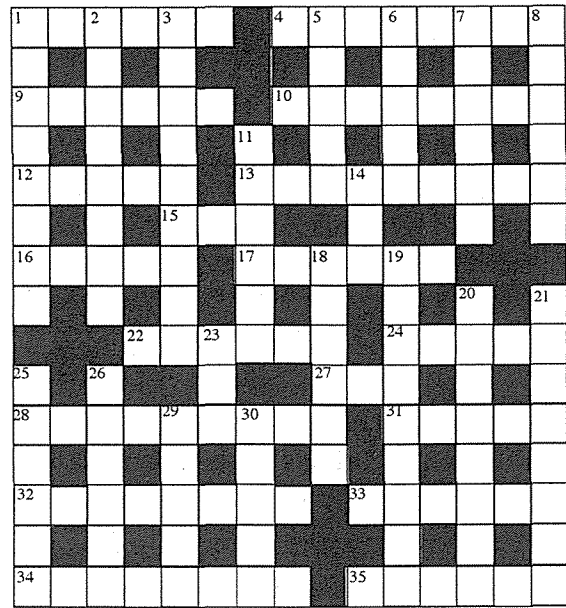
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Crossword No. 100



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, 15th March, 1996.

Name _____

Address _____

- Across:
- 1 Stout woman is a daddy! (6)
 - 4 They're sure to cry so don't let them in (8)
 - 9 About 101 for physical education produce the list of ingredients (6)
 - 10 That which is pre-empted was spotted after four, we hear (8)
 - 12 Cut in two, Henry has victory in Europe (5)
 - 13 This little seaside bird might sound abrasive to a Cockney! (9)
 - 15 Idiot juice! (3)
 - 16 Call three when you're in trouble (5)
 - 17 For most of us it will arrive with difficulty and out-go with ease (6)
 - 22 A serious way towards the back (6)
 - 24 They often love to show their green (5)
 - 27 A very long time in the USA (3)
 - 28 Firstly you get a letter (9)
 - 31 A fish to clean off the bottom of a ship (5)
 - 32 Do they touch you helpfully? (8)
 - 33 As in in company, it's where you're more likely to lose than win! (6)
 - 34 Points revolved and joined up! (8)
 - 35 Adorn the lower level, we hear (6)

- Down:
- 1 Old coin never close to hand (8)
 - 2 Raising a giggle as you mark fish (8)
 - 3 Makes a statement about rapid transport (9)
 - 5 Could you grow a tree from a foot sore? (5)
 - 6 Inclined to be expensive (5)
 - 7 Release from former politician's tangle with ET (6)
 - 8 Watchman gets three points for effort (6)
 - 11 Hope for a steeple? (6)

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Winner of Crossword No. 98: Patrick Donoghue 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth, being presented with his prize by John Byrne, Proprietor of The Maynooth Bookshop.

- 14 These singers can make a bit of Urdu out (3)
- 18 American bunnies? (6)
- 19 It's spliced by tars for a few jars (9)
- 20 Similarly, one may prefer the enlightened (8)
- 21 Green-leaved false stone? (8)
- 23 Drink at the junction, we hear (3)
- 25 & 26 Small "crabby" child? (6,6)
- 26 See 25 Down
- 29 Biggest chip shop in the locality? (5)
- 30 Can be funny with Little help (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 99:

Across: 1, Thelma (the-L-ma); 4, Veracity (Vera-city); 9, Meteor(ology); 10, Attitude (a-TT-itude); 12, Wares (wears); 13, Purloined (purline); 15, Col; 16, Rhona (Rhone); 17, At home; 22, Vessel; 24, Nylon (NY-Lon); 27, Mad (M-A.D.); 28, Underrate (under rate); 31, Acrid (ac-R-id); 32, Deed poll; 33, Kisses; 34, Respects; 35, Byword.

Down: 1, Time warp; 2, Exterior; 3, Moonscape; 5, Enter; 6, Amino (ami-no); 7, Iguana; 8, Yields; 11, Splays (S-play-S); 14, Loo; 18, Helmet; 19, Mendacity (mend a city); 20, Al-fresco (anagram); 21, Anodised; 23, Sir; 25, Murder (Red Rum); 26, Adders; 29, Rupee (anagram); 30, Allot (a lot).

Winner of Crossword No. 99:
Patricia Moynan, 209 Kingsbry, Maynooth.

Features

What YOU can do to slow down the Global Warming: Wake up NOW!

One of today's most discussed environmental problems is the so-called "greenhouse effect", the global climate change caused by permanent and increasing emission of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gases" (such as methane and chlorofluorocarbons). Scientists agree that, if present trends continue, the temperature of the earth's surface will rise about 3°C and the sea level will rise about 1.0 meter by the year 2100. To avoid a significant change in global temperature reduction in CO₂ emission about 80% would be necessary by the year 2050! And yet, how carelessly we still deal with fossil fuel and energy consumption! Here are a few ideas how YOU can help to reduce these impacts to the atmosphere:

- Conserve energy at home and at work, i.e. by using low energy light bulbs, taking a shower instead of a bath, buying locally produced goods thus saving on transport expense, ensuring that lights and heating are switched off when rooms are not in use, installing energy efficient central heating boilers, etc.
- Use public transport, walk or cycle when possible: private transport is one of the largest sources of CO₂ emissions (and other pollutants).

- Old fridges can be disposed of safely. Ask your local authority, the manufacturer or the retailer about arrangements for the collection and recycling of the C.F.C. chemicals which each fridge contains.

- Look for and buy environmentally friendly products. In particular the wrapping and packaging of the food we consume is an incredible waste of material and energy. There are lots of products which are also offered with more environmentally friendly packaging, i.e. milk and cream are also available in cartons, instead of plastic containers!

- Avoid tinfoil!!! To produce aluminium from bauxite ore, a vast amount of energy is required. It is really not necessary to wrap your daily sandwich in tinfoil. You could use paper or, even better, a reusable plastic box (Tupperware®) — it is also cheaper!

- Use recycling facilities for paper, glass and aluminium cans (in Maynooth: in Quinnsworth's car park, behind the supermarket). By using recycled aluminium, 95% (!) of the energy needed to produce aluminium cans from raw material

is saved! Also glass and paper need considerably less energy when made with recycled material. Develop a recycling mentality! All you need are separate boxes or bags for cans, bottles and newspapers in your kitchen and the will to do a few extra steps to the collection point.

- Bring your own shopping bag or basket when making purchases, or have a few reused plastic bags with you! Billions of non-recyclable carrier bags are given away in supermarkets every year. They are made from oil, need a lot of energy to produce and take about 500 years to biodegrade! They could be easily replaced by cotton or linen bags, baskets or cardboard boxes to bring groceries home.

Most of these measures are very easily done. So start to rethink NOW!!!

We all should be much more aware of the world we live in and in particular, the world our children will have to live in.

Florian Schönberger
Student

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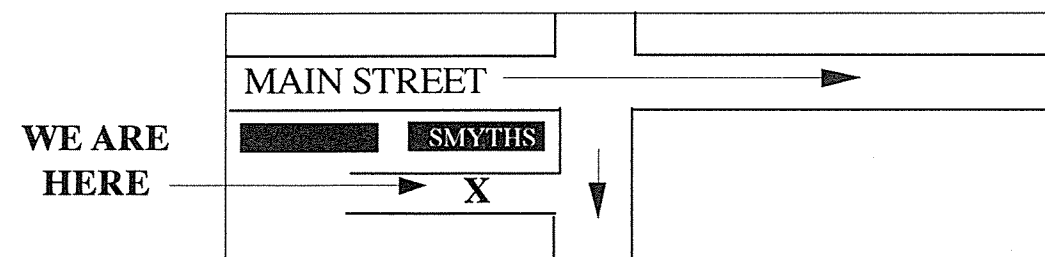
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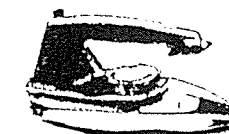
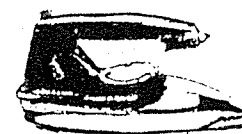
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M.A.D.E.

The year 1995-96 is the 10th anniversary of the foundation of M.A.D.E. This was one of only 4 Adult Education groups in the county at that time. There are now over 40 groups. To celebrate our 10th anniversary we intend to hold a party on Monday 29th April in the M.A.D.E. Centre from 11a.m.-1p.m.

All past and present committee members, tutors and pupils are welcome. As we need to know how many to cater for places must be booked by phoning Ann 6285219 or Bernadette 6286774. A cover charge of £2 payable at the door will include entry to a draw for a free place on one of our courses. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

M.A.D.E. Committee

MAYNOOTH FIRE BRIGADE



*Vintage Austin Fire Appliance ZW 8599
at Maynooth Fire Station*

The vintage fire appliance is still undergoing restoration. The joint effort by Maynooth fire-fighters and four students from Coláiste Chiarain, Leixlip, together with their Gaisce Award leader, has proven itself a success ever since it started.

The fire appliance is just about as good as new now. With Joe, Lennie, Tony, Philip, Paddy, Peter, Brendan and Christy working on the appliance on Wednesdays, Saturdays and any other free time they have, they have managed to rebuild the inside drivers cabin and the lockers, and worked on the roof.

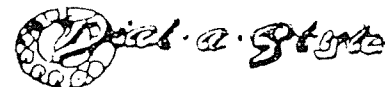
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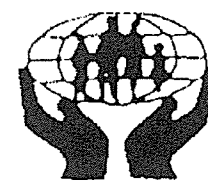
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The roof has been painted, the shutters stripped, the doors painted, and the wheel arches body filled by myself, Niamh, Claire, Linda and Martin. A total of 130 man hours have been spent working on the fire appliance.

We would all like to say a special word of thanks to Akzo-Nobel, Sutton, who kindly donated the paint for the outside of the fire appliance, to the DIY, Old Hill, Leixlip who donated the timber, to Housepride, Maynooth, who donated the paint for the inside cabin, and to Barton's Bus garage who gave us the loan of an appliance to steam wash the fire engine.

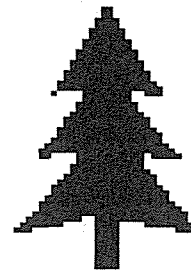
The Austin ZW8599 will be fully restored and be seen driving through the streets of Maynooth on March 17th in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Clodagh Ryan

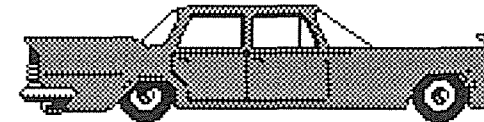


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ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN MAYNOOTH

On Tuesday March 26 at 8.00p.m., there will be a concert of orchestral music in St. Mary's Church, Parson Street, Maynooth. This concert will be given by the newly formed orchestra, the *Maynooth Orchestral Players*, which is based in the Music Department of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The orchestra was founded in February 1995 by Alan Kelly who now manages the orchestra and Trini Armstrong the current Conductor. Within two months of its establishment, the orchestra gave its first concert in the Music Department to an audience of 60. The immediate response to this musical venture was very enthusiastic and since the beginning of the academic year in October, the orchestra has progressed rapidly, doubling in size.

Membership includes students from all the departments and members of college staff. The orchestra is also a member of the *Irish Association of Youth Orchestras*.

For the forthcoming concert on March 26, the orchestra will perform a challenging programme of music by Norwegian, Czech, and French composers. The orchestra will also give the first performance of a new work by the College Composer-in-Residence, Martin O'Leary.

Tickets for this concert cost £3 with a concession price of £2 for children. Tickets are available from the University Bookshop and the Maynooth Bookshop in the town square.

The next engagement for the orchestra is on Friday April 26, when they will perform with the Army No.1 Band and other orchestras in a giant concert in aid of the R.T.E. People in Need Telethon. This exciting event will take place in the Garrison church of the Curragh Military Camp, Co. Kildare.

Alan Kelly
Orchestra Manager

THE GREAT HUNGER FAMINE EXHIBITION

The Leixlip Heritage Environment and Culture Project based in Scoil Mhuire, Green Lane, Leixlip, is presently holding an exhibition to commemorate the Irish Famine.

The Exhibition will recall the times and social conditions under which our great-grandparents lived. Areas of research include a brief history of the potato crop in Ireland and the causes of the blight of 1845-47; an investigation of the social effects of disease and hunger highlighting the destruction of the average family unit, the psychological ravages to the individual, and the disintegration of moral behaviour; the response of the governments of Robert Peel and Lord John Russell with special attention to the efforts and actions of Charles Travelyan; the forced emigration of millions of famine victims to England and the New World and how they fared; a graphic representation of the most common diseases of famine. The Exhibition concludes with a brief discussion about who was responsible for the famine and is highlighted by anecdotal quotations by political figures and survivors alike.

The Leixlip Heritage Project was set up in 1990 and is co-funded by FAS and proceeds from the Leixlip Salmon Festival. The core work of the project is the indexing and computerisation of Workhouse Registers for the County Kildare Library Services that are up to 150 years old. This work is effectively carried out using a computer database system and is overseen by the Project Co-ordinator and an on-site historian. The aim of the project is to enable trainees to learn about and develop their knowledge of the latest technological equipment, their community and history, office skills, teamwork and leadership skills, and social and life skills.

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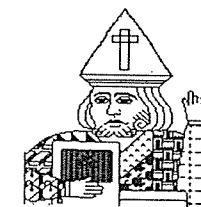
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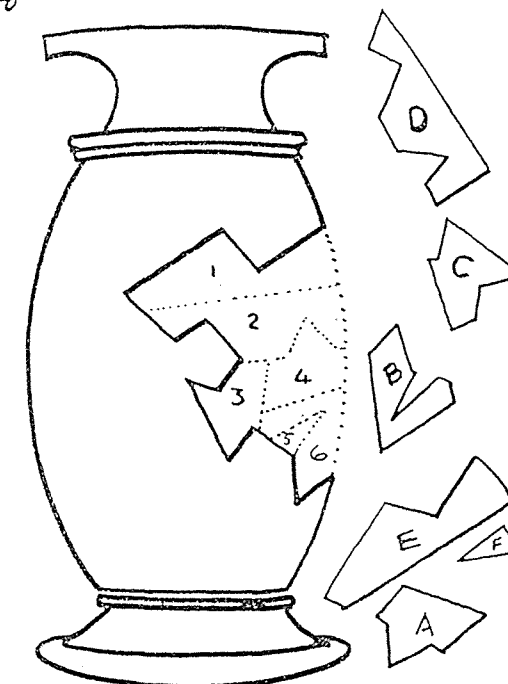


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MAYNOOTH NOW A GOOD ADDRESS!

It's official: Maynooth is becoming a very desirable place to live and house prices in the town will therefore remain rock solid. At least, so say the town's auctioneers, the firms that make a living out of buying and selling property.

They would say that, you might reply. However, they quickly list off the many reasons why: motorway, train, university, fresh air and prices still lower than in many parts of Dublin. Add in the housing demand from the huge workforce in Intel plus the thousands who will work in Hewlett Packard and it's not hard to see why people are clamouring to join us in the town.

House Prices Rise

House prices have been rising all over the country in the past two years but Maynooth has seen an above-average increase, say the town's auctioneers. "It has never been as buoyant here," says Gerry Brady of Gerard Brady & Co., Main Street. "It has been very good everywhere — but Maynooth has knocked on apace," he says.

"Two years ago the average three-bed semi was selling at £46,000-£47,000," says Conor O'Connor, an auctioneer with Regan Estate Agents, Main Street. "Now any three-bed semi makes well over £50,000. The good ones are hitting the mid to high fifties."

In the last year the increase has been dramatic, says Willie Coonan of E. A. Coonan & Son, Property House, Main Street. "The increase will continue this year, perhaps not as dramatically but it will be steady."

So we can congratulate ourselves on making the right choice when deciding to live in Maynooth. But is there any benefit for you if your house increases in value? It does not have a huge

effect if you do not intend to sell up and move. However, it does ensure your ability to repay your mortgage even if the worst of eventualities strike. It makes getting a second mortgage easier if so desired. However, it might push more Maynooth residents into the property tax net!



New apartment block at Glenroyal Centre

Maynooth a town for gentry - or a town for Dublin?

High house prices also mean Maynooth will become "gentrified". Bluntly, only people with employment and buying power will be able to buy a house in the town. The thought is politically incorrect, but a fact of life. We'd want to watch we don't get swelled heads! Before Intel opened it was rumoured that the giant company bought up every single new house that came on sale in the town. Not so, say the town's auctioneers, just another rumour. "But the arrival of Intel certainly lifted prices here," says Conor O'Connor. "And Hewlett Packard will drive demand on further."

What if Intel close down? "Intel are unlikely to go broke," says Conor. "Anyway, in such an eventuality house prices here would not suffer: we are beside the motorway. Maynooth is now a suburb of Dublin", he says.

Good Lord, we no sooner arrive on the map than we lose our identity! Who do we cheer for when the All-Ireland county football championships start?

Gerry Brady will have none of that: "Maynooth has arrived of its own right. There is natural growth there regardless of Intel and Hewlett Packard and Dublin."

Maynooth will continue to grow

And growth is the word. Maynooth is going to get a lot bigger over the next five years. "Building will go a bit further out the Moyglare Road, although they certainly won't go near the studs," says Conor O'Connor. "And the land between the motorway and the town will be filled in. There will be a scarcity of land for development unless there is more rezoning", he warns. Will the town bulge

out over the motorway? "In time it could," he says. Interestingly, he suggests that a light industry centre would be good for Maynooth. With the town's proximity to the motorway it is feasible, he argues.

But hold on, is the town going to get too big and spin out of control? "In comparison to other towns we have the facilities in Maynooth," says Willie Coonan. "We have the shops, buses, train, schools, sports facilities. Plus we now have a fairly mature population with a good spread of ages. We are very lucky, really."

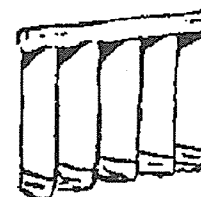
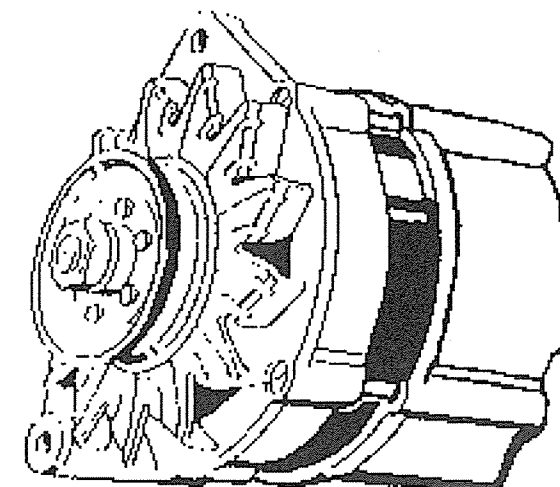
The infrastructure is there to carry the development taking place now and also more future development, says Gerry Brady. "Millions of pounds has been spent on that infrastructure. It must be used." He readily accepts that many residents are concerned that Maynooth will get too big.

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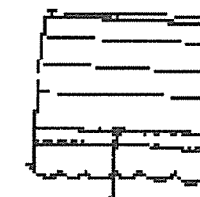
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THE GLENROYAL WEDDING FAIR

The Glenroyal Hotel's Wedding Fair had its debut on Sunday 11th February in the Fitzgerald Suite. Planning for that special day involves careful organisation to ensure that it is immortalised as a momentous occasion. To attain this it is often necessary to shop around but to assist those planning to 'tie the knot', the Glenroyal congregated as many of the essential services needed as possible under their roof.

The Wedding Fair was presented in the excellent surroundings of the Fitzgerald Suite. Ms. Helen Courtney, Assistant Manageress was on hand during the day to give advice on the services available in the Glenroyal for the engaged couple in organising their special day. Admission was not only free but on entering a brochure was presented to each person containing a synopsis of what the Glenroyal has to offer, with light refreshments provided by Douwe Egberts and Finches.

Music was provided for the afternoon by "Partners" who played a sample of their music to entertain the guests at the reception. A limousine service for your wedding was provided by Cassidy Chauffeur Drive which specialise in vintage cars so you can travel in style down the aisle. The Elite displayed a sample of the wedding cakes available either two tier or three and in an arrange of designs.

The Glenroyal Hotel has a special Wedding Package which includes:

- Complimentary and discount Accommodation for the Couple and their guests;
- Complimentary tea and coffee on arrival;
- Red carpet;
- Cake stand;
- Presentation set of Newbridge Cutlery as a memento of your special Day;

Financing the Big Day:

The services available at the Wedding Fair were limited but the services offered by the Glenroyal were not lacking. Three financial institutions were represented as if to reiterate the expense involved in planning the perfect day. Patricia Campbell was on hand from Coonan's to give advice. Engagements may be expensive but weddings can be extravagant. Peadar O'Connor represented Regan's also to give advice on successfully financing the big day. Irish Life gave advice and information relating to expenses and finance for life insurance and other grants or loans.

Beautiful Brides:

"Something Special" from Naas and "Fitting Image" based outside Clane were on hand to give advice about the perfect

wedding dress whether it be traditional or romantic. A fashion show was the perfect way to display what these two Bridal and Evening Wear specialists had to offer. Annmarie O'Brien displayed her designer made dresses which may be made to order. The fashion show began with designs from Something Special for the Bride who was accompanied by the Father of the Bride who wore a suit from the Mens Shop in Newbridge. The range of fabrics were as diverse as the styles of gowns on display - everything from satin embroidery bodices to flowing chiffon skirts. Full and straight skirts were the evenly popular. Dresses by Aileen Cross made an appearance on the catwalk. Very popular were the empire style dresses designed and made by Annmarie O'Brien.



*Katie Delaney, from Katie's Flowers,
with her bridal arrangements*

Kevin Carr who is based in his photographic studio in Kilcock was available to display his wide selection of professional wedding photograph packages. Kevin will discuss in detail the style of photography you would like and exactly which photographs you have preference for. Prices start around £300 - depending on the number of photographs and the type of album cover required.

The videographer and photographer Pat Foley also had a stand at the Fair. Pat is based in Kilcullen and he had a splendid example of what he offers. He suggests having the most important moment in your life immortalised for life and he guarantees covering all important aspects of your big day. He emphasises that a video of the day is much less hassle and more personal than the traditional wedding photographs.

Helens Hair Affair, Newtown Shopping Centre, in Maynooth specialised in Upstyles and head dress ideas for the bride and attendants. Ms. Helen Grehan on the day was demonstrating

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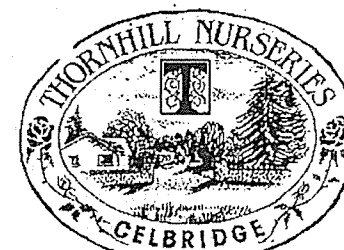
Description: Beautifully established bungalow in open-plan estate with maximum privacy. Accommodation briefly comprises of Entrance Hall, Kitchen with eye level and floor teak units, Lounge, Dining Room, Living Room separated from Lounge by french doors, Bathroom, four Bedrooms main with ensuite. This bungalow is quite unique in that it maintains its own identity while situated in a small estate environment..

Well matured garden to front and rear of house with back garden enclosed by two side entrances with wooden gates.

Decorative shutters on exterior windows. Storm porch at front with aluminium door.

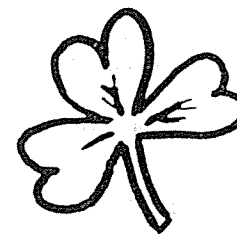
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the various styles which look best on each individual. She specifically gave advice on the dilemma of suiting a veil with the desired hair style. Helen suggested that the bride or bridesmaids try the style they desire at least two or three times before the big event.

Katies Flowers had a fabulous stand at the Wedding Fair demonstrating the range of floral arrangements available for the Church, reception and also bouquets for the bride and her attendants. Advice on colours and arrangements for all your floral needs will be available from Katie Delaney or any of her staff.

The Wedding Fair was a beneficial exercise for the Glenroyal Hotel but it must be said that the services on offer for the intended couple on the day were lacking but it was encouraging for a first attempt and we look forward to hearing about their first Wedding reception!

Party Political



Alison modelling bride's dress from "Something Special", Naas.

FINE GAEL NOTES

1. At the recent meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee the Maynooth Development Plan was finalised. Cllr. Senan Griffin who has been pushing hard for amenity land for the residents of Maynooth is reasonably happy with the proposals for the development of lands in the area. The proposals include as follows:

- Amenity land for the schools.
- 2 playing pitches for the G.A.A. club.
- A 10 acre park to be developed on the Celbridge Road area.
- Eleven acres of amenity land on the Dublin Road, (Co. Council land).
- Three playing pitches for the soccer club.
- A 6 acre site for a National School, Celbridge Road area.
- A 2 acre site for church.
- A ring road around the east side of Maynooth, (Blacklion to Straffan Rd. Interchange).

The proposals also include the rezoning of approx. 238 acres of land. Cllr. Senan Griffin is reasonably happy with this type of development but he has stated that at least 100 acres of amenity is required for the future and the people of Maynooth.

Bernard Durkan, Minister for State welcomed the Government Allocation of £146 million for the improvement of non-national roads. He pointed out that Kildare Co. Council was granted as follows:

- £1,991,000 Restoration Improvement Grant
- £541,000 Maintenance Grant
- £232,000 Discretionary Improvement Grant
- £220,000 Discretionary Maintenance Grant
- £120,000 Shaw Bridge Kilcock
- £476,000 Monread Road Naas
- £1,500,000 Barnhall Bridge

This gives Kildare Co. Council an increase of 20% on the grant of 1995.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has submitted the following motions to Kildare Co. Council:

- Roads
 - Maynooth/Celbridge Road
 - Re-align and complete Dunboyne Rd, at Dillons Row/Convent lane.
 - Moneycooley/Ballygoran Road
 - Lady Chapel/Taghadoe
 - Pike's Bridge
 - Laraghbryan/Timard
 - Dublin Road to the Mart
 - Greenfield Lane
 - Crinstown

B) That Kildare Co. Council erect a "No Dumping" sign at the E.S.B. sub-station at Moneycooley.

C) That Kildare Co. Council take in charge Leinster Park Estate.

Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin recently expressed concern at the development of the Square in Maynooth; it is their opinion that insufficient space is being allocated to the proper management of traffic through the Main Street/Square onto the motorway.

Despite numerous requests the traffic lights which are now out of service since Christmas have not been repaired thereby making it extremely dangerous for school children to cross the Main Street.

Dep. Durkan and Cllr. Griffin have asked Kildare Co. Council to correct this situation immediately.

At a recent meeting of the Fine Gael Branch Dep. B. Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin encouraged people to inspect the proposals for improving the Main Street, Maynooth, which are currently on display at the local library.

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Kildare Republicans Organise

On February the 12th Ard Comhairle member, Cllr. Joe Reilly (Navan), along with Cllr. Paddy Wright (Athy) and former political prisoner Cllr. Mossey Reilly (Athy) met with Grew/Devoy cumann (North Kildare) in Rathcoffey. Topics for discussion were the crisis in the peace process, the housing problem, development without allocation for local authority housing or sufficient amenities, the jobs crisis and Grew/Devoy cumann's proposals for the Ard Fheis and the organisation of Sinn Féin in Kildare.

Following this meeting it has been decided that:

(i) A Saoirse group will be formed in Maynooth. Saoirse is the campaign to free Irish political prisoners as part of the peace process. Saoirse is open to people of any political persuasion.

(ii) Contact must be made with ordinary people wishing to form peace groups in order to co-operate with them in a peace campaign.

(iii) That given the appalling situation regarding the provision of local authority housing with over 1,400 on the waiting list in Kildare and slum landlords being subsidised by the Eastern Health Board through the Rent Allowance Scheme, a campaign is needed. We call on people on the housing waiting list and others concerned to organise.

(iv) That a Community Centre is needed in Maynooth and should be campaigned for.

Anyone interested in the above campaigns should contact Sinn Féin at (045) 861814.

Anyone interested in joining Sinn Féin should contact Head Office at (01) 8734931.

Orange Order invitation

Following representations from Sinn Féin, the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade committee have withdrawn an invitation to the Orange Order marching bands made by Cllr. John McGinley (Labour). While we would welcome any Protestant or Unionist bands, the Orange Order are Catholic hating bigots. Their nature is shown by General Law No. 4 of their constitution: "Any member dishonouring the institution by marrying a Roman Catholic shall be expelled and it shall be deemed an offence for any member to facilitate in any way Sunday sports, amusements or dances organised by Roman Catholics."

Sinn Féin are now attempting to secure a non-sectarian band for the parade.

Job losses at Intel. Record profits for the bosses — dole queues for the workers

Intel, a company whose annual revenue was up by 41% in 1995, making record profits for the sixth year running, was "forced" to lay off 234 workers at its plant in Leixlip. It appears another 260 "temporary" workers may not have their contracts renewed, while some employees are working on a week-to-week basis.

These job losses expose the bankruptcy of successive governments' policy of attracting multinationals to Ireland as a solution to the unemployment crisis. Multinational companies are not a sort of job providing charity as some politicians and sections of the media seem to believe. Foreign multinationals will come here to exploit our labour, pollute our environment and send their profits overseas. Only development of Irish industry, under democratic control in a planned economy, can provide a real solution to unemployment with the creation of secure, not temporary, jobs.

1916 Commemoration

Sinn Féin commend the work of both the 50th and 75th anniversary 1916 memorial committees. The 50th Anniversary Committee are erecting a memorial in the new Square, while the 75th Anniversary Committee are restoring the plaque in Pound Park and publishing a pamphlet. We ourselves are planning to organise a commemoration, a social night and publish a pamphlet.

It is important to remember when commemorating 1916 that the ideals expressed in the writings of Pearse and Connolly represent not the past but the future. They did not strive for the Ireland of today.

They strove for national self-determination, a pluralist Ireland united and free. An inclusive secular republic with equal rights and equal opportunities for all Irish citizens not for discrimination against women or minorities. Most importantly, they strove for a socialist republic, which could give its people jobs and houses, its young people a future.

New Cumann

A Sinn Féin Cumann has been formed in the Maynooth area with the intention of contesting local and Dáil elections in the North Kildare constituency. Anybody interested in joining the Cumann is welcome to contact the party's head office at (01) 8734931.

Gardening Hints - Time to Prune!

There's a secret behind well-shaped shrubs and hedges - commonsense pruning at the right moment.

There's a lot of nonsense talked about pruning. If the phrases "outward-facing buds" and "paint the wound with XYX" don't exactly fill you with enthusiasm, here's an approach that may sound a little bit more practical. Firstly, it's true that perfect pruning, shrub by shrub, would be a year-round labour. But who has enough time or can remember? So, plan a general spring prune in the next few weeks.

Except for plants from warmer climates that are not absolutely hardy, and very slow-growing plants (see The Untouchables), the worst that could happen if you prune sensibly at the wrong time is that you delay fruiting or flowering; shrubs and trees rarely suffer permanent damage. Secondly, forget all about pruning diagrams and technical talk, and prune for shape. Let your eye tell you what to trim and it's hard to go wrong.

Priority Pruning - attend to these shrubs now - anytime from mid-March onwards.

Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) - prune hard to just above the old wood.
Ceanothus - deciduous varieties. Shorten vigorous stems to two buds and remove weak growth.

Clematis - late summer or autumn flowering varieties. Cut out thin growth and shorten remaining stems to just above the old wood.

Dogwood (*sornus*) - prune bushy varieties almost to ground level for strong growth and better winter stem colour.

Elder (*Sambucus*) - to promote well-coloured foliage, prune stems back close to old wood.

Fuchsia - cut out all dead stems at base of plant

Heather - winter flowering. When flowers fade trim lightly with hand shears.

Rose - bush, climbing and standard forms. Shorten strong stems to outward-facing buds. Remove any weak, damaged and misplaced growth.

Rose of Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*) - cut back last year's growth to within a few inches of the ground.

Tamarisk - summer and autumn flowering varieties. Shorten stems to two or three buds.

Bush Roses

Prune when new leaf buds swell. Cut back damaged stems to healthy wood and remove those growing across centre of the bush. Shorten remaining stems to about 45 cm (18 in), cutting weak growth slightly harder. Retain some unpruned stems on cluster-flowered (*floribunda*) roses, as this should result in earlier blooms.

Shrubs

Shrubs grown for colourful winter stems, such as dogwood and willows, should be pruned hard to wood in March to give vigorous stems of bright colour. Prune ornamental brambles back to ground level. For stronger coloured foliage, rather than summer flowers, prune cotton lavender (*Santolina*) and elder (*Sambucus*) close to the ground.

Others that benefit from a hard pruning in spring are the butterfly bush (*Buddleia*) and Rose of Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*), which will flower more profusely in the summer. The gum tree (*eucalyptus*) can be grown as a bushy foliage shrub if cut close to the ground level each spring. Check deciduous and evergreen shrubs in the spring for damaged or dead wood, and cut it out.

Climbers

Clematis varieties flowering between July and September on newly formed stems should be pruned in spring when growth begins. Common examples are 'Jackmanii' and 'Ville de Lyon'. Cut back all the previous year's stems to plum buds on older wood, about 30 to 45 cm (12 to 18 in) above ground level. Without this treatment, the stems will become tangled and there will be few flowers towards the base of the plant.

Wisterias can quickly get out of hand if not regularly pruned. In spring, shorten shoots formed the previous year to two or three buds. Prune again in August, cutting new trailing stems to 15 cm (6 in) long.

Japanese honeysuckle and other species that flower early in the year on growth produced the previous year may be cut back and thinned now if too rampant. Give overgrown ivies

the same treatment.

Newly Planted Trees

Some new shrubs and trees may require a little pruning during the first spring to improve their shape.

Standard trees should have side stems on their trunks cut off. Snip out any damaged or misplaced stems. Cut them back neatly, either just above a growth bud or at the junction with another thicker stem. Retain clusters of leafy side shoots, however, because they will help to thicken the trunk.

In March, cut down the canes of newly planted summer and autumn fruiting raspberry varieties just above ground level. New, strong canes will soon form.

The stems of newly planted bush gooseberries should be shortened by half in early spring. Cut back side shoots to 5 cm (2 in).

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

The Draft Plan was agreed at the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council at its meeting on the 2nd February. While there was not unanimous agreement among the five Councillors on the decisions reached, it is in our view a good Plan based on proper planning and development of the area. The school children will at long last have pitches to play on, as will the GAA and soccer Clubs. In addition to the 100 acres of Green Belt between O'Neill Park and Carton Estate there will be a Public Park off the Celbridge Road and 10 acres zoned for Amenity in the Newtown area. The three link roads between Newtown/ Straffan Road, Straffan Road/Celbridge Road and Celbridge Road/Blacklion have been approved in order to take the traffic away from the Main Street.

The following are the major details of the Draft Plan:

1. Satchwells Land

46 acres zoned housing (includes two lots of 5 acres for Kildare County Council) + 12 acres for GAA and 6 acres for school pitches.

2. Divine Word

5 acres for housing.

3. Doyles Land (O'Neill Park/Carton).

100 acres Green Belt.

4. Left of Celbridge Road (O'Toole/Bruton).

118 acres housing (includes two lots of 5 acres for Kildare County Council) + 10 acres for soccer Club + 10 acres Public Park + 8 acres for School/Church. Special Development Levies to fund the link road between Blacklion and Celbridge road.

5. Right of Celbridge Road (Opp. Greenfield Drive-Feeney/Brady).

45 acres housing (no longer any industry). Special Development Levies to fund the link road between Straffan Road and Celbridge Road. Also Special Development Levy to fund the development of the Public Park. All Councillors supported the Carton Court residents' wish to have the link road realigned to the motorway side of Noones. Unfortunately, the engineering Section ruled this out on safety grounds.

6. Kingsbry to Motorway (Dunnes Land).

Special Development Levies to fund the link road from Newtown to Straffan Road. Traffic calming measures to be part of the design. Land zoned general but excluding retail shopping.

7. Newtown Area.

Four small lots, totalling 24 acres, zoned for housing and

10 acres zoned amenity.

The Draft Plan will go to the full Council for approval on the 26th February. It will then go on public display for a period of two months. The public and landowners can make written submissions during this period. The Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council will then consider these submissions and make a decision on a final Draft Plan which will then be submitted to the full County Council for Final Approval. The plan will govern all development in Maynooth for the next 10 to 15 years.

Kingsbry Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted a motion to the Council asking that Kingsbry Estate now be taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

Responses by Kildare County Council to Letters from Residents Associations and Community Groups.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted a motion to the Council asking that letters, from Residents Associations or other community groups, to the Council be answered within two weeks, with a copy to the Area Councillors.

Bond Bridge

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., will be contacting Residents Associations in the Newtown area shortly with a view to forming the Bond Bridge Action Group.

Kildare County Council have approximately £140,000 in Development Levies collected towards the cost of realigning the bridge. Just under £70,000 is owed by Developers.

Land zoned but not developed under the 1985 Development Plan amounts to 30 acres. This when developed could generate a further £231,000. A large portion of this land was sold recently and we can expect development in the near future.

There is also a further 24 acres of land in the Newtown area proposed for re-zoning under the current Development Plan.

The cost of realigning Bond Bridge has been set at £750,000. Minister Stagg said the aim of the Bond Bridge Action Group will be to apply pressure to get top-up funding to complete the job. The balance of funding would be sought from the Department of the Environment.

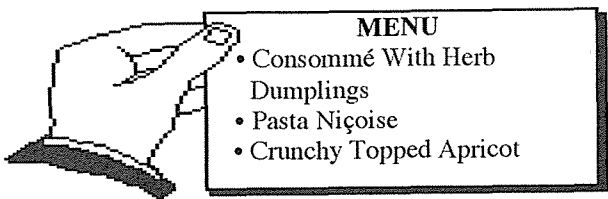
Convent Road/Dunboyne Road.

Minister Emmet Stagg is continuing to pursue Kildare County Council and the Department of the Environment to reduce the status of Convent Road/Dunboyne Road at the junction near Kildare Bridge in order to divert traffic onto the new Blacklion Road thus relieving traffic in the Lyreen area.

Hobbies & Interests

DELICIOUSLY SIMPLE

BUSY COOK'S MENU - A QUICK SUPPER FOR FOUR!



CONSOMMÉ WITH HERB DUMPLINGS

By adding sherry and home-made dumplings to canned consommé you can create a stunning starter.

For the dumplings

60g (2oz) self-raising flour
30g (1oz) beef suet
1 teaspoon dried parsley
1 teaspoon dried chives
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the soup

Two 395g (14oz) cans chicken consommé
2 tablespoons dry sherry
Flat-leaf parsley sprigs, to garnish

To make the herb dumplings, sift the flour into a bowl and stir in the suet, dried herbs and seasoning. Add enough cold water to mix to a soft but not sticky dough. Shape the suet mixture into cherry-sized dumplings. Chill until required.

Pour the consommé into a pan and heat gently. Add the dumplings and simmer gently for 5 to 10 minutes, or until the dumplings are puffed and cooked through. Using a slotted spoon, carefully remove the dumplings from the pan and keep warm.

Quickly strain the consommé, return to a rinsed out pan and add the sherry. Reheat until piping hot. Taste and adjust the seasoning, as necessary.

Pour the consommé into warmed bowls, add the dumplings and garnish with flat-leaf parsley. Serve at once.

PASTA NIÇOISE

The colourful sauce is made mostly from canned foods that are well worth keeping in store for emergency entertaining. It is perfect served with pasta.

230g (8oz) pasta bows
2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 large clove garlic, crushed
395g (14oz) can chopped tomatoes
400g (14oz) can tuna chunks in oil, drained
85g (3oz) pitted black olives, drained and halved
110g (4oz) frozen peas
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
30g (1oz) fresh Parmesan cheese

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Add the pasta and simmer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a heavy-based pan. Add the onion and garlic, and cook until softened but not coloured. Stir in the chopped tomatoes and their juice. Coarsely flake the tuna and add to the pan with the olives and peas. Cook gently for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Drain the pasta and add to the tuna mixture. Season with the salt and freshly ground black pepper and transfer to warmed serving dishes. Quickly, using a vegetable peeler, make curls of Parmesan and scatter over the top of the pasta. Serve at once.

CRUNCHY TOPPED APRICOT

This dessert is a deliciously light and fruity way to end a meal. You may not have crème fraîche in the house, but this recipe tastes just as good with 140ml (1/4pt) frozen double cream (thawed and lightly whipped) - which is worth keeping in stock.

230g (8oz) sliced white bread, crusts removed
85g (3oz) soft, light brown sugar
411g (14 1/2oz) can apricot halves in fruit juice, drained
230 ml (8 fl oz) crème fraîche or 140 ml (1/4pt) frozen double cream (thawed and whipped) and 1 tablespoon of icing sugar, sifted.

Set the oven at Gas Mark 6, 400 degrees F, 200 degrees C.

Crumble the bread coarsely in a food processor or liquidiser. Mix the sugar and breadcrumbs, and scatter on to a baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.

Blend the apricots in a liquidiser or food processor. Tip purée into a bowl and fold in the crème fraîche. Divide the purée between 4 tall glasses and top with the crispy bread mixture.

COUNTDOWN

Get all the ingredients together. Set the oven at Gas Mark 6, 400 degrees F, 200 degrees C.

- 30 minutes before - Prepare and cook the breadcrumb and sugar mixture for the apricot dessert. Leave to cool.
- 25 minutes before - Make and shape the dumplings. Chill.
- 20 minutes before - Complete the dessert and chill.
- 15 minutes before - Heat the consommé and cook the dumplings.
- 10 minutes before - Cook the pasta and make the tuna sauce.
- 5 minutes before - Complete the consommé starter.

DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

Almost 200 people attended a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday, 15th February, to hear Cllr. Catherine Murphy outline the dramatic expansion proposed in the draft Maynooth Development plan.

According to Cllr. Murphy proposals for rezoning from agricultural to residential land mean that almost 20,000 people could be living in Maynooth by 2006 if all of this land is built on. The main residential rezoning is planned for the Moyglare Road — on Satchwell's land and around the Divine Word, and a large swathe of land around the Celbridge Road behind Parklands, Rockfield, Laurence's Avenue and Carton Court as far as the Grangewilliam road. A small proportion of this land is to be rezoned for amenity use — for GAA pitches in Moyglare and soccer pitches opposite the SIAC site midway between Maynooth and Celbridge.

Cllr. Murphy has supported the Moyglare rezoning because this fits in with a coherent and orderly growth strategy for Maynooth.

The Celbridge Road rezonings on the other hand emerge, not from an orderly planning strategy, but from the need to fund the long-proposed ring road linking Blacklion to the Straffan road from development levies. Cllr. Murphy pointed out that development levies collected over the years from the Newtown-Rathcoffey road developments have never been used to upgrade Bond Bridge as they were intended to. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the link road would be finished until long after three or four thousand people have moved into this area.

Cllr. Murphy is aware of the difficulties experienced by the Soccer Club in finding a permanent home, but the price that will be paid for locating their pitches in the Celbridge Road area is far too high. She would support the purchase of land in a more accessible and central location, which would not be tied to the requirement to build almost 1,000 houses, with the attendant costs of providing footpaths, lighting and other services, and the amount of traffic congestion which would arise.

Cllr. Murphy reminded those present that the Maynooth Development Plan is our plan — it will shape our lives in Maynooth, and we must become involved in deciding our future. She advised people to contact the five local area County councillors to give their views, and to write to the County Council. The plan will be voted on by the full County Council in March, and groups and individuals will have another opportunity to object to proposals. However, she stressed the importance of acting now, rather than reacting later.

A broad-based ad hoc group was formed to consider action in the immediate future. In addition, residents from the Newtown Rathcoffey Road area came together to form a joint campaign for upgrading Bond Bridge. Parklands residents used the opportunity to take the first steps in setting up a residents' association.

Cllr. Murphy will be happy to provide information on the Maynooth Development Plan to individuals and residents' associations and other community organisations and groups. Telephone: 6244903.

NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

News since September 1995

- Our members enjoyed their Sunday morning activities during the months of September and October. Many members also availed of squad coaching with Ms. Judy Smyth. Our 5-7 year old members took part with great enthusiasm in the indoor short-tennis sessions with coach, Ms. Caoimhe O'Sullivan.

- Congratulations to our members who were selected to attend The Leinster Provincial Towns Tennis coaching sessions at Naas, Clane and Celbridge venues. These were as follows: Niamh Byrne, Dioreann Duignan, Barry Keenan, Damian Moloney, Róisín Lally, Orlaith Toibin, Grainne McManus, Ciadhra Duignan, Aoife McTernan, Gillian Corbally and Donal Houlihan.

Special congrats and good luck to Barry Keenan who has been selected for the second round of coaching which is taking place at Riverview Tennis Club. We hope he enjoys the experience.

• Proposed Spring/Summer Activities:

We hope to resume our activities in March with two Open Days on Sunday, 24 March 1996, and Sunday, 31 March 1996.

Time: 10am - 12 noon
Age: 5-17 years
Venue: North Kildare Club

Participants: All members past and present and anyone who might be interested in joining our club. New members are always welcome. Committee members will be available to answer queries on open days. Following our open days we will be resuming our Spring/Summer Programme. All members will be circulated with our forthcoming club newsletter detailing a list of upcoming events.

WALKIN' IN WICKLA WALK NO. 6

The six hills to Kippure

The six hills to Kippure is a fairly tough, long walk. It is different to all the walks I have offered to date in one particular way: instead of being a circuit, on this occasion it is a case of go and return by the same route. The round trip is about 14 miles, so this is definitely a case of watching the clock to leave yourself sufficient time to get back to base before it begins to get dark if you intend to take it on at this time of year. It will possibly take you seven to eight hours. The fact that it is about the closest Wicklow walk to Maynooth is helpful because this at least saves travelling time.

You start out from the Stone Cross, which is located at Ballinascorney Gap. This is best reached by turning right at Old Bawn Cross (Bridget Burke's pub), after having approached from Tallaght direction. A little less than three miles' drive along this road will see you at Ballinascorney Gap. As you approach the gap, which is at the highest point of this road, you should notice a turn off to the left and having taken this turn you will find the Stone Cross after approximately 50 yards. A convenient parking spot can be found at a broad gateway which is about 100 yards further on to your left, which is where your walk begins.

You climb over the steel gate and make your way along a track up Slievenabawnoge. The top of this will be very quickly reached as it is less than a mile away. As you gain height you will be looking down on the road you arrived by, as it stretches back to Old Bawn — you will also be getting good views of Dublin city and its surrounds. You will continue from the top of Slievenabawnoge at a bearing of 130 degrees. After approximately a half mile you will arrive at the first of what are possibly the two most inconvenient barriers of the walk.

This first barrier is a loose stone wall which is about five feet high. The wall runs up from the valley on your left and ends at a forest perimeter fence. It is possible to circumvent the wall by climbing over the fence and entering the forest. You need only walk a very short distance through this dense forestry before leaving it again to cross over a much lower wall. You will now be able to continue walking alongside the forestry for about another half mile before reaching the next similar-type nuisance barrier. You will have the very pleasant view of Glensmole with its two

reservoirs down below you as you make your way along this fairly flat section of the walk.

After you have crossed the second barrier you will take a sharp turn uphill, walking close to the forest as you go. This section is a bit steep and as you rise the views of Dublin city and Dublin Bay become more and more extensive. You will be leaving the upper end of the forest behind you after about 1½ miles, at which stage you will have about a quarter of a mile to go to the top of Seahan (2,131 feet). This is your first major high spot of the trek and it provides nice views in all directions. To the south you should be able to see Blessington Lakes, while to the north the views of Dublin will still be with you. As you look south-east you will see the rest of the walk looming before you. Corrig Mountain, your next high point (2,036 feet), is less than a mile away and you set out at a bearing of 118

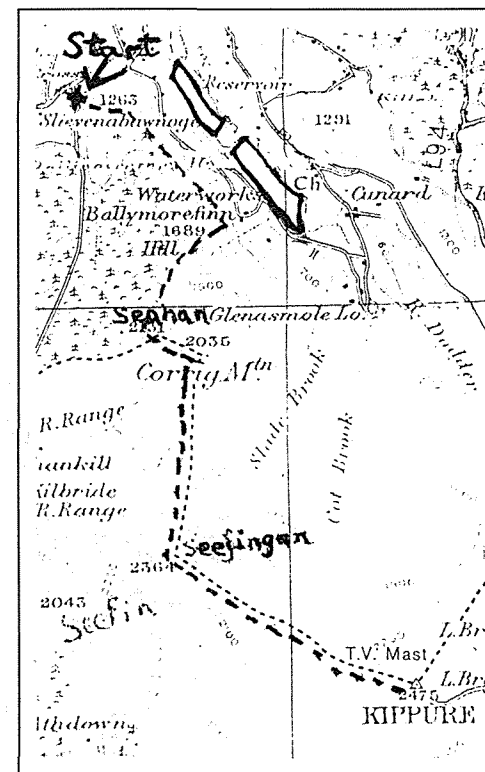
degrees. At the top of Corrig you change your bearing to 183 degrees as you make for Seefingan about 1½ miles away. As you walk from Corrig to Seefingan you will have Kilbride Rifle Range hundreds of feet below on your right, so it is not a wise place to go down into, especially if you can hear the army spending taxpayers' money.

When you reach the top of Seefingan (2,364 feet) you will have a grand mountain picture before you in all directions. You may notice small concrete pillars sticking out of the ground from time to time with the letters "WD" on them — these are left-overs from the days of British rule and stand for War Department, not Wicklow-Dublin as I once wrongly thought, because at this point the county boundary between the two counties is drawn from one mountain top to the next. At a bearing of 120 degrees you will be able to see the two TV masts on top of Kippure (2,475 feet), which is the highest and

last mountain of this trek, about two miles away. The ground between you and Kippure is fairly level, the height loss is not great and the worst problem you may have to contend with is boggy conditions. When you reach Kippure you'll be at your turning point, from which you now make your return to base by the same way you came.

I trust you have enjoyed this series of walks, which I am now bringing to a conclusion. I hope they have been of interest and some help to you, and I wish you pleasant walking in the hills.

Paddy Caulfield



MAYNOOTH GAA CLUB

Kildare Club of the Year 1995

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Hurling and Gaelic Football skills training for underage players (8-13 years) will be held every Saturday morning from **February 17th, 1996**.

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At adult level the club fields intermediate and junior football and hurling teams. Junior Hurling Champions 1994: Junior Football A and B Champions 1995.

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Husband/Wife social members, £17.

Address: Moyglare Road, Maynooth. Phone 6285020.

Senior Football League Division 2 Fixtures 1996

Sunday 3rd March - Maynooth v Celbridge - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 10th March - Maynooth v Cappagh - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 17th March - Maynooth v Milltown - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 24th March - Maynooth v Kilcullen - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 14th April - Maynooth v Sallins - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 28th April - Maynooth v Ballymore - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 12th May - Maynooth v Monasterevin - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 26th May - Maynooth v Eadestown - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 2nd June - Maynooth v St. Kevin's - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 9th June - Maynooth v Rheban - Away - 3p.m.
Tue. 18th June - Maynooth v Clogherinkoe - Away - 7.30p.m.
Tue. 25th June - Maynooth v Ballyteague - Home - 7.30p.m.
Tue. 2nd July - Maynooth v Rathangan - Away - 7.30p.m.

Lotto Results

14/1/96: Numbers 2-19-22. Jackpot £300. No winner.
5 x £10 Anne Garrett, Joe Nevin, Nora Fegney, J. J. Thompson, Florence Cullinane.

21/1/96: Numbers 2-7-10. Jackpot £350. No winner.
5 x £10 Treasa Moloney, Anne Treacy, Joey Edwards, Rose Edwards, Gerry Connellan.

28/1/96: Numbers 17-21-22. Jackpot £400. No winner.
5 x £10 Big Mac, Mrs N. Treacy, Patricia Cassells, Teresa Moloney, Jimmy Kyne.

11/2/96: Numbers 7-11-13. Jackpot £500. No winner.
5 x £10 Richard O'Sullivan, Richard Moran, Dermot Myles, Marie Connolly, Brian Marlborough.

NORTH KILDARE RUGBY

Here we have the North Kildare Rugby team under 12's proudly displaying their new jerseys, sponsored by Steel Services Ireland, Palmerstown.



Back Row L-R: Jason Dillion, Ronan Farrell, Gavan Satchwell, David Robinson, and J. Smith.

Front Row L-R: James Mullarkey, Daragh Toner, Eric Roberts, Denis McCarthy, Killian Corcoran, Tommy Fox and Mark Dunne.

Trainers: Jim Doogan and Pat Dunne.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The husband and family of the late Brigid "Bid" Collins, Rail Park, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who attended the removal and funeral mass, sent mass cards, and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. Loftus, nurses and doctors who cared for her at home. The medical team of Blanchardstown and Mater Hospitals, also to our very kind neighbours and friends for all their help and support, to Oliver Reilly, Undertakers, for their kindness, help and efficiency in handling the funeral arrangements.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for their intentions.

The wife sons and family of the late Liam Bean, "Lemar", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with and supported them in their recent sad loss; those who attended the removal and funeral mass; those who called personally to the house, sent mass cards, letters of sympathy, perpetual enrolments and floral tributes. The priests of the parish, Dr. Maurice Cowhey, nurse Campbell, the doctors, nurses and staff of Blanchardstown Hospital, the ambulance service, Paddy Desmond and Murphy Bros. for their help with the funeral arrangements. Mrs. Ita McCormack and the choir for their singing at the funeral mass. Special mention to Fr. George Millar for his kindness to Liam during the latter years of his illness and to all our neighbours who helped in so many unforgettable ways. Special thanks to Joan Carroll for her selfless kindness to our family.

For all of these people the holy sacrifice of the mass has been offered and the memories of their support will remain with us forever.

BIRTHDAYS

Sinéad Farrell, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne, whose birthday was February 7th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, Sisters, Deirdre, Fiona, Niamh and your many friends in Dunboyne, Maynooth and elsewhere.

Jean Leonard "Jean's Foodstore", Moyglare Village, Maynooth. Birthday 14th February. Best wishes from all your customers and neighbours.

Mrs T. Richardson, Mariaville, Maynooth, January 28th, her husband Tom, February 14th. Best wishes from all your family and friends.

Gerard McTernan, Curravilla, Greenfield, age 19, March 4th, his cousin Paul McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock age 20, February 4th. Best wishes from Mams, Dads, sisters, brothers, grans and granddads.

Happy birthday John Paul Perry who will be 12 on 25th February, lots of love from Mam, Dad, Jess and Tina.

Happy Birthday Jessica Perry from Mam, Dad, John and Tina.

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SYMPATHIES

Wife, son, daughters, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Peter (Jnr) Darcy, Taghadoe, Maynooth, formerly Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.

Nephews, nieces, Beaumont Community, Archbishop, Priests, parishioners and friends of Very Rev. Fr. Fergus O'Higgins, Chaplain to Sisters of Mercy Beaumont Convalescent Home, formerly Parish Priest, Maynooth.

Wife, sons, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, relatives and friends of Liam Bean, Lemar, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and late of Main Street.

Wife, daughters, sons, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Sean Nolan, Harristown, Navan, late of Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

Wife, daughter, brother, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Edward Cassidy, Innskeer, London and Maynooth.

Husband, son, daughters, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives, friends of Brigid (Bid) Collins, Rail Park, Maynooth, formerly Curravilla, Ballina, Co. Tipperary.

Wife, sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brother, sisters, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends of James (Jimmy) Geoghegan, Crew Hill House, Maynooth, formerly Corr House, Portumna, Co. Galway.

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

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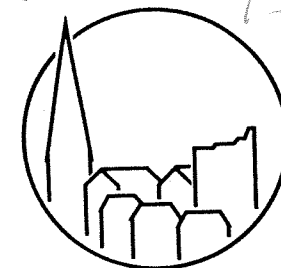
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Shay O'Reilly accepting the trophy for Best Marchers on behalf of Irish United Nations Veterans Association



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DIARY DATES

Wednesday, 3rd April: in Maynooth Library at 8.00 p.m., the *Maynooth Peace and Renconciliation Group* are holding a Public Meeting. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Mary Cullen and guest speakers will include T.D. Mary O'Rourke and Michael Farrell. The theme of the meeting will be "Towards Inclusive All Party Talks And A Just And Lasting Peace".

Tuesday, 16th April: in the Post Primary at 8.30 p.m., the *Maynooth Women's Forum* will be meeting.

Thursday 18th April - Enrolment for *Art Classes* in ICA Hall at 8 p.m.

Sunday, 21st April: in Glenroyal Hotel starting at 9.00 p.m., *St. Mary's Band* from Maynooth will be holding a fundraising night in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

Sunday, 21st April: *Maynooth Old People's Committee*, Easter party Day Out

Sat/Sun 20th/21st April *St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band* take part in National Band Championship.

Friday 26th April - *Kildare Telethon* in Curragh Camp.

27th/28th April - *National Council for the Blind Collection*

Monday, 29th April: M.A.D.E. will be holding a 10th Anniversary Party in their centre
11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Clarification

Last month it was reported in the Diary Dates that the students of the Christian Communications Class in the Kairos Communications Institute would be presenting a live magazine radio programme on C.K.R.

This was a mistake on our part as the students broadcasted for the week March 8th-15th from their own station in Maynooth: K.C.I. on 102.5 FM.

We would like to extend our apologies to C.K.R. and K.C.I. Radio for any confusion this may have caused.

EDITORIAL

Once again this year Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade did the town proud. Apart from the spectacle on the day, the number of floats, particularly those entered by local organisations, shows that Maynooth has a vibrant community life. Each year the parade brings on to the streets, cultural, social and sporting groups who, throughout the year, do tremendous work, especially on behalf of the town's rapidly growing young population. It seems a pity, then, that the same sense of purpose and unity is obviously lacking amongst our local County Councillors when it comes to planning the future of our town. Unfortunately, on this important issue, they appear bitterly divided. Having elected our five councillors - Brady, Griffin, McGinley, Murphy and Purcell - five years ago in 1991, this is the single most important issue that they are being asked to consider. Indeed, given the limited powers of Co. Councils, it could be argued that, as far as Maynooth is concerned, it is the only important issue that they will deal with during their term of office. The past month has witnessed the councillors divide into three separate camps. Cllrs. Brady and Griffin favour the rezoning of Doyle's land from Green Belt to a mixture of residential, industry and amenity and also the Celbridge Road rezonings. Cllrs. McGinley and Purcell oppose the Doyle's rezoning but favour the Celbridge Road rezoning. Cllr. Murphy opposes both rezonings. To cap all this a zoning decision made by the majority of our five councillors - the Green Belt zoning of Doyle's land - was overturned by councillors from other parts of the county. This rezoning of Doyle's land, the proposed large scale residential development and ring road between Blacklion and the Celbridge Road and rezoning on the Moyglare Road are issues which have aroused some opposition among Maynooth residents and are likely to give rise to objections.

Between now and May 25th the Maynooth Development Plan is on display in the library and the Newsletter suggest that the people of Maynooth reclaim the plan and make it theirs. The scale of residential rezoning - about 400 acres will be available for housing should the plan in its present form be adopted - is likely to transform Maynooth over the next 10 years just as rezonings in the 1980's led to rapid growth since 1986. Alongside this, badly needed amenity land also forms part of the plan which many will welcome. We all have until May 25th to assess the plan and make up our minds as to whether a proper balance has been struck. Individuals and groups may lodge objections up to that date. It's your town.

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I hope you are well and keeping your feet warm and your head cool in these queer times. And the weather is so awful too.

My old car was on sick leave the other day so I had to walk to Donovan's for my rag of a daily paper — the Indo; I cannot afford the Times. This was the first time I have made the journey on foot since the road works were commenced. On my way home I stopped at the bus stop and looked over the wall to admire the shrubs which are gaunt and haggard (as editor, you would know whether there is a difference between "gaunt" and "haggard") yet, but are budding nicely. No doubt, they will look well in mid-summer. But, oh! dear, what our educators of tomorrow are capable of doing to a *potentially* (that's not the word I wanted to use but it will have to do) beautiful area. And, no doubt, the more the shrubs grow and thicken the more damage that is likely to be done. What I am really telling you, in a long-winded way, is that the area is being used as a dump for all kinds of empty cans, packets, and plastic wrappings. Students are the main culprits, I feel, and I think their attention should be drawn to the damage they are doing. And who better to perform that chore than the *Newsletter* and its staff, God

bless them all. Some staff member, passing the way, might verify what I have said about the rubbish.

Yours sincerely,
Name and address with Editor.

The Editor,
Maynooth Newsletter.

A chara,

I note the appearance of Sinn Féin Party Political Notes in the March issue of the Maynooth Newsletter.

I wonder if, in your next issue, these notes might explain the action of the sole Sinn Féin member of Kildare County Council, Councillor Paddy Wright of Athy, in voting with Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael on March 7th last to overturn the democratic wishes of the local councillors representing Maynooth and impose a Development Plan which will turn our town into a sprawling concrete jungle while simultaneously turning a small group of landowners into overnight millionaires?

Is mise, le meas,
Prionnsias Breathnach

Re: Feature in March '96
Issue "Swan Rescued From
Royal Canal"

Dear Editor,

I refer to the above feature and wish to draw your attention to a number of errors in the article and the Society would be grateful if you could publish the corrections in your next edition.

1.- The young cygnet was rescued by Kildare Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inspector Paul Dempsey. Not Kildare Animal Rescue as stated (there is no animal welfare group with this name in Kildare).

2.- The K.S.P.C.A. respond to 3 to 4 calls a month as regards sick and injured swans and cygnets in Maynooth.
Not 3 to 4 calls a year as reported.

3.- The contact numbers for the Kildare Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are as follows; 045-522443, 045-869374 or 088-517381.
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Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

It was with some interest and a great deal of amusement that I read the letter by Kay McKeogh which was published in your last issue. The matters outlined by said writer only serve to vindicate my belief, that we still have in our midst a very small minority who find it appropriate to knock those who strive throughout the years to provide a source of outdoor activity for various sections of our community. The visions portrayed by Ms. McKeogh would leave very little room for what is probably the most vulnerable section of our community, namely the children. We at Maynooth Town F.C. cater for teams from the under eight age bracket up to the higher school boys bracket of under seventeen. We also cater for ladies and senior mens teams with no age limit. There are very few age categories which we do not cater for with very meagre ground facilities. The generosity of St. Patrick's College and J.P. & M. Doyle has been of vital importance to us down through the years. We have also had to rely on the Salesian College, Celbridge for pitch usage for which we were very grateful and there were no complaints about the distance involved. With so many distractions for children nowadays it is vitally important that clubs such as ours have the facilities to cater for those who wish to pursue an outdoor sport. We need to get our children onto the playing fields again and prevent them from partaking in activities which were once unheard of and which have no part in our society.

Ms. McKeogh mentions the few hundred who play soccer and G.A.A. sports and then classes them as a minority with a question mark hanging over their interest or ability to use the facilities provided for them. We, and I'm sure our colleagues in the G.A.A. club, take pride in the numbers which we respectively cater for. It is our intention to provide an outlet for them and then encourage them to expand their ability and thereby improve their skills. We will never be able to create complete teams of Jason Sherlocks or

Paul McGraths but we will at least have tried. To quote a famous saying "better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all".

Some of the facilities mentioned by Ms. McKeogh would certainly not cater for many of the age groups for which we cater. How many children under eight would be interested in some of the amenities being touted by her? Namely pubs, discos, meeting places, theatre space, art gallery, etc. Not many I would think. Once again very little thought for our younger people. We take pride in taking children at a young age to coach, train and encourage them to play to the best of their ability and maybe one day progress to senior level and maybe beyond. From little acorns grow the great oak trees. We must not forget that our children of today make tomorrow's sports people, also the doctors, nurses, builders, politicians, etc., to whom we will look for our future progress. We will depend on them for our future just as they depend on us today for our guidance and knowledge.

At the recent public meeting hosted by Democratic Left, Councillor Catherine Murphy had many bright ideas about the planned rezoning of land in the Maynooth area. Some of her suggestions and ideas bordered on the ridiculous and left one wondering as to where land could be provided for the soccer club. She intimated that land at Ballygoran was too far away for football pitches and suggested that we hold on that, quote, "The Doyle land should come up again sometime", unquote. When questioned as to when this land might become available we were greeted with stony silence. We must take the opportunity of taking the initiative and avail of land which will be provided. We cannot expect to have

land at our doorstep. The North Kildare Club at The Maws is a wonderful example. Possessing some of the finest facilities in County Kildare catering for rugby, tennis, cricket, squash, hockey, etc. they also cater for many young age groups. If some of our children wanted to play any of those sports I would hate to think that they would be discouraged from doing so. Would Councillor Murphy or her followers cite the distance involved as a reason for not playing those games. It would be a poor world if they even thought about it. To continue denying our children the right to decent playing facilities is a political football which should be kicked into touch for good. The contents of Ms. McKeogh's letter smacks of political gobbledegook which should be treated with the contempt it deserves.

I note with some amusement the address from which her letter came. Is she aware that her house is situated just about where our centre circle was during our early tenure on land where Railpark is now built. We left that circle over twenty years ago. I suggest that Ms. McKeogh now does the same and enters the real world.

Sportingly yours,

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I would also like to thank the following:

- Mattie Callaghan for providing the reviewing stand
- Leo Bean, Elaine Bean and Ollie Bright for preparing the reviewing stand
- The staff of the Community Council Office for their trojan work
- Sheila McKenna, Jane MacNulty and Antonio Quinones for flower arranging on the reviewing stand
- Katie's Flowers for providing the ribbon for the stand
- Willie Kiernan for again providing and installing the Public Address System
- Paddy Desmond our master of ceremonies
- Our Guests on the reviewing stand
- Charlie McCreevey T.D. for being guest speaker
- Sean Horgan (Keely's Corner) for the power supply for the Public Address System
- Sergeant Peter Kearney and the Gardaí for their advice and help
- Tae Kwon Do for their display at the reviewing stand
- Owen Byrne, our Lord Mayor, for leading the parade
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks professionally
- Quinnsworth for the use of the car park
- Pat Travers of the Parish Hall Committee for providing the chairs and steps for the reviewing stand
- The Glenroyal Hotel for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests
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- (f) Most Topical:
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Once again we thank the Callaghan family, Mattie, Elizabeth, Mathew and Margaret for their excellent work in getting the Tidy Towns entry ready for the parade.

The second year of the FAS Tidy Towns Community Employment Project started on March 19th. We will keep you advised of the work schedule in these notes in the coming months.

Richard Farrell, PRO.

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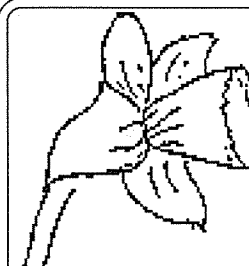
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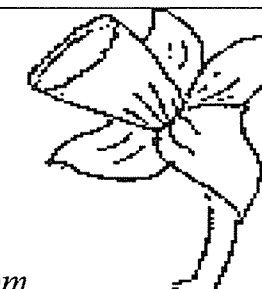
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Maynooth Community Council Notes

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Maynooth Street Plan

By now the views submitted by the people of Maynooth on the proposed upgrade of the main street and approaches to the town will have been considered. Despite a small number of issues which we raised in our submission, the proposals are very welcome and together with the work currently in progress in the square will, hopefully, transform the centre of Maynooth into a place of which we can all be proud. The money which is coming from a fund made available to refurbish towns after the opening of the M4 is a fortunate way for Maynooth to have vital improvements completed without waiting for funds from the usual sources which always seem to be in short supply. Let's hope the work will commence as soon as possible and that we will get value for money.

Bond Bridge Campaign

The re-alignment of Bond Bridge is an issue on which virtually everyone in Maynooth from our eldest lemon to our newest resident, particularly if they live in the Newtown area agree. The new group set up to push for this work to be done will be seeking support from people and particularly politicians from every persuasion to get the funds, much of which the local people paid themselves in development levies over the past 20 years. Perhaps this campaign will take less than a year, because by then we will all have cast our votes for the first time in the new constituency of Kildare North. Good luck to John Doogan and his committee.

Canal Bank Walk...

If you are a regular train commuter or take your stroll by the Royal Canal from Bond Bridge to the Harbour on the station side of the canal, you will have noticed that you no longer need to do so in the dark or if you wear high heels that you no longer fall into the many potholes. Yes, after years of persuasion this stretch of path has been upgraded to a safer and more pleasant walking experience. Who deserves the credit? - Well, now that it is complete you will find everyone getting in on the act. In reality, this issue was walked from place to place by one concerned man who

deserves special credit. He is none other than Des Matthews from Woodlands, a piece of information worth knowing in case we are looking for a new name for this path. Take a bow Des.

Carton Walk

If like a lot of people in Maynooth you take a regular stroll down Carton Avenue, you will have noticed the excellent job that the Tidy Towns group have done on cleaning up this area. Carton Walk is one of the few passive amenity areas currently in the town. However, on a recent Sunday afternoon walk there, taking about 20 minutes, I counted eighteen other people there ranging in age from a baby to late sixties. If my survey is anything to go by it shows that Carton Walk is a very popular local amenity.

Now for the bad news, at the first seat there were three empty plastic bags surrounded by 25 empty beer and cider cans. Not wishing to comment on underage drinking or any other sensitive issues, I am probably safe in assuming that there was more than one person involved. As the Tidy Towns scheme has just completed its current year, let's take this opportunity to thank them for all their good work during the year. Maybe it's time to take the seats out of Carton Avenue or lock the gates at night.

Maynooth — "A Heritage Town"

During recent discussions on the development plan a number of people raised the view that Maynooth, as the only University town in Ireland, together with the other excellent features in the town such as the Castle and the Royal Canal, both of which will see significant investment in the next few years, should be developed as a heritage town.

There is a wealth of local history which could be harnessed to develop additional areas of interest for tourism. All of this before you include Carton House, which is in private ownership and has very important links with the town. We are aware that various groups have been working towards achieving this aim. While funds for this project would not seem to be available this does not prevent the discussion from

progressing and utilising the goodwill of the people of Maynooth.

We know this subject has come up before without success. However, we would like to bring the various groups and individuals together to discuss this proposal again. We can be contacted at the Community Council Office.

The "Maynooth Development Plan"

Regular readers will know that the development plan which outlines the proposals for land rezoning in Maynooth has featured in this column for the last number of issues. During the entire process we have used this space to keep the people of Maynooth informed of what was happening, purely on an information basis only.

The plan went before the full Kildare County Council on 7th March, 1996, and was approved with a number of amendments. The major change from the plan agreed by the local area committee in February was the inclusion of the zoning of the "Liffey Farm" (Doyle's) land which is situated between the Dublin road and the Dunboyne road bordered by the Blacklion road. This meant an additional 40 acres for residential but also a significant increase in amenity land. So what happens now!!

- The plan will be put on display in the Library for a two month period.
- Individuals and groups will make their own submissions rejecting the proposals for zoning suggested.
- These will be considered by the planners. Amendments will occur and the plan will go before the full Kildare County Council for adoption.

The Planning and Development Committee will not necessarily make any submissions directly, but will be guided by reaction from other groups on the matter. Next month we will outline some of the other issues we will be dealing with in the future.

*Paul Croghan, Chairman,
Planning & Development Committee.*

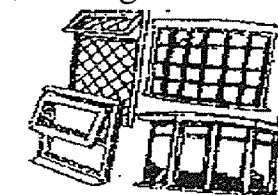
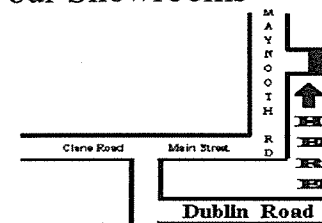
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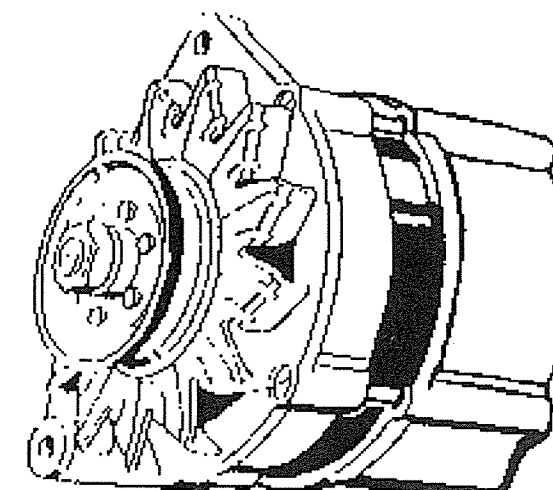
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There are other conditions for qualifying for the schemes and if your income is below the guidelines then you should check it out further in your Citizens' Information Centre by ringing or calling in.

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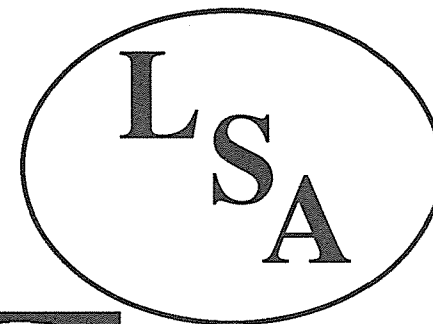
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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

It was great to see the Summer Project taking part in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and reminding us of the good days ahead. We would like to thank all who organised and participated in the Parade. On-going meetings are being held for the Project events in July. We would still like to hear from anyone who would like to work with us on this very worthy project, either on the organizing committee or during the month of July. We would like to welcome all the newcomers to Maynooth since the Project last year and would love to see them get involved. The Project is for the month of July with events each day for the children, some at home and some away and children from the age of seven years upwards can register.

Any further information from Norah McDermott —
Maynooth Community Council - 6285922 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES' COMMITTEE

We ended our item in last month's issue by asking for your support for our annual collection. So I will begin this month by thanking you for doing just that. Your response was so generous that we realized £1,851.40, which speaks volumes for the quality of this community. In a climate where there are such demands on revenue, it's nice to know that our Senior Citizens are still high on our list of priorities. Many thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way in making this collection the most successful to date.

The last month has been very busy. We attended a Pantomime in Dublin, a Talent Contest in Summerhill and of course the M'Lady Kildare contest in the Glenroyal. Many thanks to Norah and Staff of the Community Council for the complimentary tickets to the latter. All of these events were most enjoyable indeed.

Our Easter Party is next on the agenda and instead of the usual format, we will be linking up with our student friends in Maynooth College in what promises to be a lovely day out. The afternoon will consist of Mass, meal, entertainment and perhaps a short tour of places of interest within the College, all of which will take place on Sunday April 21st at 3.00p.m. Transport will start as usual from Greenfield Shopping Centre, but at the earlier time of 2.15p.m. Those who normally travel by car will be directed at the college gates.

Our club will close for Easter on Thursday March 28th and will re-open on Tuesday April 16th meanwhile our next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday April 2nd in the Health Centre. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very happy Easter.

J. Moore.

TAE KWON DO EVENT DIARY

Tae Kwon Do classes for beginners and advanced students 8 years and over Monday and Friday 7p.m.-8p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Hall and Wednesday 7p.m.-8p.m. in Post Primary Gym.

Sports Notes

Maynooth Tae Kwon Do School

In place now for 10 years the Maynooth Tae Kwon Do school has grown and is now a strong and established club. The school was founded in 1986 and presently has 4 black belt members and 35 other grades. Ages range from 8 years upwards and grades spread through all the age groups. Because it is a very disciplined sport/art both young and old of both sexes can join and fully participate with the knowledge that their training and skills will be based on their ability and they will move through the art as these skills and abilities develop. The instructors are all qualified to the highest national and international standards within the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon Do Association (R.I.T.A.) and continue to expand their own skills and bring this knowledge back into the school.

The art has evolved from Korean Master General Choi Hong Hi teachings. Used initially in the Korean military, Tae Kwon Do has spread all over the world and has been included in the Olympic Games. Because of its origins Tae Kwon Do is a very disciplined sport/art and this discipline is reflected during classes between student and instructor. Because of this it is an excellent way for those interested in martial arts/self defence/fitness to become involved. In the class beginners are brought through basics until such time as they have learnt the control and consequence of each punch, block and kick. This is very important as no contact between students is allowed until they have progressed to the higher coloured belt grades. The benefit of this is a development of the skills required without physical injury occurring in the process. Later students will get to use their skills in controlled sparring and also using their punches and kicks to break timber blocks which allows students to comprehend the skills and power that they possess.

The Tae Kwon Do school in Maynooth provides an excellent, convenient way for people of any age to learn some simple self-defence techniques and to be part of an organised disciplined martial art.

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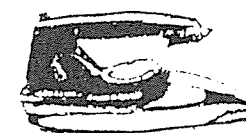
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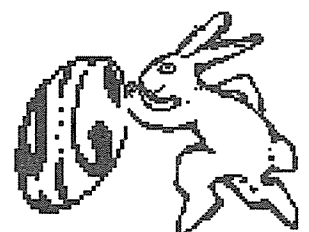
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COMMUNITY GAMES

Chess

On Sunday February 25th at Straffan, National Community Games Chess Champions Straffan defeated Maynooth in the semi-finals of the County Kildare Community Games. Straffan secured the victory when Fergus Denman, down two pieces and in an impossible situation, resigned his match against Neil de Rosario after 31 moves, Straffan who have All-Ireland Under 14 and Under 12 Champions on their team defeated Maynooth in the Kildare final last year.

Paul Dempsey defeated Philip O'Shea (Beaufield)

Colm de Rosario beat Aidan Molloy (Woodlands)

Eoin Spring beat Mark Quigley (Moyglare Road)

Neil de Rosario beat Fergus Denman (Leinster Lawn)

David Fogarty beat Nicholas Bell (Meadowbrook)

We are grateful to Eoghan Corry once again for co-ordinating the chess event.

Draughts

Maynooth U14 team defeated Nurney in the Quarter final, in a closely fought battle over 64 squares. The final result was in doubt up to the final game. In this game James Hoare kept his nerve and Maynooth progressed to the semi-finals. Maynooth 5 1/2 Nurney 4 1/2.

Team: Donal Houlihan (capt.), Paul O'Flattery, James Mullarkey, Ciarán McCullagh, James Hoare, Subs: Pierre Ennis, Aoife Tracy.

Art and Modelling

An unprecedented number of boys and girls entered this year's Art and Modelling competition on 9th March at Maynooth Post Primary School. We are grateful to Mr. Ashe, Principal, for making three classrooms available to us this year. The standard of work at this competition was so high, our judge on the day Oonagh Breslin found herself with quite a difficult task in deciding the winners in each category.

Winners as follows:-

Girls

U.8

1st. Sinead Kearney, 2nd. Grace Kennedy

U.10

1st. Eleanor Coyle, 2nd. Lauren Hennessy

U.12

1st. Triona Cahill, 2nd. Paula Curran, 3rd. Brenda Kearney

U.14

1st. Orlaith Tobin, 2nd. Emma Cullinane, 3rd. Aoife Tracey

U.16

1st. Erin Coyle, 2nd. Rosemary Greally, 3rd. Sharon McLoughlin

Boys

U. 8

1st. Eoghan McCartan, 2nd. Justin Cullinane, 3rd. Shay Fleming

U.10

1st. Luke McKeogh, 2nd. Keith Wong, 3rd. Sean MacNamara

U.12

1st. Neil Cusker, 2nd. Sean Kennedy, 3rd. Simon Keenan

U.14

1st. Andrew Lynch, 2nd. David Lawlor, 3rd. Stephen McCartan

Modelling

U.10

1st. Matthew O'Gorman

U.14

1st. Finbarr O'Gorman

The County final for the Art and Modelling competition is :-

Girls - 20th April, Confey
Boys - 21st April, Confey

Project Competition

The themes this year for the Project events were:-

Category 'A' Under 11 years -

"CARING FOR ANIMALS"

Category 'B' Under 13 years - "THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES IN OUR ENVIRONMENT"

Due to the enormous interest in the Project this year an area competition was held on 10th March in the Boys'

National School. Six judges (teachers from outside Maynooth schools) had a very difficult task deciding on winners, as the standard was so high.

We are grateful to Mary O'Gorman, co-ordinator of this event, for putting all this together. It was quite obvious on the day that the boys and girls had spent many hours researching their projects. We wish them success at county level in Nurney on 30th March where they will have their work judged by experts from all over the county.

The committee are grateful to the teachers of the two Primary schools involved for encouraging their pupils to take part in this interesting and educational area of the Community Games, also to the six judges for doing the necessary on the day of the competition.

Thanks once again to Mr. O'Connell, Principal, Boys' National School for his co-operation and for the use of the school premises.

Winning teams are as follows:-

U.11

1st. Ronan O'Connell, David Baxter
2nd. David Gahan, Shane Mannion, Peter Lawlor, Damien O'Neill
3rd. Mark Sidney, Colin Watts

Highly Commended

Mark Cooney, Patrick Larragh, Cian Walshe, Declan Kavanagh

U.13

1st. Finbarr O'Gorman, Barry Hogan, Stephen Curran, Tommy Fox

2nd. Mark Watson, Neil Cusker, Wayne Feeney, Barry Coughlan

3rd. Orlaith Tobin, Aileen Devanne, Grainne McManus, Rebecca Doyle

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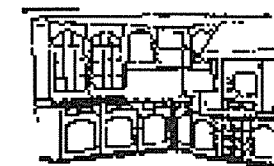
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Aluminium real tab — about the environmental impact of beverage cans

About 100 million beverage cans are sold every year in Ireland. They are made from aluminium, a metal which is almost too good to be true: one third as dense as copper, brass or steel, it is strong, easily worked, corrosion resistant, and a good conductor of both heat and electricity. As a result, industrial designers have worked wonders with the metal. Without aluminium, for example, modern aeroplanes would have trouble getting off the ground, since the strong, light metal is a critical — and primary — ingredient in today's airframes, wings and engines.

But aluminium has an Achilles' heel. Aluminium production is said to be one of the world's most damaging industries. Bauxite, which is the metal's principal ore, is strip-mined, mainly in Australia, Brazil, Jamaica and Guinea, and since most deposits occur as a thin layer of the mineral, bauxite mining probably destroys more surface area than the mining of any other metal. The process leaves also large quantities of waste. About four tons of "red mud", a caustic soup of metallic oxides and other contaminants, is produced for every ton of aluminium. It is corrosive to skin and pollutes both surface and ground water. Furthermore, loads of energy is used to dig the mineral. Miners routinely move thousands of tons of soil and rock just to get to the ore they want. More energy is used to haul the ore off for processing - often at refineries a continent away.

It is the smelting process, however, which makes aluminium the most energy-intensive metal to produce: while most other metals can be obtained by simply heating their ores, aluminium forms such tight chemical bonds that it can be economically

extracted only through a process involving the direct application of electrical current: to make a single pound of metal (i.e. 20-25 beverage cans), a modern aluminium smelter requires 6 to 8 kilowatt-hours of electricity — enough to run a colour TV for about 5 days! Only special industrial rates for electricity enable aluminium producers to turn a profit: this industry usually pays for lower prices (only 10%-20%) than any other.

Aluminium production is — and has been — closely linked with many of the world's most socially and ecologically harmful energy projects: because of the vast demand of electricity, huge dams in the U.S., Canada and Brazil have been constructed exclusively for aluminium smelters which have been used to justify these constructions and soak up now the main share of their power output. These projects not only destroyed various ecosystems by changing rivers into large artificial lakes, but also left thousands of people homeless by flooding huge areas of their land, particularly in Indian reserves in northern Quebec (Canada).

In Europe, where such large dam constructions are not possible, the electricity for aluminium industry is usually provided by nuclear power. In the United Kingdom, where the beverage cans for Ireland are manufactured, Sellafield is one of Europe's most discussed and criticized nuclear power plants, particularly since the Irish sea is well-known as the most radioactive waters in the world. By using — and wasting — aluminium in the form of beverage cans and tinfoil, we also support directly the construction of dams and new nuclear power plants. Since it is the extraction of aluminium from bauxite ore that takes so much energy, recycling provides at least a partial answer to the aluminium question: by using recycled aluminium scrap, 95% of the electricity

which is needed to produce aluminium from raw materials is saved — that means the equivalent of 15 minutes of TV per can instead of 5 hours! Recycling also helps to reduce the environmental impact caused by the strip mining of the ore.

Collecting and recycling of beverage cans is very easily done: all you need is an extra cardboard box or plastic bag in your kitchen and a few extra-steps to the recycling bin at Quinnsnorth (on the carpark behind the supermarket, also for glass, waste paper and textiles).

However, the most effective way to reduce the heavy environmental impact of aluminium is to reduce our consumption. Returnable beverage containers give us the same product for a tenth or less the energy use of aluminium cans. Let's try to avoid tinfoil. Instead of wrapping our lunch sandwich into tinfoil every day (also an energy equivalent of 4-5 hours of TV) we could buy a reusable plastic box (Tupperware)—it is also cheaper for the long term! Dishes in the fridge can be covered with a plate rather than with foil.

Start to appreciate the value of aluminium! In a time when everybody knows about climate change and other environmental problems, ever-growing aluminium production is clearly incompatible with current efforts to reduce energy use. The production of more energy to make aluminium can only be justified if the metal is restricted to energy-saving uses such as applications in aeroplanes and machines, and if it is recognized as the economically and environmentally costly material it is.

*Florian Schonberger,
Environmental Society,
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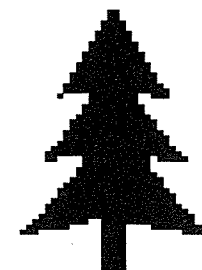


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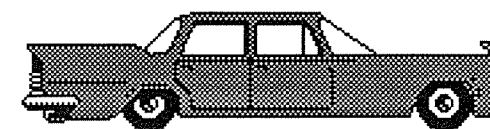
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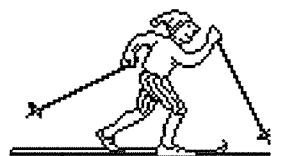
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MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

Maynooth Ladies Take Top Prize

Maynooth ICA took home first prize in an AIB sponsored competition on Tuesday 12th March. The competition was held in Kill G.A.A. Club and attracted entries from guilds all over the county.

Each guild was required to select an EU country and (1) make its flag, (2) dress a doll, (3) select one course of a three course meal for tasting and display, (4) explore trade links between Ireland and chosen country and (5) make a verbal presentation on a lady who has made an impact on chosen country.

Our guild selected Spain as its country and set about preparing this enormous project. Following weeks of hard work we presented our project in Kill along with nine other guilds. The standard was extremely high as was the tension in the hall that night waiting for the judges' decision. Kildare ICA president, Mrs Betty O'Neill, announced the winners as follows:-3rd place Killeel guild, 2nd place Leixlip guild and in 1st place Maynooth. Congratulations to Marion, Rosemary, Jo, Ursula, Felicity and Mary. 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way with our project.

March Meeting

After all the excitement of our win it's very hard to come back to reality, but as they say 'the show goes on'. Our March meeting was held in the ICA Hall on Thursday 4th March. Marion Souhan, our President welcomed the ladies, especially, Pauline, our new member.

After our meeting we had a very interesting talk from Ms. Yvonne Ryan, a nutritionist and dietician from Leixlip. Yvonne answered lots of questions and presented us with some lovely recipe books. A most enjoyable evening.

Art classes open to non members

During the winter months, Ms Linda Souhan conducted a series of art classes that proved very popular with our members. Linda intends to hold a further series of classes in the ICA Hall and this time they will be open to non members. Enrolment takes place at the first class on Thursday 18th April at 8.00p.m. in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth. The fee for the 6 week course is £12 for members and £18 for non members. All are welcome. For more information call Pattie on 6286696.

Effective Speaking

Some of our ladies will be attending an effective speaking course in Leixlip, commencing on 15th April. There may still be a place available on this course. Once again Pattie has the details.

Activities

Calligraphy classes are on in the ICA Hall each Friday, starting at 8.00p.m. Crafts are on in our hall on Mondays at 8.00p.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30a.m. Badminton in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30a.m. New members are welcome to attend any of our activities.

Collections for Charities

'Thank you' to the people of Maynooth for supporting our church gate collection for the Arthritis Foundation of Ireland on 17th February. We collected £105.

We will be helping with the collection on Daffodil Day this year, as usual, on 22nd March. We will also be collecting on 27/28th April in aid of the National Council for the Blind.

Crafts Spectacular

Our County Crafts Promoter, Mrs Eileen Beatson, has announced a 'Crafts Spectacular' competition for May in the GAA Hall, Kill. Mary O' Gorman has all the details.

Healthy Eating Competition

Jo O'Connell, Contest Secretary, has details on the Healthy Eating Competition sponsored by the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health. This year the theme is 'Be Healthy - Eat More Fruit and Vegetables'.

Next Meeting

The next guild meeting will be on Thursday 4th April (Holy Thursday) at 8.00p.m. The competition on that night will be an 'On the Spot'. Mary O'Gorman says not to forget to bring along your 'Most Unusual Pincushion' - made, of course, by yourself. Irene Matthews will be taking names for trip to 'Return to the Hill', at the end of April.

Lastly, I would like to wish all our members and friends a 'Very Happy Easter'.

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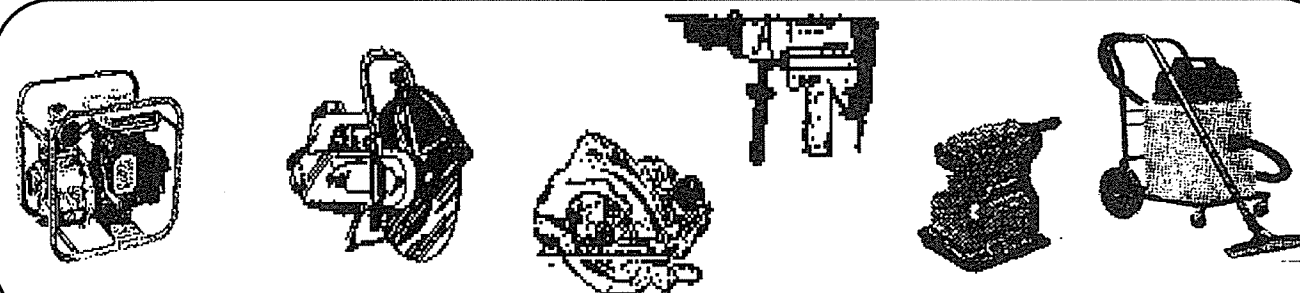
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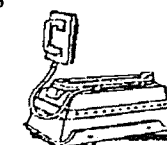
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MAYNOOTH WOMEN'S FORUM

The third meeting of Maynooth Women's Forum took place on Tuesday 12th March at 8 p.m. It was attended by ten women from the Parish. A report of the first Archdiocese Women's Forum meeting was presented. Deirdre Murray was elected as Deanery Representative to this Forum and it is hoped that the first meeting will take place after Easter.

We would like Maynooth Women's Forum to represent all women in the Parish and hope to meet some more people at our next meeting.

If you would like a voice in your parish come to the next meeting of Maynooth Women's Forum on Tuesday, 16th April at 8.30 p.m. in the Post Primary School.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Tom Flatley (Supervisor) of the Royal Canal Amenity Group again is putting out an SOS for eligible canal CE workers. Work on the canal and surrounds is going ahead with stonewalling and general maintenance work. The workers on the Canal CE scheme are kept busy.

Again, we would like to remind you that the steam train will be with us on the 26th May.

In July we will once again be hosting a Miss Royal Canal Selection Gala Evening. Further details will be made available in the Newsletter nearer the time.

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MAYNOOTH PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE GROUP

As a local community group that has been active over many years on issues of peace and justice, we wish to state that the current position with the peace process presents both great possibilities and great dangers.

The many demonstrations and marches which have taken place throughout Ireland, Britain, U.S.A. and Maynooth, organised by the trade union movement, peace groups, community councils, etc. spell out the message that the people do not want a return to war but want both governments, all parties and the Republican and Loyalist movements to maintain the peace and genuinely engage in dialogue to resolve the issues at the heart of the conflict in the North.

We urge IRA to restore it's cessation, but to achieve this, all concerned, whether they be governments or established political parties, must continue talks at the highest level with Sinn Fein and drop all restrictions on their involvement in the all party talks to help facilitate a speedy return to a cease-fire. Sinn Fein and the two fringe Loyalist parties, the U.D.P. and the P.U.P., are key forces influencing grass roots opinion in those areas in the North which have been most affected by the conflict.

Since the beginning of the peace process in August '94 we have organised three events in Maynooth which involved Billy Hutchinson of the P.U.P., Minister of State Emmet Stagg, Brid Rogers of the S.D.L.P., Anne Speed of Sinn Féin, Steve McBride of the Alliance Party and a host of poets and musicians at our cultural evening run in conjunction with the Community Festival last August. Members of our group also supported the Community Council's peace march.

We are also now pleased to announce the details of our next Public Meeting to be held in the Library, Main Street on Wednesday 3rd April at 8 p.m.. The theme of the meeting will be "TOWARDS INCLUSIVE ALL PARTY TALKS AND A JUST AND LASTING PEACE" and the principal invited speakers are Michael Farrell, civil rights lawyer and Chairperson of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, and Mary O'Rourke, T.D., deputy leader of Fianna Fail. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Mary Cullen.

We are asking the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas to attend this meeting and raise their voices and not leave it to the politicians alone. Vocal, not silent support for peace is what's needed.

Hilda Mooney
Hon. Secretary

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GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Greenfield Estate Residents' Association took place on the 6th March in the I.C.A. Hall. A very poorly attended meeting heard Chairman Mattie Callaghan thank the outgoing Committee for their work and in particular Ann Connellan who was not seeking re-election.

Reports were given on discussions and meetings held with officials from Bord Gáis, S.I.A.C., Kildare County Council, ESB, Bord Telecom on the various work needed to be undertaken to improve the estate.

It was agreed to raise the Annual Subscriptions to £13 per house for the year '96/'97.

Items for the coming year:

- Improvements on lighting throughout the estate;
- Impact of developments at end of Greenfield Drive;
- Cable television;
- On-going work with Bord Gáis, Kildare County Council;
- Plans to hold social function.

A full report on the meeting will be circulated to each house on the estate.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

Following several public meetings, that were held to deal with separate issues, it was found that a number of people had expressed concern with regard to the lack of progress in having Bond Bridge, in the Newtown area of Maynooth, realigned. With the help of local County Councillors an action group was formed.

The agenda of the group was to call a meeting of any interested persons or group and elect a committee to draw up an action plan to put to the residents. A public meeting is currently being arranged and the date will be published as soon as possible. The objective of the committee will be to co-ordinate a campaign to secure funding for the realignment of Bond Bridge. This committee will deal with no other issue.

Any person wanting further information may contact any member of the committee.

Chairman: John Doogan, 22 Meadowbrook Court. Ph. 6289720.

Secretary: Paul O'Brien, 54 College Green. Ph. 6285559.

Larry O'Brien, 510 Newtown. Ph. 6285088.

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Connie Harpur, 11 Woodlands. Ph. 6286787.

Cathrine Fitzpatrick, 61 Newtown Court. Ph. 6290338.

Bond Bridge Action Group.

M.A.D.E.

The year 1995-96 is the 10th anniversary of the foundation of M.A.D.E. This was one of only four Adult Education groups in the county at that time. There are now over 40 groups. To celebrate our 10th anniversary we intend to hold a party on Monday 29th April in the M.A.D.E. Centre from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

All past and present committee members, tutors and pupils are welcome. As we need to know how many to cater for places must be booked by phoning Ann at 6285219 or Bernadette 6286774. A cover charge of £2 payable at the door will include entry to a draw for a free place on one of our courses. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided. We look forward to seeing you all there.

M.A.D.E. Committee

MAYNOOTH BAND HELPS CANCER RESEARCH

Sunday 21st April next sees St. Mary's Band, Maynooth adopting the role of donor instead of recipient when they organise a fund raising night in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. The venue is the Glenroyal Hotel, music is provided by the popular Bourbon Street and dancing kicks off at 9.30 to 12.00. Tickets £5 are available from Donovans Supermarket, Greenfield Shopping Centre, Post Office Main Street and Maynooth Office Supplies, Dublin Road.

This special evening affords Maynooth Band an opportunity to repay the support which they have received for many, many years from the residents and business people of the town. Why support the Irish Cancer Society? Put simply it is one of the most deserving causes we know of and especially when so many of our Band Members have had relatives and friends who have experienced the suffering and pain which accompanies this much feared disease.

A feature of this fund raiser is that all services are being supplied absolutely free. The management of the Glenroyal Hotel have been extremely generous in putting their magnificent function room at the disposal of the organisers while Bourbon Street also provide their own special brand of music without charge. This versatile band has the distinction of having a film star in it's midst. Their lead singer Eamonn O'Connor filled a solo spot in the smash hit movie "The Commitments" while two other members Oliver Bright on sax and Kevin Boyd on trumpet are also members of St. Marys Band.

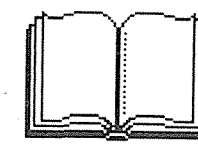
This is probably the first function of it's kind in Maynooth to raise funds for Cancer Research in many years and we hope it will receive massive support. Please get your tickets as soon as possible, as capacity is limited. Look forward to seeing you on the 21st. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a contribution you can do so by contacting Kevin Boyd 6285903 or Elaine Bean 6285634.

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Vera Lettis and Kitty Horan enjoying the Food Fayre and fashion show at the Glenroyal Shopping Centre

STREET TALK

The Olympics in Maynooth

To extend the selection of sports equipment currently available in Maynooth, an all inclusive sports shop is opening up in the Glenroyal Shopping Centre which will cater for the enthusiasts' every sporting need. Fintan McMahon, who hails originally from Co. Clare but who has been residing in Maynooth for the last seven years, is opening his "Olympic Sports" shop, which will be run by himself and a store manager professionally trained to deal with all sporting enquiries. Olympic Sports is situated beside Boulevard 47 and as the Newsletter was going to press, Fintan was frantically putting the final touches to his shop with the expectation of opening on the 25th March. All GAA lines, Premier League and Rugby jerseys, gym and aerobic equipment will be stocked. Fintan has promised that any required sporting equipment once ordered will be available within a few days.

The Orange Tree

An additional restaurant is due to open behind the Mill Wine Cellar, which judging from the intense preparations will be an enticing eating place for Maynooth diners. "The Orange Tree" is owned by James McCutcheon from Dublin and preparations were being hastened for the exclusive opening on the weekend of 22nd March. The theme is everything French and Mediterranean with the cuisine taking a specific French flavour. A few samples from the menu included: Lasagna of Chicken, Medallions of Beef Madeira, Breast of Barbone Duck and Salmon Roulade Blinis - enough to get your taste buds watering!

On the Move - Declan Foley moves up in the world.

Set up in 1981 at Dublin Road sharing the office with Eugene Mara, Accountant and Mullins & Henry, Opticians. Due to an expansion of the practice and the expected upsurge in the development of the town he decided to relocate to the new shopping centre to more spacious offices. "Living on the outskirts of Maynooth, I find the blend of town and country appealing. Few towns have seen as many changes as Maynooth in the past ten years and the next 5/10 years will see whether the town achieves it's potential".

Staff consists of five in all from the Kildare area. The practice is mainly conveyancing, accident claims, wills and probate. "The move is mainly to facilitate clients, old and new, guaranteeing efficient personal service - the car parking facilities should be a big help".

Home to Roost

It is now common knowledge Cassidy's Roost is under the new ownership of Louis Fitzgerald and although closed for only a few days in March to allow easy transition, it is now up and running with only minor changes. The Maynooth Newsletter wish Louis and his staff the best of luck and look forward to having more news on this venture in our next edition.

Glenroyal Hotel Telethon

The childrens' disco which was held on 10th March in aid of Telethon was a great success. There was an excellent performance by the Kathleen Keable Dance Group, Leixlip. The older children entertained everybody with their spoon playing and dancing and the younger children dressed as clowns put on a wonderful show which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Watch out for further Telethon events in the Glenroyal.

"A Gas Man Our Dessie"

The 29th February 1996 was a very special day, as it was the last leap year of the twentieth century.

It was a doubly special occasion for the citizens of Maynooth, where the new North Kildare Gas Showrooms were officially opened. The proprietor, Des O'Sullivan, has been in the business for twenty years, and we at the Newsletter wish him all the best for another twenty.

Local T.D. and Minister for Energy, Transport and Communications, Mr. Emmet Stagg had the honour of cutting the ribbon on this momentous occasion. Many people turned out to witness the man-sized teddy bears dancing in the street. The Minister's faithful young followers begged for autographs and availed of the sweets which were provided for them. The whole event was covered by CKR who reported live from the location on Main Street, Maynooth.

Features

In his speech, Minister Stagg congratulated the O'Sullivan family on their courage in setting up this business and the fact that they have created twenty jobs to date. When asked whether he thought that gas could be titled "the energy source of the future" he pointed out that natural Irish gas provides 30% of our national energy needs and that this percentage is likely to rise. The competitive price and the helpfulness of the Gas Showroom's staff were also commented upon by the minister.

Of the many special offers available at the North Kildare Gas Showrooms, the most seasonal was the prize of a free natural gas fire for every girl who proposed to her man on this romantic day of the year. There were also vouchers for £25 off any appliance, great deals on tumble driers and gas fires or £300 off the installation of gas central heating and many more prizes being given away by CKR D.J. Vincent O'Sullivan in the roadcaster.

The gas pipeline made its Maynooth debut last year (1995) and it looks set to stay, as Minister Stagg put it, "The nerve centre of North Kildare".

CONRADH NA GAEILGE

Pictured above at the launch of "Aspail ar son na Gaeilge" Timirí Chonradh na Gaeilge 1899-1923, le Colm O'Ceardail on Thursday 14ú Márta in St. Mary's G.A.A. Hall, Moyglare Road.

Tháinig na Gael ó chéin is ó chóngar chun ceilliúradh seoladh an leabhar i Mhaigh Nuad. Tá "Aspail ar son na Gaeilge" bunaithe ar saothar na dTimirí ag tús an chéid seo agus an tionchar a bhí ag a chuid oibre ar chúis na teanga agus stair na tíre.

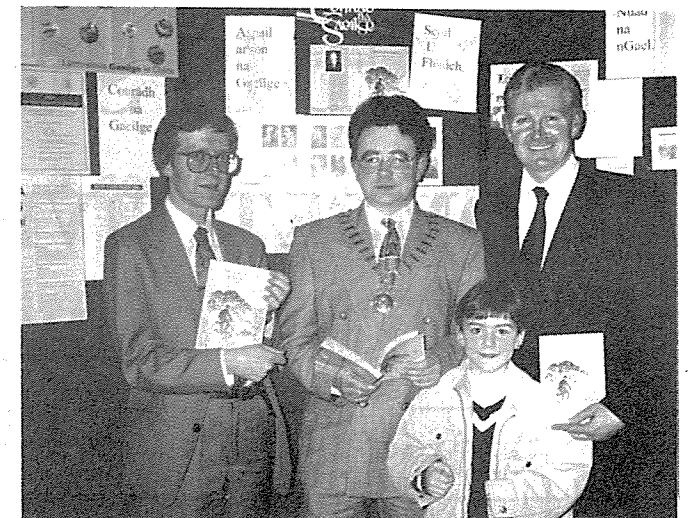
The history of the organisers of the Gaelic League is the subject of a book launched in Maynooth G.A.A. Hall by Seán O'Fearail, Chairman, Kildare County Council. The author of the work is Colm O'Ceardail, who lives in Moyglare Village with his wife Geraldine and children Naoise and Muireann.

The book is based on historical research and is a study of the work and influence of over 70 organisers. These men and women had the task of bringing the Gaelic League's philosophy of an Irish Ireland to every part of the country. They were successful in turning the feeling of shame in our native language, games, culture and customs to a positive expression of self-worth, self-reliance and eventually self-government.

Táimid go léir faoi chomaoín ag na timirí a shaothraigh go dícheallach i mblianta tosaigh na haoise seo, go minic agus iad ag cur a sláinte i mbaol.

The guests were welcomed to Maynooth by Mícheál Mac Uillic, Cathaoirleach Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Maigh Nuad. The assembled local guests were joined by representatives from Conradh na Gaeilge, Glór na nGael, Bord na Gaeilge, Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann, na Gardaí Síochána, Coláiste Phádraig, Mhaigh Nuad, Cumann na Scoileanna Cuimsitheacha is Phobail, Gaelscoileanna, Comhar na Mhúinteoirí Gaeilge agus Gael-Linn.

The reply from the guests was delivered by Tomás Uas. Mac Eoin. Councillor Senan Griffin spoke of the importance of



Seán Mac Mathúna (Editor Conradh na Gaeilge), Cllr. Seán O'Fearghaill, Colm O'Ceardail and his son Naoise, at the launch of Colm's book.

Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Maynooth's Gaelscoil, which he said was a great boost to the Irish language and culture here on our doorstep in Maynooth. A medley of traditional musicians comprised of parents and friends of Scoil Uí Fhiaich provided ceol agus spórt. Bhain gach éinne taitneamh ón oíche agus tá na "nAspail" seolta go h-oifigiúil anois.

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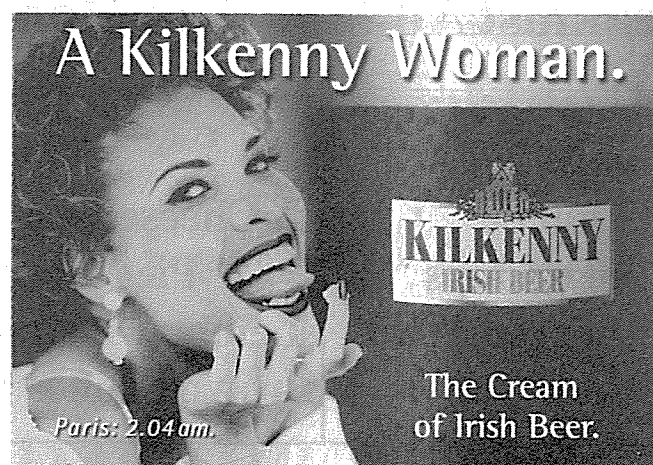
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TELEPHONE CARDS BY POST

Launching the latest in his new series of private limited edition telephone cards for the collectors market is Jeremy Farrell of Telephone Cards by Post. From Maynooth, Jeremy is already well known in Irish and International phonecard collecting circles as one of the most prodigious young designers and producers in this field. In his first year in business he has produced a very impressive portfolio of eleven telephone cards many of which are based on his own original designs and artwork.



Jeremy's new telephone card showing famous "Kilkenny Woman" motif

This new telephone card is a joint venture between Jeremy and Kilkenny Irish Beer. It shows the famous "Kilkenny Woman" motif and is produced specifically for the collectors market. It is a 50 unit full face chip card manufactured in England by Cambridge Telephones Ltd. and is usable in many of their closed user sites in the United Kingdom. So far there is only one place in the Republic of Ireland where this card can be used, but we are assured by phonecard collectors that no collector in their right mind would ever dream of scratching this card by inserting it in a phonebox.



Jeremy launching the latest in his new series of private limited edition telephone cards

The card went on sale from Jeremy at his stand at the two day Irish International Phonecard Fair, which was held at Newman House, St. Stephens Green, Dublin on St. Patrick's Week-end, March 16th and 17th last.

Jeremy was very pleased with the opportunity to produce a telephone card based on Kilkenny Irish Beer. "The Kilkenny

Woman is such a beautiful image. It transfers very well onto this medium", he told us. "Kilkenny Irish Beer have been very good to me." It shows just how an established company can help a new business in a practical way. "I am very grateful to them for all their help."

Jeremy began designing telephone cards as part of a project for his exams while studying for his Diploma in Foreign Trade & Marketing at Colaiste Ide, in Finglas. His efforts won him the much coveted Best Trade Practice Project Award at his graduation last November.

In December 1994 Jeremy started his own business Telephone Cards by Post to market his designs. He still works from his parents' home at 28 Carton Court, Maynooth. Recently fifteen sets of two of his first cards were sold in London by an English Phonecard dealer for Stg£75.00 per set. These two cards were based on the now failed ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

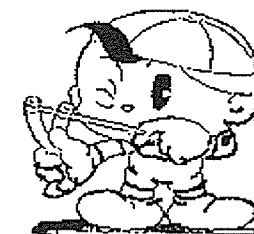
Another of his cards based on the 50th Anniversary of the ending of the Holocaust is

selling very well in Israel. His card marking the 150th Anniversary of The Great Famine is doing well on both sides of the Atlantic. With the exception of a FÁS Business Appraisal Course, Jeremy is operating totally without any State aid or grants. He sees it as his responsibility to provide himself with a job.

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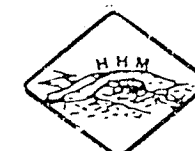


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M'LADY KILDARE

The M'Lady Kildare celebration organised by Maynooth Community Council was an outstanding success this year. Thanks to the media coverage we got, the competition was widely advertised. There were nine competitors in the contest from all over the County and from all walks of life.



Winner of M'Lady Maureen Abbott, Celbridge and runner-up Margaret Delaney, Sallins.

The Big Night

The one thing that shone through on the night was the amazing voluntary work all these ladies were involved in. We could only have one winner on the night but these ladies were all winners in their own right, as they gave us all a tremendous night's entertainment. The winner was Maureen Abbott from Celbridge, a very worthy and popular winner, who will go on to the National Final in Balbriggan to represent Kildare. Our congratulations to Maureen and we know she will represent Kildare excellently in the National Contest and we wish her the very best. Maisie Nott nominated by Citizens Information Centre was the only Maynooth participant. Maisie has had the honour of being invited by the Balbriggan Festival Committee to take part as an international contender in the M'Lady Eireann Contest in Balbriggan in June representing Australia. Maisie is a native of Australia and has lived here for eight years, so we wish Maisie every success in the National Competition.

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Doran and Michael Rooney, to our M.C. Matt Kennedy and to our escort Philip McDermott. All of whom were very necessary on the night to make it the success it was. Thanks also to our own staff, Joan Driver, Sheila McKenna, Maureen Dunne, Kathryn Walsh, Antonio Quinones, Teresa Bennett and Jayne Savage who worked very hard behind the scenes all night selling raffle tickets, manning the door, taking photographs and last but by no means least we must thank the bus loads of supporters who came with banners waving and great shouts of cheers and encouragement for the participants.



M'Lady entrants and Philip McDermott, escort, Matt Kennedy, M.C., Patricia Condron, Chairperson Maynooth Community Council and organiser Norah McDermott

We are already looking forward to next year's competition which will be held sometime in March '97. So all you clubs, associations and committees can now be thinking of your candidates for next year.

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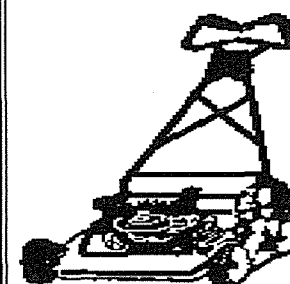
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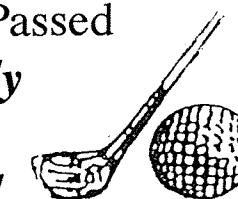
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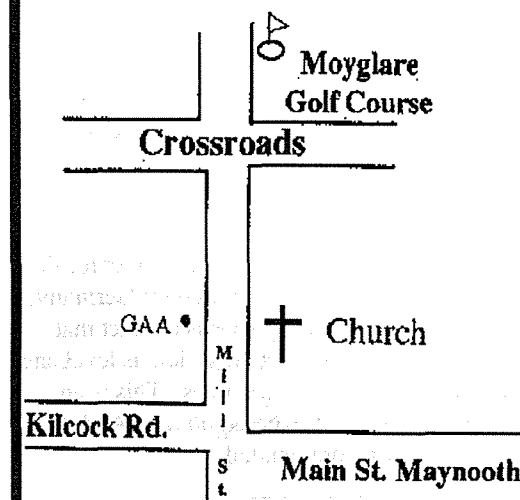
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REVEALED! NEW SCULPTURE FOR MAYNOOTH.

AT LONG LAST THE NEWSLETTER CAN REVEAL THE SCULPTURE WHICH HAS BEEN SELECTED TO TAKE PRIDE OF PLACE IN THE NEW SQUARE. THE OFFICIAL SELECTION TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY APRIL 1ST WHEN A LARGE CROWD OF....., VOTED FOR THE NEW WORK.

The winning design submitted by Messrs., will feature fountains, whirlpools and at a later date the writings and artwork of local talent such as Kilroy, Miko, Deko, and a host of lesser known artists. Hopefully a few artists from the College will be persuaded to add their work to the impressive list of talent already lined up to decorate the interior of the new work.

Described by the adjudicators as being "made for the place" the "Truly Holistic Incorporated Neo Geometric" creation will take pride of place in the newly renovated square. Standing approximately 8ft high it will not only provide an architectural enhancement to the existing location but will allow for the convenient disposal of chip bags, drink cans and of course such items of food which are judged unfit for human consumption soon after being consumed.

When complete the work will offset the mainly slate grey stone slabs in the new square with its cheerful soiled red brick effect. The work is based on the observations of the post-Haste school of architecture whose work refuses to be entrapped by such petty concerns as aesthetics, mood or the fickle nature of public opinion. Drawing their chief influence from the Bunkerenmineschaft school in pre-war Germany the architects feel sure that their creation will represent the new confident face that Maynooth will present to the world for the next Millenium.

Note:

The judges hope that the people of Maynooth will welcome the new work to the town "and not go trying to get it torn down like they did the last one". We shall wait and see, lets just hope that "things" aren't going to go from bad to worse.

VIDEO REVIEW

Braveheart (15s)

Based (loosely) on the true story of William Wallace, a 13th century Scottish farmer who rose up against the tyranny of the English and became a legend. Historically, liberties have been taken with the story, but the action more than makes up for this. Much of the film was made in Ireland around Blessington Lakes and The Curragh, and the Irish Army reserves were used for the brilliant battle scenes. Mel Gibson stars and directs extremely well, and the whole thing is very entertaining. Recommended.

Dolores Claiborne (18s)

Taken from a story by Stephen King this is a thriller with a twist in the tail. Kathy Bates plays the title role; a woman who, eighteen years ago, was accused of killing her violent husband. She was acquitted through lack of evidence and now she decides to tell the truth about the entire business. It's not, however, the story that the police expect to hear... This a good film and the storyline is excellent, Bates is excellent as Dolores and it will keep you guessing to the end. Recommended.

The Infiltrator (18s)

A true story about a journalist who goes under cover for the low-down on a Neo-Nazi organisation in modern Germany. What makes his task even more dangerous is the fact that he's Jewish. He witnesses racism at a very vicious level and he himself is almost discovered several times. This is an excellent film, more so because it's based on fact. And it's well worth seeing. Highly recommended.

'WOMEN IN THE HOME'

'Women in the Home' was founded in 1981 to reaffirm the value of the role of the Homemaker as a vital stabilising influence in the family and society.

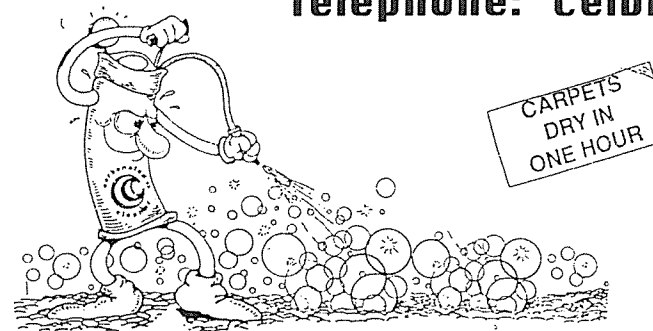
'Women in the Home' aims to establish friendship groups on a neighbourhood or community basis to provide support and encouragement to women who choose (or would like to choose) to stay at home to care for their families, and to provide them with a forum through which they can have a voice and influence in society.

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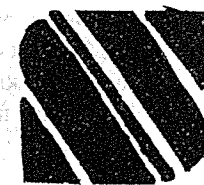
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Success in Public Speaking

Maynooth achieved notable success in the Mental Health Public Speaking Project reaching the National semi-final stage, held in Dun Laoighaire on Friday March 8th. The team consisting of Lorraine Downey, Fiachra Kirwan and Claire Duke who were Kildare Champions and Leinster Finalists, spoke on "Mental Health not Mental Illness - a positive approach".

The team spoke very well but after long deliberation by adjudicators, were defeated by Coláiste Abhain, Wexford, who go through to the finals. Lorraine, Fiachra and Claire admit that the project has greatly developed their self confidence and has given them an invaluable insight into mental health and the treatment of mental illness, particularly within the Kildare area. They are indebted to Ned Cusack and Eamonn Sweeny, for their invaluable assistance as members of the M.H.A.I.

Maynooth Success in Girls Senior Soccer

In the space of six days, Maynooth Post Primary School won two Leinster titles. After the success of the boys under 14 Gaelic Football final two weeks ago, a girls team from the school won the Leinster Senior Soccer Trophy. The match was played in Home Farm Grounds, Whitehall and the girls from Maynooth Post Primary School defeated St. Mary's, Baldoyle by 2 goals to 1. Maynooth attacked early in the game, putting St. Mary's under pressure. The pressure on St. Mary's continued throughout the match resulting in a victory for the Maynooth side.

Maynooth Post Primary Team

Una Burke, Irene Kearney, Mary Maguire, Brid-Ann O'Shea, Ginny Breslin, Paula Burke, Emma Kilduff, Rachel Agnew, Meadhbh Flood, Carol Cassidy, Laura Kearney. Subs: Claire Duke, Ann-Marie Snee, Michelle Gillick.

Michael J. Walsh.

Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association

The Parents Association, Maynooth Post Primary School, wish to congratulate the teachers, students and all involved in the excellent production of Calamity Jane

Michael Dillane P.R.O.

Maynooth Post Primary under 14's, Dublin & Leinster Colleges 'B' Champions.

Leinster Colleges Under 14B Final
Pairc Tailteann Navan
28/2/96

Maynooth P.P. 2-11 Kells C.S. 1-8

Maynooth celebrated their 25th Anniversary in style to win

their first ever Leinster College title.. Maynooth had earlier won the Dublin Colleges section by beating O'Connells in the Final in Croke Park. Kells C.S the North Leinster winners had qualified by beating Buncloody F.C.J., the South Leinster winners.

Maynooth settled early and after only four minutes were 1-1 to no score ahead, when William Farrelly scored a brilliant goal. Kells hit back with three points without reply and should have scored a goal only for three excellent saves by Tom Masterson. Maynooth half backs of Conor Diggins, George Snee and Sean O'Flaherty were slow to settle but soon began to come into the game and with the full-back line of John O'Brien, Andrew Dalton, Ciaran Kennedy rock solid Maynooth were dominant. David Campbell's accurate right boot punished indiscretions in the Kells defence by slotting over some delightful scores.

Half Time Score: Maynooth 1-7 Kells 0-4

Kells reopening strongly to shoot over two points in the space of five minutes and looked now to be playing the better football but it was at this stage that the Maynooth midfield of Aidan Doyle and George Beirne started to exert control and with George Snee tidying up everything at centre back they began to put pressure on the Kells defence. The Maynooth half forwards of Padraig O'Sullivan, David Campbell and Pat King were now feeding the full forward line of Trevor Naughton, Cormac McCarthy and William Farrelly. This led to a fine goal by Cormac McCarthy midway through the half and with Campbell deadly from frees and Farrelly also very accurate Maynooth began to pull away again. Kells got a late goal which did not affect the result.

Sub. (55 minute) Aidan Molloy for Pat King.

Scorers:

David Campbell (0-6), William Farrelly (1-2), George Beirne (0-1), Cormac McCarthy (1-2).

Team Sponsor Francis Barrett (back extreme right) with the Maynooth Post Primary Under 14's. Front, left to right, Jose Lorenzo, Joseph Brennan, Alan Baxter, David Lawlor, Kevin O'Brien, Martin Dolan, Michael Gleeson. Middle, left to right, Conor Diggins, Michael Matthews, Cyril O'Brien, Aidan Molloy, Trevor Naughton, George Beirne, Aidan Doyle, Shane Carty, Denis Tracey, Padraig O'Sullivan, Patrick King, Shane Pidgeon. Back, left to right, Pat Brennan, John O'Brien, William Farrelly, Andrew Dalton, Tommy Masterson, Kieran Kennedy, David Campbell, Cormac McCarthy, George Snee, Sean O'Flaherty, Willie Coughlan, Francis Barrett.

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Paul responds to calls throughout County Kildare, covering an average of 1,500 miles a month. It's a large area, totalling 650 square miles and in any one day Paul can find himself answering a cruelty call in Athy or a road traffic accident involving an animal in Maynooth.

The 1995 financial year has proven to be the most difficult in the Society's history, with a deficit expected to exceed well over £4,000. This is entirely due to a high increase in our workload and, consequently, the corresponding rise in veterinary costs. However, the society's efforts on behalf of animals and wildlife in County Kildare continue to be maintained at a very high level.

We have had five successful prosecutions for cruelty to animals during the past nine months, while 3 more cases are due before the courts over the coming weeks. Hopefully, this will go a long way towards discouraging the all-too-common neglect of animals in County Kildare.

As always fund-raising continues to be an essential part of our work and is also sadly becoming more difficult due to the professionalism in recent years of so many charities, each one now competing against each other in order to survive. Many of these charities have professional fund-raisers on their committee. Despite our obvious disadvantages in this area, constant fund-raising is absolutely vital if we are to continue with our work in County Kildare.

It is extremely disappointing to note that we do not receive any financial assistance or grants whatsoever from local authorities or the state, despite the fact that we often end up having to do much of the work for them.

The 1994/95 annual report of the SOCIETY contains a list of statistics that points the finger at the guilty in North Kildare. The number of cases reported to the K.S.P.C.A. rose by 250 per cent - 1,221 calls of claims of cruelty, with North Kildare towns such as Maynooth claiming a high share.

The Maynooth figures include 47 cases of alleged cruelty, with Maynooth 3rd on the list; 41 emergency calls mostly dogs and cats, but also hedgehogs and wildlife; 38 swans and cygnets injured and in distress with Maynooth topping the list; 21 calls for assistance with feral cats bringing in a total of 56 cats and kittens. Just some of the facts from the report of '94/'95.

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Ingredients

- 1lb/450g boned leg of lamb, cubed.
- 2 small onions, quartered.
- 1 red pepper, cored, deseeded and cut into strips.
- 1 courgette, trimmed and cut into chunks.
- 1 tbsp olive oil.
- 2 tsp dried rosemary.
- 1 lemon, grated rind and juice.
- 8 large white pitta breads.
- 4oz/125g finely shredded white cabbage.

Method

- 1.- Mix lamb, onions, red pepper, courgette, olive oil, rosemary and lemon rind and juice in a shallow microproof dish. Season with freshly ground black pepper. Cover with clingwrap and leave to marinate for 30 mins.
- 2.- Pierce clingwrap and cook on High (100%) for 12 mins, stirring and re-covering every 4 mins. Cover and leave to stand for 3 min.
- 3.- Split pitta breads, spoon in meat and cabbage filling and cook on High (100%) for 1 min until warmed through. Serve with relishes.

MUSHROOM PILAFF

Ingredients

- 1lb/450g button mushrooms, sliced.
- 1 onion, chopped.
- 1 green pepper, diced.
- 8 oz/225g long grain rice.
- 2fl oz/50ml vegetable oil.
- 2-3 sprigs of parsley, chopped.
- 1 oz/25g butter, or margarine.
- 1 tin/397g plum tomatoes.
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée.
- Water as required.
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Method

Put the oil, chopped onion, pepper into a big deep pyrex or microwaveproof bowl. Cover the bowl and set microwave on High for 2 mins. Uncover, add the sliced mushrooms, stir to moisten with the oil, re-cover the bowl with pierced plastic film and return to the oven for 4 minutes on High. Drain the juice from the tomatoes and make up to 15fl oz/425ml with water, add the tomato juice and bring to boiling

point. Chop the tomatoes, season lightly. Add the tomatoes, the liquid, and the parsley to the rice, cover, microwave on High for 7 mins. Stir thoroughly, microwave on Low or Defrost for 7 mins. Remove the bowl and stand, covered, for 5 mins. Stir in the butter. Turn into a hot serving dish. To make the pilaff on top of the stove, heat the oil, fry the onion and pepper in a heavy saucepan, add the rice. Cook for 1-2 mins, add the tomato juice made up to 1/2 pt/300ml with boiling water. Cover, simmer for 12-15 mins. Stir in the diced tomatoes and the mushrooms. Season and cook 2-3 minutes. If the mixture becomes too dry, add a little boiling water.

CHEAT'S HOT CROSS BUNS

Ingredients

- 100g/4oz mixed dried fruit.
- 25g/1oz mixed chopped peel.
- 1 lemon grated zest.
- 1 tsp mixed spice.
- 2x300g/11oz tubes croissant dough.
- 175g/6oz white marzipan.
- 4 tbsp clear honey.
- 1 cinnamon stick.

Method

- 1.- Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas mark 5. Grease 2 baking sheets. Mix the dried fruit with the chopped peel, lemon zest and mixed spice.
- 2.- Open the tubes of croissant dough and knead in the fruit mixture until evenly blended.
- 3.- Divide the dough into 12 pieces and shape each one into a ball. Place on the baking sheets, spaced well apart, and bake 20 mins.
- 4.- Meanwhile, roll out the marzipan and cut into 24 x 1cm/1/2in wide strips. Brush with water and place in a cross on top of each bun.
- 5.- Preheat the grill to high. Put the buns under the grill for a few seconds to brown slightly.
- 6.- Warm the honey in a pan with the cinnamon stick for 2 mins. As soon as the buns come out from under the grill, brush with the honey, then leave to go cold on a wire rack.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Sightseers at Patricks Day Parade in Maynooth



Maynooth Summer Project taking part in Parade



Narraghmore Pipe Band in Parade



Vintage car from Celbridge Club at the Parade



Citizens Information Centre Mobile Unit at Maynooth parade



Maynooth people enjoying the parade

Hobbies and Interests

GARDENING HINTS — *How Does Your Garden Grow?*



Spring is definitely the busiest season for garden centres and after a dreary winter most of us are dying to see some colour in our gardens. If your garden is looking less than thrilling, you may be anxious to get things going. But a word of warning! If you are going to the garden centres, prepare a list in advance of what you think you need, otherwise you could end up buying plants that (a) you don't need (b) you have no room for (c) are not suitable to your soil/location conditions. Try to choose a few varieties of hardy annuals that attract bees and butterflies, like alyssum, candytuft, cornflower, godetia, larkspur and scabious. Bees are enormously useful in the garden and butterflies are just as pretty as the flowers.

April is renowned for its variable weather and temperatures. As the days lengthen the sun's light and heat rays grow stronger, the plant world surges into the most active phase of its annual cycle. As a result plants are at their most vulnerable, since night temperatures, after days of clear blue skies and uplifting sun, can plummet below freezing point in damaging radiation frosts.

Spring bedding is at its colourful best this month. Still real favourites are the good old wallflowers (Cheiranthus) which always look cheerful with their red or gold flowers, not to mention their lovely perfume. Inter-plant them with drifts of Polyanthus and forget-me-nots (Myosotis) and their many sprays of pale blue flowers and you'll have a real eye-catcher. But don't forget that they have to be sown in summer and planted in autumn. Forget-me-nots also self-seed easily and they look lovely grown as informal masses under trees and shrubs.

Bulbs like daffodils are at their peak now and there are lots to choose from. Dead head these and larger bulbs as soon as they finish flowering, so that they can put all their energy into building up reserves for next year. Leave flower heads on smaller bulbs like snowdrops and scillas so that they can self-seed. During dry weather, water bulbs that have already flowered and feed with a tomato or rose fertilizer.

Dahlia tubers can be planted outside in warmer areas, but elsewhere delay planting until next month. They like a rich soil, so dig in plenty of organic matter and some slow-release fertilizer. Plant the tubers so that the tops or crowns are 7.5 cm (3 in.) deep, and put in a stake before backfilling the planting hole as the tubers can easily

ACTION!!!

Clear the Patio

- Scrub moss, algae and winter grime off paving stones with a strong household cleaner, such as Jeyes fluid. At the same time, pull out weeds or paint individual perennial weeds with a touch weeder (applied directly to foliage, thus avoiding accidental splashes to surrounding plants). By using this method you will prevent weedkiller from coming into contact with any nearby plants.
- Clean out decorative pots in readiness for planting with spring and summer-flowering annuals.
- Terracotta flowerpots are no longer cheap and it's worth going to the trouble of glueing a favourite that's broken. Use a strong adhesive and wrap wire around the pot to keep the pieces in place while the glue is hardening. To disguise the joins and give a professional finish, you can grind up a spare fragment of pot in a pestle and mortar and add it to the glue.

be speared.

Tender bulbs, including gladioli, can now be planted out. They like a sunny sheltered site and well-drained soil. Gladioli can be grown in rows for cutting, in tubs, or planted in small groups in the border 10 cm (4 in) Other tender bulbs well worth grow-

ing include the 'peacock orchid' (Acidantha muerielae) which bears fragrant, white, purple-centred flowers in late summer, and Nerine bowdenii which produces stems of large pink flowers from mid to late autumn.



The Garden Indoors Grow your Own Flowers for Cutting

Fresh flowers are the perfect finishing touch for any room, but buying flowers every week can add up to quite a bill, and you may prefer to enjoy your garden flowers in the garden rather than cutting them, so grow a few especially for cutting. Many hardy annuals can be raised from seed to provide a cheap and cheerful blaze of colour. On light soils sow in autumn, otherwise sow in spring to avoid the seeds rotting over winter. Sow thinly in rows and thin the seedlings apart. Some of the best hardy annuals for cutting include marigold (Calendula) sweet sultan (Centaura imperialis), Cosmos, larkspur (Delphinium ajacis), baby's breath (Gypsophila elegans), sunflower (Helianthus annuus), love-in-a-mist (Nigella) and black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia). Sweet peas are excellent for cutting too. They need to be picked regularly, as leaving seed heads on the plant makes it think that it no longer needs to flower and reproduce itself. Dahlias are also wonderful for cutting and they flower right through summer until the first frosts. Either buy tubers for planting out this month or pot them under cover and take cuttings from the new shoots.

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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

As you read this, householders in the Town of Maynooth will have received two circulars from The Labour Party concerning Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil's zoning of 71 acres for housing and factories both sides of Carton Avenue. The line of building will be a mere 50 metres from Carton Avenue itself.

A public meeting will have been held on March 20th to form a Save Carton Avenue Committee and we offer our full support to this group.

To put the case simply, there is no convincing or acceptable reason to zone these lands for housing and factories. Adequate land is already zoned in the Maynooth Area for these purposes. If this was the last parcel of land within the Maynooth Development Boundary it should still be preserved as a Green Belt for future generations. The actions of Cllrs. Senan Griffin and Gerry Brady are the height of planning madness.

Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil have attacked us for telling the truth to the people of Maynooth and publicising their phone numbers and home addresses.

The people of Maynooth have ready access to Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley through our Labour Advice Service Network. If Cllrs. Senan Griffin and Gerry Brady operated such a service there would have been no need for us to let the people of Maynooth know how to contact them.

On the question of truth — the plan is on display in the library now. The people of Maynooth can see for themselves the destruction of the visual amenity at Carton Avenue which is to be imposed on them by Cllrs. Senan Griffin and Gerry Brady.

Main Street and Shopping Centre Traders — Beware
In another show of strength Cllrs. Senan Griffin and Gerry Brady were successful in overturning the Celbridge Area Committee's decision to zone Noone and Dunne's lands at the Motorway Interchange from General Development excluding retail, to General Development.

The effect of this decision will be the creation of two retail areas in Maynooth. This will ultimately see the duplication of retail services and established business's on Main Street and at the shopping centres could close down. This will in turn lead to vacant shop units in the Main Street area and will culminate in Urban decay. The Labour Party will be writing to all traders on this issue.

Bond Bridge

The following motions submitted by Cllr. John McGinley were discussed at the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council at its meeting on 8th March:

1. That the priority listing of Bond Bridge for Regional Development Funding be changed from No. 16 to the top 3.
2. That proper signage and road markings, including 'slow' signs written on the road, be put in place at Bond Bridge as a matter of urgency.

The Councillors agreed with the motions. However, as the County Engineer was absent it was not possible to make the necessary policy adjustment in relation to the priority listing of the Bridge for funding. This is again on the agenda for decision at the next meeting of the Area Committee on the 1st April. The Bond Bridge Action Group were set up at a meeting called by Emmet Stagg, T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley on 23rd February. The group will be calling a public meeting soon in order to get a mandate for their actions. We wish them well in their work and assure them of our full support.

Parson Street

Emmet Stagg, T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley met the residents of Parson Street on the 7th March in order to hear the residents' views on what they wanted in order to improve safety for pedestrians in the area.

There was unanimous agreement that priority should not be given to the College traffic as proposed in the Maynooth Improvement Plan. It was generally accepted that the footpath needed to be made wider and higher and better signage is needed. The question of providing ramps will also be pursued at the next area meeting of the Committee on the 1st April.

Maynooth Improvement Plan

Cllr. John McGinley will be proposing the following amendments:

1. Doctors Lane to be made one way with entry at the Dublin Road side.
2. Fagans Lane to remain open.
3. Priority to be given to Kilcock Road Traffic at the junction with Main Street.
4. A traffic island to be put in place at the cross roads at the barracks.
5. Priority to be given to Parson Street traffic at the T junction with the College Road.

Extension of Speed Limit on Newtown Road

Following representations from residents in the area Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D. has requested Kildare County Council to move the existing speed limit sign at Cluain Aoibhinn to beyond Ashleigh Grove.

Its present location is not appropriate in view of the recent housing developments on Newtown Road.

Potholes — Cluain Aoibhinn

A number of potholes have appeared in Cluain Aoibhinn Estate which are as a direct result of work carried out by An Bord Gáis when laying gas pipes.

Minister Stagg has requested Bord Gáis to contact the contractors involved with a view to having the required repairs carried out.

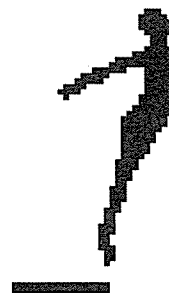
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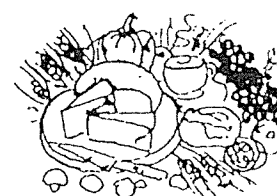
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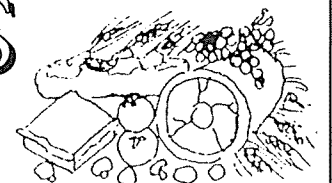
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Blocked Shores at Newtown

Constant flooding has occurred on the Newtown Road recently as a result of blocked shores. The shores were blocked during work by Bord Gáis contractors and Minister Stagg has contacted An Bord Gáis on this matter.

Footpath Restoration at O'Neill Park

In response to requests from residents of O'Neill Park Minister Stagg has asked the Co. Engineer to complete the restoration of footpaths at O'Neill Park from the 1996 Road Block Grants.

Public Light Requested on Moyglare Road.

Minister Stagg has requested Kildare County Council to provide an additional public light between the entrance to Maynooth Post Primary School and the entrance to the S.M.A. Hostel on Moyglare Road.

The overhanging hedge at this location has resulted in a very dangerous black spot for pedestrians and Minister Stagg has asked the Council to provide this light from the 1996 allocation.

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DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

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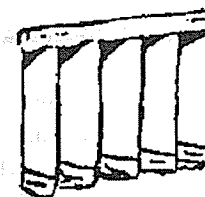
The Draft Development Plan for Maynooth which emerged from the Kildare County Council meeting of March 7th last has disastrous implications for Maynooth as a viable community. In voting to rezone 280 acres of land for housing development - in addition to the 120 undeveloped acres left over from the previous plan - the Council will allow the population of Maynooth to shoot up to 20,000 over the next ten years.

This is an unsustainable rate of development which will destroy Maynooth as a functioning community. The town's unique historical heritage will become buried in suburban sprawl. As always, the houses will be built immediately, but the necessary services will take years - if ever - to follow. Meanwhile, a small number of landholders will be turned into millionaires overnight. Ironically, the preamble to the Draft Plan states that its basic aim is to provide "a framework for the physical development of Maynooth so that development can take place in an orderly manner while at the same time conserving the intrinsic character of the town". In voting as it did on March 7th, the County Council has made a mockery of this aspiration while riding roughshod over the wishes of its own professional planning staff.

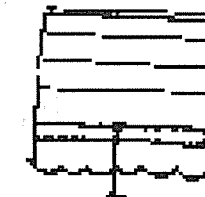
The most outrageous feature of the Draft Plan is the proposal to build 1,200 houses in the Celbridge Road area. This is being pushed by the Council with the aim of using development levies from these houses to fund the Ring road from Blacklion to the M4 interchange on the Straffan Road. It has received political support because it offers 10 acres for playing pitches. Democratic Left believes that housing development should be based on proper planning principles, not on considerations such as these. Ten acres of playing pitches cannot justify 158 acres of housing. Driving a high-volume regional road through a built-up area is the essence of bad planning. In any case, the people of the Newtown area will be amused at the prospect of development levies ever funding local road improvements. We believe that a windfall tax should be levied on rezoned land, with the proceeds going directly to local authorities to finance the infrastructure and services required as a result of rezoning.

What can you do?

We urge all Maynooth residents to examine the Draft Plan, which will be on display at Maynooth Public Library until mid-May. Further, we urge all concerned individuals and groups to make a submission rejecting the plan to the Secretary, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas. Councillor Catherine Murphy is available to meet with concerned groups and to assist in preparing submissions. She is also willing to facilitate in any way possible any group which wishes to take action in opposing the plan. Catherine Murphy can be contacted at 46 Leixlip Park, Leixlip (Tel: 6244903) or each Saturday in the back lounge of the Roost at 6.30 p.m.



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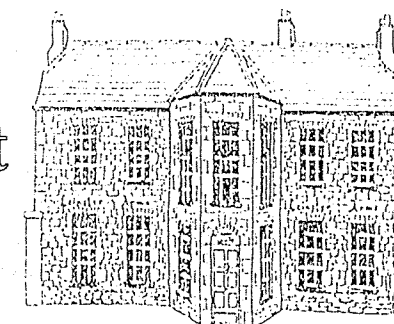
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SINN FEIN NOTES

Maynooth Marches for Peace

The dramatic expression of the people of Maynooth's heartfelt desire for peace on the 25th of February was most welcome. The march began at the top of Carton Avenue, went down the Main Street and then to the 1916 Memorial. Ms. Patricia Condon, Community Council Chairperson, made a speech.

"We should not be afraid to reclaim our history and say that these people are not fighting for us" she said.

"The men of 1916 stopped fighting out of concern for civilian casualties, unlike the I.R.A.", she continued.

While delving into the history books, anxious to reclaim our history, I came across some interesting quotations from the men and women of 1916, such as "If you condemn those who fight today you condemn those who fought in the past" - Mary McSweeney

"Ireland unfree shall never be at peace" - Padraig Pearse.

I also discovered some facts which would be of interest to adherents of the 'Glorious Heroic' I.R.A. of the past 'Evil Terrorist' I.R.A. of today myth.

The I.R.A. had no popular mandate for the Easter Rebellion, during which 234 innocent civilians lost their lives. Between the 1st of January and the 1st of April 1921, 73 civilians were summarily executed by the I.R.A. as spies.

Between the 1st of January and the 4th June, 46 civilians were killed in crossfire between Crown Forces and the I.R.A. in Dublin alone.

In Maynooth in 1920 the I.R.A. burned down the Town Hall which was to be used as a billet by the Black and Tans. This was a particularly grievous blow to the people of Maynooth, as we have not had a Town Hall or Community Centre since.

From 1916 onwards the I.R.A. were routinely condemned from the pulpit and the newspapers, it didn't stop them. Condemnation didn't stop the Black and Tans either.

However, the question is not whether or not the armed struggle is justified or whether the I.R.A. are a terrorist aberration or the inheritors of Ireland's 827-year freedom struggle. The question is how do we create a viable alternative to war, surely inclusive negotiations without preconditions is the only way to do that. Who stands in the way of this - not republicans, but the Tories and the unionists. They are sabotaging the peace initiative with their time wasting preconditions and refusals to negotiate. Regrettably some of the organisers of the nationwide peace marches have not realised this and display an anti-republicanism, that would not be out of place at a Tory Party Conference. Mr. Chris Hudson, a leader of S.T.O.P. and of Peace Train for example, has called for the re-

introduction of internment. Internment - imprisonment without trial was used against the Nationalists of the Six Counties in the '20's, '30's, '40's, '50's, and the '70's. The vast majority of those interned were innocent of any crime except political outlook. Ironically many of the internees belonged to Official Sinn Féin. Official Sinn Féin evolved into The Democratic Left, the party for which Mr. Eamonn Gilmore, Mr Hudson's colleague in S.T.O.P., currently holds a Dáil seat.

Another organiser of S.T.O.P. is Mr. Paul Burton, formerly employed by R.T.E. as Bosco's right hand man. Mr. Burton is a member of the 26 counties reserve defence force, the F.C.A., which poses the question: What would Mr. Burton be ordered to do if British soldiers were marching up O'Connell St? How would the F.C.A. propose to defend Dublin?

To call upon the I.R.A. to call a ceasefire, as Sinn Féin have done previously is legitimate. But to call upon the I.R.A. to call a ceasefire and not call upon the British Government to initiate inclusive negotiations with preconditions, to demilitarise and to release political prisoners is ridiculous.



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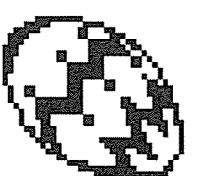
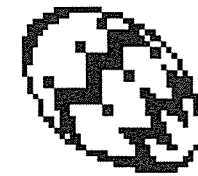
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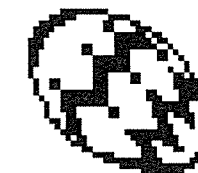
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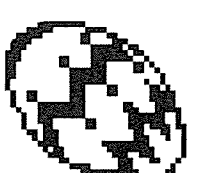


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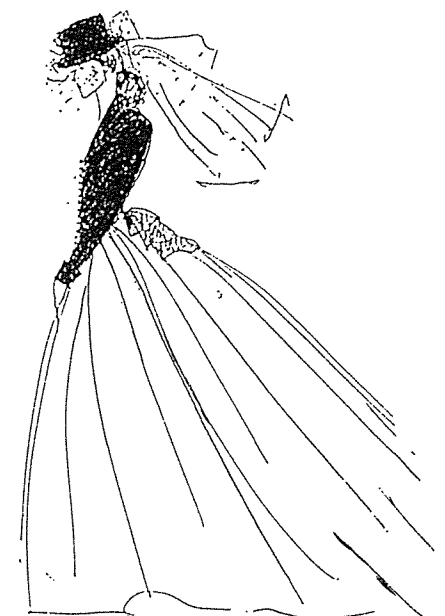
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FINE GAEL NOTES

The Draft County Development Plan which has just been approved by Kildare County Council, will now go on public display and residents will have an opportunity to approve or disapprove.

At the end of the display period the amount of land zoned can be reduced but cannot be increased.

1. At the outset landowners applied for approximately 600 acres to be rezoned for development.
2. Previous to this Plan, Maynooth had a total of 11 acres of amenity land: 7 acres at the G.A.A. Field and 4 acres at the Harbour Field.
3. The population of Maynooth is now estimated at 9,200 approximately, and under the terms of these proposals could increase by a maximum of up to 7,000 over the next 10 years.

The following may be of interest to residents:

The Council has agreed to rezone:

- 292 acres for residential use giving an increase in population of between 6,733 - 7,034 inhabitants over a 5-10 year period.
- To provide an extra 108 acres of amenity land as follows:
 - *20 acres to G.A.A. and the Schools
 - *10 acres to the Soccer Club
 - *10 acres to a Park Development on the Celbridge Road
 - *47 acres passive amenity at Carton Wall/Lime Avenue
 - *11 acres at Blacklion (Council Land)
 - *10 acres at the Rathcoffey Road

This allocation of amenity land has to be seen as a very positive step forward for the present and future residents of Maynooth.

The plan further provides for:

- (1) A 2-acre site for a Church
- (2) A 6-acre site for a National School
- (3) A 4-acre site for a Gael Scoil
- (4) 18 acres for Co-Op Housing under Kildare County Council
- (5) 30 acres for Industrial Development

It is anticipated that the Maynooth-Dublin rail line will be upgraded and this combined with the completion of road and footpath improvements in the Main Street and the proposed Ring Road will result in a major upgrading of the infrastructure in and around Maynooth.

It is important to note that Maynooth has suffered from a severe lack of amenity land for playing fields, track and field events etc. for several years despite having a growing population. The current proposals, while increasing the population by 63% will however have the beneficial effect of increasing the amenity lands available by more than 1000%.

N.B. It should be noted that a total of 65 acres approved for rezoning remains undeveloped from the 1985 Development Plan, which will increase the population by 1,490 but in respect of which no amenity lands are available.

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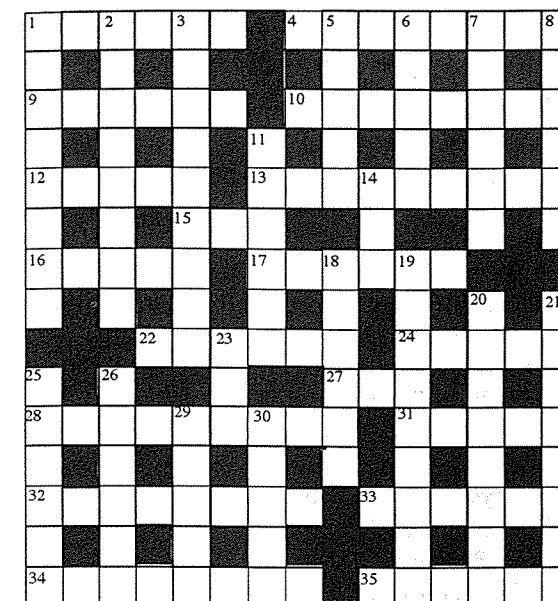
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Crossword No. 101



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Across:

- 1 Quietly speak about the double drink (6)
- 4 The instruments are shortly inside the fish (8)
- 9 Five hundred avoid capture to mislead (6)
- 10 Supply the incentive to solve this clue (8)
- 12 Hesitate after Tom is to supply the meal (5)
- 13 The Seven Dwarfs weren't! (9)
- 15 Go back at present, and find you're the victor (3)
- 16 The hangman's rope will be seen shortly about the east (5)
- 17 Change sides because of the blemish (6)
- 22 There is no limit for this fruit (6)
- 24 Funny man Hal sought by some anglers (5)
- 27 The flying mouse! (3)
- 28 The drink you and Albert make may be soulful (9)
- 31 Be hesitant and it will grow (5)
- 32 The hour is late. Too late (8)
- 33 Community Employment in the backward transport system? It will be found! (6)
- 34 The rates, oddly enough, are for show (8)
- 35 The stand-in Queen is in a fearful rage (6)

Down:

- 1 Take it like a man! It's for your own good (8)
- 2 Later, oddly, ties one on with a family member (8)
- 3 Jockey shorts or Y fronts!! (9)
- 5 The sailor has a poem on his place of residence (5)
- 6 Go up and down to the south annexe (5)
- 7 Does he speak about the alternatives at the centre? (6)
- 8 Anne is returning for the brown dye (6)
- 11 Call on Donald to visit the capital (6)
- 14 Sardonic grain, we hear (3)

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- 18 The meat turns around before the French become weak (6)
- 19 The animal in the orchestra? (9)
- 20 Convenient headgear, we're told, will hinder your progress (8)
- 21 Quietly more embarrassed can tear you to pieces (8)
- 23 Small worker trapped in the planting season (3)
- 25 Declare you have the valuable right inside (6)
- 26 One hundred leave the quietness to the plants (6)
- 29 Great gas? Just the opposite! (5)
- 30 Auntie loses her head to undo the knots (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 100:

Across: 1, Father (fat her); 4, Banshees; 9, Recipe (re-CI-PE); 10, Foreseen (four-seen); 12, Halve (Hal-VE); 13, Sandpiper (sandpaper); 15, Sap; 16, Nines; 17, Income; 22, Astern (a stern); 24, Irish; 27, Eon; 28, Initially; 31, Bream; 32, Tipsters; 33, Casino (C-as in-O); 34, Enrolled (EN-rolled); 35, Bedeck (B-deck).

Down: 1, Farthing; 2, Tickling (tick ling); 3, Expresses; 5, Acorn (a corn); 6, Steep; 7, Exempt (ex-E-MP-T); 8, Sentry (SEN-try); 11, Aspire (a spire); 14, Duo; 18, Coneys; 19, Mainbrace; 20, Likewise (like wise); 21, Shamrock (sham rock); 23, Tea (T); 25 and 26, Little nipper; 29, Intel; 30, Large (Little and Large).

Winner of Crossword No. 100:

John McEvoy, 3 Rockfield Gardens, Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The continuous bad weather is still playing havoc with our fixture list with games still being cancelled due to poor ground conditions. It looks at this stage as if every evening will be taken up with mid week fixtures in an effort to clear the backlog which applies to all our teams at the moment. Games have been at a premium over the past number of weeks but some results to hand show mixed fortune.

Sheeran Cup 3rd Round

Monksfield Utd. 1 Maynooth Town 2 A.E.T.
Maynooth had to show great resilience and fighting quality in order to overcome a stubborn Monksfield Utd. Maynooth showed good early form and were unlucky not to take the lead in the opening minutes. Joey Riordan, Paul Byrne and Adolar Acacio missed chances during this spell of dominance and Monksfield can feel flattered to have been in touch for so long. Niall Naughton was showing good form in the Maynooth goal and his confident handling certainly belied his youthful years. Martin McTernan with two free kicks and Joey Dempsey with a shot on the run were unlucky not to put Maynooth in front. Michael Murphy had two chances to open the scoring before Paul Byrne and Joey Dempsey were denied. Despite the pressure Maynooth went behind in the 79th minute when failing to clear a Monksfield corner and conceded the opening goal. Maynooth then laid siege on the Monksfield goal in their quest for the equaliser. The breakthrough came when Fergal Barton volleyed home when a corner was cleared. The game then went into extra time with Maynooth still shading the exchanges but a penalty shoot-out was beckoning when Maynooth won a corner on the left. The ball dropped in the danger area where Eamon Dunne forced the ball over the line after a number of abortive chances. The final whistle came soon after, much to the relief of Maynooth. Best for Maynooth were: Niall Naughton, Michael Kelly and Keith Cooke.

D.D.S.L. U/11

Maynooth Town 1 St. Mark's Ath. 4
This was an enjoyable game despite the scoreline. St. Mark's will feel flattered by the margin of the result which does scant justice to a good home performance. Laxity in defence was the Achilles heel of a Maynooth side who had several good performers, notably Mark Newton and James Keegan who had the honour of scoring the best goal of the game.

D.D.S.L. U/14

Celbridge Town 1 Maynooth Town 2
This long awaited local derby against near neighbours Celbridge deserved it's billing as the match of the day. Maynooth had a number of good scoring chances before Charles Gallagher opened the scoring with a shot from just inside the box. The Celbridge defence stood firm after this and were giving very little away, confining Maynooth to shots from far out. Despite Maynooth's best efforts

Celbridge held out until half-time without conceding anything further. Celbridge came more into the game after the interval and Maynooth had to withstand fierce pressure before making a quick break into enemy territory for Shane Folan to increase the visitors lead with a left foot shot. Celbridge scored a late consolation goal but time ran out and Maynooth held on for a deserved win. Best for Maynooth were: P.O'Sullivan, T. McMahon and Shane Folan.

D.D.S.L. U/14

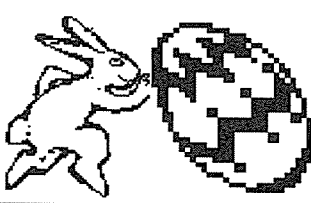
Carriglea Boys 1 Maynooth Town 5
Maynooth's recent good form continued with this facile win over Carriglea Boys from Monkstown. As of late Maynooth attacked early and opened the scoring when Shane Folan shot to the roof of the net. It was something of a surprise that this was the only goal of the first half in view of Maynooth's overall supremacy. Carriglea got on level terms immediately after the break but this only served to spur Maynooth to raise the tempo and the home side suffered as a consequence. Charles Gallagher made it 2-1 for Maynooth and the same player increased the lead when he shot home following a pass from Shane Folan. P. O'Sullivan made it four for Maynooth soon after and Shane Folan wrapped up the scoring when he finished off a good attacking move. Best for Maynooth were: Trevor McMahon, Trevor Naughton, Charles Gallagher and Shane Folan.

D.D.S.L. U/17

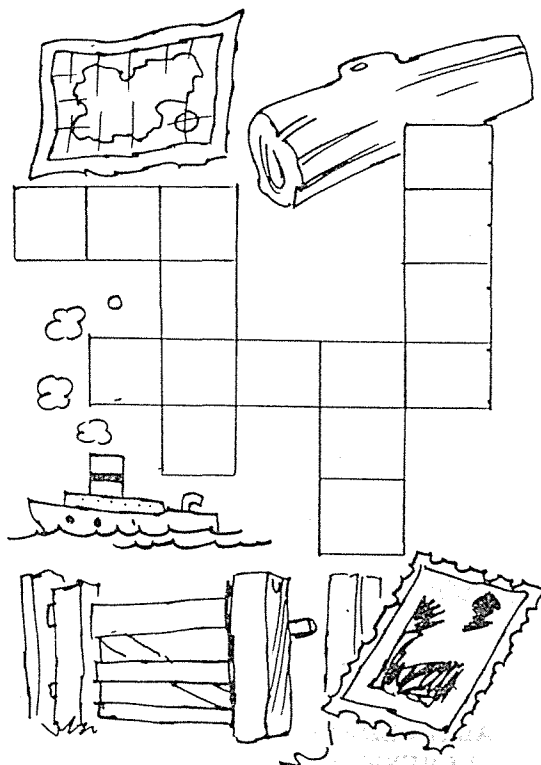
Maynooth Town 2 Templeogue Boys 2
Maynooth have only themselves to blame for not taking full points in this close encounter. Taking the lead twice during the game Maynooth never exerted total superiority during the game and therefore always allowed Templeogue back into the game. Maynooth took the lead as early as the 12th minute when centre half David Coughlan took time off from his defensive duties to score. Templeogue got back on terms ten minutes later against the run of play. Maynooth regained the lead in the 55th minute when Niall Daly smashed a shot against an upright and Jay Miley was on hand to slot home the rebound. Maynooth tried hard to extend their lead but the Templeogue keeper was in top form and denied Maynooth with a string of fine saves. With ten minutes remaining Templeogue broke quickly to get the equaliser. Best for Maynooth were: Martin Byrne, Alan Doyle, Niall Daly and David Coughlan.

D.D.S.L. U/19

Maynooth Town 1 Mountview 2
Maynooth played their best football of the season despite losing by the odd goal of three. Maynooth had the early pressure and made a number of chances before falling behind to a quick Mountview breakaway. Niall Doogan was unlucky not to score from a free following a foul on Cian Walsh. Maynooth got level when David Canny made the opening for Niall Doogan to score. Maynooth were on top

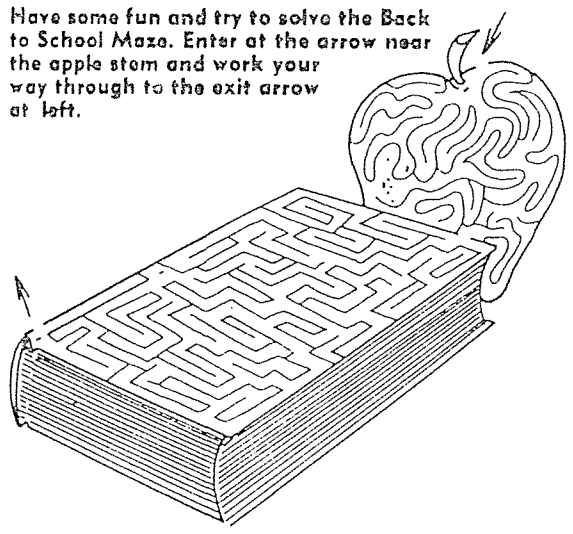


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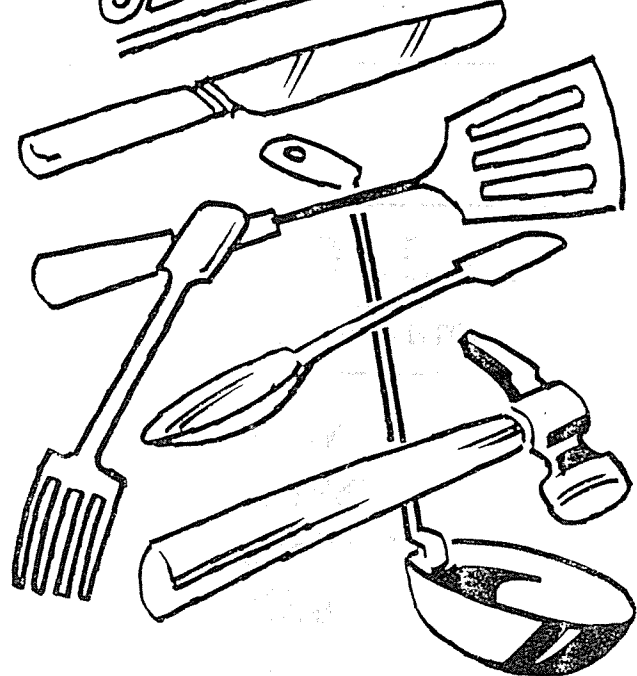


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3rd.	Aishling Kelly 5, New Rd., Kilcock.	3rd.	Laura Cunningham 51, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

for most of the second half but conceded an unnecessary corner from which Mountview poached the winner. Declan Bambrick, Laurence Hutchinson and Ian Buckley had chances for Maynooth late in the game but the equaliser would not come.

D.D.S.L. U/9

Maynooth Town 1 Clonsilla 2

This was a most disappointing result for Maynooth. Getting on top at the start it was no surprise that Maynooth took the lead with a well taken David Canny goal. Maynooth lost their way after this and conceded the initiative to Clonsilla who capitalised on the home sides poor second half display. Failure to convert two penalties had an unsettling effect on the home side and their performance suffered as a result. Maynooth had good performers in D. Gahan, C. Walsh, N. Doogan, D. Bambrick and R. O'Neill.

Congratulations to Maynooth Post Primary School on their wonderful achievement in winning the Leinster Schools Senior Girls Final recently. We wish them well in their upcoming All-Ireland Semi-Final against opposition not yet confirmed.

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Congratulations to our 2nd team for their marvellous achievement on winning the "Jubilee Trophy" in their section of the "Dublin and District League" beating a much fancied Kilcock team in the final. The fact that this is their first year together as a unit, makes it even better, and with the cup semi-final next to come on Tuesday March 26th, who knows maybe it could be "the double". The whole of the second team wish to pay tribute to their supporters who attend their matches both at home and away.

The team members are as follows:- Kevin Murphy - Captain, Josie Casey, Emer Sherwin, Liam Duff, Noel Downing, David Ryan, Carol Hoare, Suzan McEvoy. Also a special mention for the two subs., Ann Kinsella and Pat Farrell.

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Junior Hurling League — Fixtures

25th April — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Leixlip — Away.
2nd May — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Eire Og/Corrachoill — Home.
9th May — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Ardclough — Away.
16th May — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Clane — Away.
23rd May — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Celbridge — Home.
30th May — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Kilcullen — Home.
13th June — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Rosglas — Home.
20th June — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Moorefield — Home.
27th June — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Kill — Away.
4th July — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v St. Brigids — Away.

Senior Hurling League Division 2 — Fixtures

31st March — 3 p.m. — Maynooth v Confev — Home.
21st April — 3 p.m. — Maynooth v Clane — Away.
5th May — 3 p.m. — Maynooth v Broadford — Away.
19th May — 3 p.m. — Maynooth v Naas — Away.
5th June — 7.30 p.m. Maynooth v Eire Og/Corrachoill — Home.
19th June — 7.30 p.m. Maynooth v Kilcock — Home.
26th June — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Coill Dubh — Home.
3rd July — 7.30 p.m. — Maynooth v Athy — Away.

Senior Football League Division 2. Sunday 10th March Maynooth 1-9; Cappagh 2-10

Maynooth, playing against the wind and hill in the first half, held Cappagh to level terms at 1-5 each. The second half looked good for Maynooth but some very bad shooting gave Cappagh the chance to stay in this game, which they took, and with five minutes to go sealed victory with a goal by Noel Mallon. Maynooth tried hard but could not get the scores and Cappagh came out good winners. Best for Maynooth: Hugh Purcell 1-2; Joey Nevin 0-3; Killian Fagan 0-2; Hugh Nevin 0-1; Joey Riordan 0-1. Also to play well: Thomas Farrell, Paul Stynes, David Mahoney, Mickey Noone.

Tom Keogh Cup Football Tournament

First Round Tuesday 16th April — 7.30 p.m.

Maynooth v Nurney in Nurney
Second Round

Maynooth or Nurney v Athgarvan or Robertstown
Quarter Finals:
Maynooth/Nurney v. St. Laurences/Caragh
Athgarvan/Robertstown v. Killcullen/Johnstown

Senior Football League Division 2 Sunday 3rd March

Maynooth 2-6; Celbridge 1-8

Celbridge, playing with the wind in the first half, led at half time by 7 points to nil. Maynooth played some good football but could not score. The second half started badly for Maynooth when Celbridge broke down the field to score a goal. Maynooth got their first score eight minutes into the second half. It looked very bad at this stage of the game, 15 minutes into the second half, Maynooth were behind by 1-8 to 0-3. But Maynooth fought back and two goals by Eamon Dunne and Joey Nevin, and further points, and going into injury time the sides were level and in injury time Killian Fagan scored the winning point from a free to give Maynooth a very good win.

Maynooth scorers: Joey Nevin 1-4; Eamon Dunne 1-0; Mick Nevin 0-1; Killian Fagan 0-1 Also to play well: D. Mahoney, Paul Stynes, Hugh Purcell, Johnny Nevin.

Lotto Result — 18/2/96:- Jackpot £550. Numbers 2-15-19 No winner. 5 x £10 David Jolley, Ann Fahy, Sean Donovan, Stephen King, John Aherns.

Lotto Result — 25/2/96:- Jackpot £600. Numbers 6-20-22. No winner. 5 x £10 Colm Shelley, Irene Dunne, Joe Farrell, Paddy Desmond, A. Taylor.

Lotto Result — 3/3/96:- Jackpot £650. Numbers 15-16-20. No winner. 5 x £10 Jim Ryan, Michelle Farrell, Conor O'Connor, Geraldine Moore, Deirdre Faherty.

Lotto Result — 10/3/96:- Jackpot £700. Numbers 4-9-17. No winner. 5 x £10 W. Coughlin, Joan Keane, Aidan Donovan, Dermot Kelly, Brian Marlborough.

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The wife, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of Patrick Ward, Barrogstown, Maynooth, formerly The Plains, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.

The wife, sons, daughter, sisters, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of John (Sonny) O'Neill, The Green, Maynooth.

The husband, sons, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, in-laws, relatives and friends of Mary Weldon (née Norris), Clonfert, Maynooth, formerly Buncloody, Co. Wexford.

The daughters, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Seán J. Weafer, Lucan, formerly Leinster Park, Maynooth.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The brothers, sister, nephews and nieces of the late Frank Rochford, Kilcock, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement; to those who attended the removal, Mass and funeral, sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. McWey, P.P., Kilcock, Dr. Mitchell, the doctors and nurses of St. James' Hospital, Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross, the homecare team of The Drogheda Memorial Hospital, The Curragh, Nurse Reid, Maynooth Ambulance and Maynooth Fire Brigade, and all his many friends who visited Frank while he was sick.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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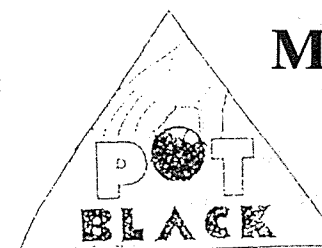
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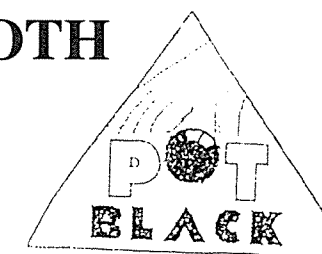
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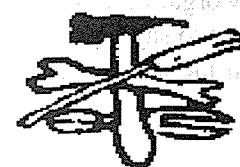
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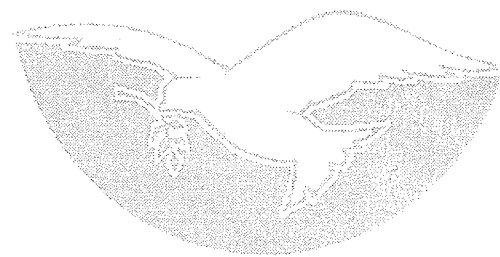

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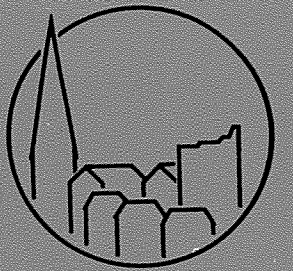
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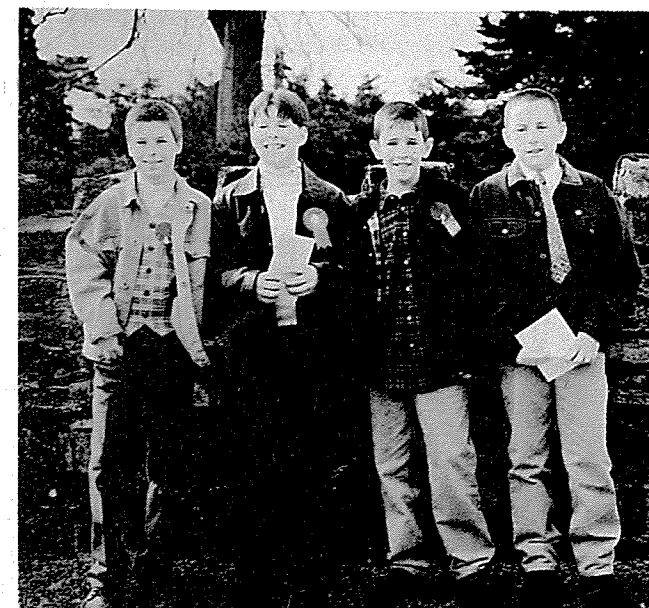
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Sunday 12th May: The Tony Smith Memorial Walk, will take place from the Post Primary School at 3.00 p.m.

The Maynooth Old People's Committee May Party takes place in the Post Primary on 12th May starting with mass at 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday 28th May: Reminder that any objections to the draft plan must be registered before this date!

Bookings are still being taken for Lucan Community College Language Summer School, which takes place during the month of July. Application forms and further information available from the College. Tel: 6282077 (Office Hours).

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EDITORIAL

A recent banner headline in the Liffey Champion ran - 'Council Split' - referring to Maynooth Community Council. The piece which followed mentioned 'dissenters', 'strangle-holds' and 'agreed deals'. All this was in the context of a claim that the Labour Party has a 'traditional hold over Maynooth Community Council'. The Liffey Champion certainly knows how to make news. What it doesn't appear capable of is reporting the truth. Its banner headline was sensationalist, inaccurate and a gross injustice to the excellent work done by the Community Council over the past decade. Having attended Community Council meetings on a regular basis for eight years and served on a number of its sub-committees, this writer can report that the focus of activity is on serving the community, assisting in a range of community activities such as the Summer Festival, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the publication of the Newsletter. Alongside this the Council sponsors valuable Community Employment Schemes which have an excellent record in placing its workers in employment. Unfortunately none of this found its way into the Liffey Champion article. Many people who involve themselves in community affairs are also active in political parties. The last four chairpersons of the Community Council were all members of political parties and their political allegiances were publicly known. None abused their position. And of course it is vital that this should remain the case in relation to all who hold positions on the Council. This is not because deals were done in advance, as suggested by the Liffey Champion. Rather, it is difficult to persuade people to put their name forward for what is voluntary, unpaid and - if the Liffey Champion is anything to go by - thankless work. As regards those 'dissenters calling for change' as the Liffey Champion puts it, the essence of democracy is all about putting forward your point of view without fear in public and persuading others to agree with you. The Newsletter hopes that the Community Council will continue to offer a forum for honest debate on issues of importance to our town. It also hopes that Liffey Champion reporters work a bit harder to uncover the whole truth when writing their next story about Maynooth.

Maynooth Community Council Notes

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Maynooth Community Council Festival week will take place from Sunday 14th July to Sunday 21st July, a full programme of events will be published in next issue.

C.I.C. NOTES

Question:

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Answer:

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Your employer will receive a Tax Free Allowance Certificate which will indicate only your weekly / monthly tax free allowances. The employer is obliged to deduct tax accordingly. Your Notice of Tax Free Allowances will list on the left hand side your allowances e.g. if you're single £2,650 - married £5,300, V.H.I., Mortgage Interest etc. (there is no PRSI allowance, used to be £140).

On the right hand side will be deductions such as Social Welfare payments or if there was an underpayment of tax in the previous year.

You should check carefully your TFA Notice and notify your Tax Office if there is an error or allowances that you should have claimed for. If you do not notify your Tax Office then you may get less tax allowances and so pay more tax than you should.

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Tuesday: 1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. (Maynooth College).
Tuesday: 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. (Maynooth Library).
Wednesday: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. (Dunboyne Community Centre).
Thursday: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (Leixlip Library).

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

At time of writing we are currently working on our entry for the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Next month we will advise on new developments in this competition.

We will also be advising on the Tidy Area/Shop Front Competition. We have been asked by the Community Council to revive and reorganise this competition after a lapse of a few years.

Finally, we wish Martin Sherry, Supervisor of our Fás/Tidy Towns Community Employment Project every success as he starts the supervisory development course for 1996.

Once again we appeal to those attending Mass to refrain from parking cars on the island opposite the church. Apart from damaging the green area by parking on the edge, it is also dangerous for traffic on this road by cutting down the through flow of traffic.

Richard Farrell. P.R.O.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Rules of the road....

When it comes to traffic manners it seems that habit takes precedence over what it says in the great blue book! However with all the development of Maynooth in recent years, we can no longer just abandon that faithful horse on wheels like we used to. Gone are the days when you can drive your mechanical armchair right up to where you want to go, get out and put on the hazards and wander about at your leisure. Bus pull-in points are not tailor-made spaces for safe all-day parking either! Before you think that I am the dreaded pedestrian who thinks that cars should be banned, fear not, they will finally appear to reclaim the footpaths when the kerbs are raised.

My own opinion is, fair play to those who ignore the rules there are because they want to do so. However, I bet they are the very same people who complain if they are sitting in traffic behind a parked car! With the creation of extra parking off the town centre, let's hope the situation will improve. Now the most important thing is for the lorry with the yellow paint to arrive and make it's mark.

Railway Station Car Park.

This was supposed to be reopened last October, but while it now looks almost complete it's still not accessible to us. The slope of the entrance has been flattened somewhat but it also has been narrowed. A new positive feature is the footpath on one side.

Why am I telling you all of these details? Well, let me make a prediction. The Straffan Road is no longer the road it used to be. It's faster, wider and busier and it now includes a cycle track.

It is going to be particularly difficult to turn right from the station carpark heading towards the M4, because of the above. Unless we are very careful, to quote the Elvis Costello song, 'accidents will happen'. Let's see how it goes but make sure that we blow the whistle before, some wet wintry evening, someone ends up with an unfortunate student lying on their bonnet.

Before I finish let me appeal to those who live near the station to take the opportunity for some daily walking exercise and leave some room in the Station Carpark for those who have to drive. Remember the number of people taking the train has increased significantly since we last used this carpark.

The Harbour.

It's official, strolling around the harbour is now a must for anyone on the Sunday buggy trip in Maynooth. Judging by the fattening of the swans the number of people making this

trip is increasing week by week, particularly with the summer weather here. The wonderful work by the Canal Group continues, with the wall now in sight of completion.

However, it is a terrible pity that those who use this area for regular socialising with friends do not take the trouble to carry their litter away with them. Litter is particularly unattractive in this area as well as being a danger to the swans.

Maynooth Development Plan.

By the time you read this there will be about three weeks left (until 28/5/1996) in which to register any objection to the proposals in the draft plan. A number of groups are working on submissions, but as each signed correspondence counts as one, it is important that you lend your support to any campaign that you feel deserves it.

As far as the Planning and Development group is concerned, it was amusing to hear recently that this group had disbanded because they could not agree on the issues. Let me confirm again, the views we expressed were those expressed to us, as that was our function in the process. We hope that our assistance was useful, particularly to those new to the whole process.

We are still here and will continue to look at ways in which the people of Maynooth can help to make this unique town the best place to live, remembering it can only be achieved with your support.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A chara,

I would like to make some comments on the plan proposed by Kildare County Council for the improvements of the Main Street area - or rather, on some of the negative reactions which this plan has generated. One of the key features of this plan is to give priority to traffic moving between the Main Street and the College. It seems to me that much of the opposition to this proposal has been created by nothing more than a knee-jerk anti-College mentality.

The protests emanating from Parson Street in particular seem rather short-sighted. The proposal to give priority to the College at the junction with Parson Street (which would involve road realignment at this point) would make Parson Street a safer place (a major demand in Parson Street these days) by slowing down traffic going in both directions. I do not believe that traffic coming from Parson Street direction would be greatly held up by the proposed new arrangement, as this traffic is held up anyway at the junction with the Main Street under the present arrangement.

The proposal to give priority to College traffic is not designed to bestow any privileged position on the College, but rather is mainly inspired by safety needs - especially of the very large numbers of pedestrians generated by the College. It has to be agreed that the

existing junction between Parson Street and the road leading to the College is extremely dangerous, for vehicles as well as pedestrians. Similarly, the proposal to have traffic coming from Bridge Street yield at the Main Street junction, will greatly benefit the large numbers of pedestrians who cross the street at this junction. There is not sufficient space at this junction for a mini-roundabout (the alternative solution) to function properly.

I must say that I am very disappointed at the short-term, narrow and opportunistic position taken by some people on this issue - a position which has simply ignored the broader, and very serious, question of public safety involved.

Is mise, le meas,

Prionnsias Breathnach

SAINT WOLSTAN'S

Dear Editor,

The year 1995/96 marks the 40th anniversary of St. Wolstan's Holy Faith Secondary School. This anniversary coincides with the relocation of St. Wolstan's to a new purpose built school on a new site elsewhere in Celbridge in 1997. Thus the school year 1995/96 marks the end of one era and the beginning of another.

To mark this occasion a group of past pupils have come together to organise a

Birthday Party in St. Wolstan's on Saturday 25th May, followed by a Celebration Dinner in the K Club that evening.

The day promises to be full of nostalgia, fun and entertainment. Tickets for either event are available from the Reunion Committee, St. Wolstan's.

Mary Stagg, Chairperson.

Further Information is available from:-

Louise Leonard 01 6288884
Margaret Cosgrove 01 6264351
Mary Stagg 01 6272149

Dear Sir,

As President of Maynooth Chamber of Commerce I would like to express the concern of the shop owners in the town in relation to a rumour that there is going to be restricted car parking on certain parts of the streets. Please note that the members of the Chamber would be those most affected by any parking restrictions, and therefore it is only right and proper that we should be consulted in relation thereto. I therefore look forward to hearing from you in relation to same and should a meeting be required I expect there should be no difficulty in arranging same with the committee of the Chamber.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our 1996 grass cutting campaign has just commenced. Our committee members will be shortly calling on residents for the annual subscription of £13 which was approved at the A.G.M. in March.

We will be talking to the residents on a number of other issues relevant to our estate, during the collection.

We are also looking for additional representatives from Maynooth Park and Laurence Ave. Those interested please contact our chairman Mattie Callaghan, 14 Straffan Way.

Richard Farrell (P.R.O.)

BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

The B.A.R.A. AGM took place on the 11th April. Thanks to all who attended.

A new committee was elected (see below). We would like to thank the outgoing committee for their support and dedication especially past chairman Mr. John Lawless.

Chairperson Tom Ball, 12 Beaufield Green,
Secretary Stephen McCann, 17 Beaufield Grove,
Treasurer Dave Hogan, 1 Beaufield Green,
P.R.O. Ken Prendergast, 15 Beaufield Green,
Bond Bridge Rep. Joe Geraghty, 6 Beaufield Green.

Road Representatives

The Lawn, Lynda Cullen, 8 Beaufield Lawn,
The Ave., Brian Staunton, 3 Beaufield Ave,
The Crescent, Dianne McCann, 17 Beaufield Grove,
The Drive, David Weafer, 13 Beaufield Drive,
The Grove, Carmel Owens, 19 Beaufield Grove,
The Close, Catherine Prendergast, 15 Beaufield Green.
The Gardens, Gerald Duffy, 18 Beaufield Gardens,
The Green, Grainne Kelly, 16 Beaufield Green.

For enquires please phone 01 6285583

Several topics were discussed at the AGM, plans for improving the general condition of the estate are being drawn up and the following are just a few items on the new committee's agenda.

- (A) Regular litter collection.
- (B) Regular Grass Cutting.
- (C) Replacement of road name signs.

(D) Rebuild of the shrub area in front of the shops.

Newtown Stores supports these ideas and pledged funds to finance half of the year's litter collection.

B.A.R.A. offers their full support to the Bond Bridge Action Group movement and wish them every success with their vital campaign.

We thank all residents who supported B.A.R.A. last year and welcome the newer residents to the estate.

Next B.A.R.A. meeting: 4th June in Caulfields Meeting Room at 8.30pm.

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BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

CAMPAIGNING TO PUT LIVES FIRST

Following the recent public meeting, attended by almost 100 people, the Bond Bridge Action Group was given a mandate to act on behalf of the residents in the area. The campaign got a promise of support from the three T.D.s Bernard Durkan, Charlie McCreevy and Emmet Stagg, who attended the meeting. There was also strong support from the three County Councillors, Senan Griffin, John McGinley and Catherine Murphy, who were also present.

It was accepted by all at the meeting that the amount of traffic now using this bridge is of serious concern in regard to safety. A recent traffic survey showed that, between 08.55 and 10.05 (75mins.), 212 adults, 18 children, 10 vans, 4 buses, 12 H.G.V.s (Lorries) and 248 cars crossed the bridge. The action plan approved on the night was as follows:

- 1.- That Bond Bridge be treated as a project in its own right and not, as now, together with the Rathcoffey Road.
- 2.- To have priority rating raised from No. 16 to No. 1 on the County Council's Regional Roads Improvement listing and be forwarded this year (1996) for funding. County Council.
- 3.- Organise a petition letter and forward it to Kildare County Council.
- 4.- Object to any future development in the Newtown area on the grounds that it would add to traffic already using the bridge and therefore increase the danger to existing residents.
- 5.- If it was felt that if no progress is made on the issue, residents should hold a protest and block the bridge for a time.

Apart from the safety issue, questions were also raised with regard to the amount of levies raised to date and how some of this money has been spent. To avoid any future confusion it would be helpful if K.C.C. issued a detailed statement of all income and expenditure on this fund to date and explain exactly what work was carried out on Bond Bridge by the developer of the Meadowbrook estate at a cost of £40,960.

In closing we would like to thank all those who attended on the night and a special thanks to Pat Travers for this help.

The Committee
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BAND BULLETIN

They say success breeds success and this is definitely true in the case of Maynooth Band.

April Success

Following on our big wins in Maynooth and Limerick on St. Patrick's week-end we entered the All-Ireland Junior Military Band Competition held in Crumlin on 21st April. This was our first time to compete in these prestigious championships since 1976 (yes that was 20 years ago) when some of our current members were not even born. Our main objective was to get back into a competitive vein and to test the quality and content of our musical ability, recital-wise, rather than our marching strength. We had practiced with a purpose over the three to four weeks before the contest and were determined to put on a good show and not let Maynooth down. The day of the competition dawned and we went out and kept the flag flying, put all our practice into reality and then sat back to await the adjudicators marks. Imagine our surprise, as the marks came through one by one to find we had won the cup for Second Place, way beyond our most optimistic hopes.

The cheers are still ringing as I write these notes, having conquered bands from Templeogue, Walkinstown and Lucan. We now plan to return next year with our eyes on that coveted first place which will rise us to All-Ireland Intermediate Level. A special tribute is due to all the boys and girls who worked so hard to earn this success and it augurs well for the coming years.

Charity Dance

The Fund Raising Dance for the Irish Cancer Society also on 21st April, was a great success and helped to boost the coffers of this worthy cause. Special thanks to the Glenroyal Hotel for donating the use of the function room, the band Bourbon Street for playing free of charge for the night and to those who donated spot prizes. A special word of congratulations to our Social Committee including Kevin Boyd, Elaine Bean and Mark McCarron who worked so hard to make this a worthwhile success.

Telethon

We were delighted to be associated with the County Kildare Section of the 1996 Telethon when we took part in a marvellous combined concert in the Garrison Church in the Curragh Camp. At the time of writing this event has yet to take place but we hope to let you know how this went in our next Bulletin.

Summer Engagements

Don't forget to book the Band in good time as our summer schedule is starting to fill up already. Please write to our secretary Deirdre Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth giving plenty of notice for your event.

That's all the news for April, hope to give you a more detailed run down on all our plans for the summer, next month.

FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

A record number of entries made our annual Spring Show held recently in the G.A.A. Hall a great success.

First prize winners were:

- Class 1.- Dinner "Table Exhibit" - Kitty Core; Winner of the Satchwell Cup.
Class 2.- "Spring Basket" - Phil Webster; Winner of R.H.S.I. Spoon.
Class 3.- "Twist & Shout" - Imelda Desmond; Winner of Flower Pot Cup.
Class 4.- "The Garden in Spring" - Kathleen Cleary.
Class 5.- "Design for Living" - I. Desmond; Winner of "Best at Show" Ulster Bank Cup.
Class 6.- "Harmony" - Jean Fletcher-Jones.
Class 7.- "Boudoir" - Jean Fletcher-Jones; Winner of the A.O.I.F.A. Cup.
Class 8.- Flowering Shrub - Phil Webster.
Class 9.- Daffodil - I. Desmond; Winner of R.H.S.I. Spoon.
Class 10.- Vase of Flowers - Sarah Angel.
Class 11.- Tulips - Teresa Ledwith; Winner of Bradshaw Cup.

The committee are grateful to the following who donated prizes:

Maynooth College - Larine Garden Centre - Orchid Garden Centre - The Abbey Garden Centre - Country Blossoms - The Flower Pot - Maynooth Book Shop - Just Gifts - Katie's Flowers and all members who donated prizes.

Our next meeting on 21st. May, in St. Mary's, Maynooth College, will be a demonstration by Susan Mulvihill. Admission £3.00. Non members welcome.

I. Desmond. P.R.O.



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Winning Project Team:

Stephen Curran, Barry Hogan, Finbarr O'Gorman, Tommie Fox.

Project

The U.13 Boys Team did us proud at the County Finals in Nurney, coming home with Bronze medals.

The Committee are grateful to Mary O'Gorman for co-ordinating this event.

This years events are well under way. It is encouraging to see the boys and girls turn out in such vast numbers. Our swim this year takes place on 11th May in Stewarts Swimming Pool, Palmerstown. Registration takes place on the day. Being capable of swimming one length of the pool is the minimum requirement on the day - ages: Boys and Girls 8 - 16 years.. Remember it is not necessary to be a member of a swimming club to take part in the Community Games Swim.

We congratulate all the children who have taken part in events already.

Gymnastic Medal winners:-

Girls U10

1st Lauren Edderly

U.12

1st Cheryl Naughton

2nd Emma Higgins

3rd Ashling Bean

U.14

1st. Rachel Cunningham

U.16

1st Róisín Farrelly

Boys U.8

1st Ciaran Dooley

2nd Michael Brennan

3rd James Molloy

U.10

1st Brian Bean

U.12

1st Darryl O'Connell

Quiz

Two teams went forward this year to County level in the U.14 event, unfortunately they failed to qualify, but hopefully will have better luck next time around.

Teams

Team 1 James Mullarkey, Brendan Coffey, Donal Houlihan, David Harpur.

Team 2 Padraig O'Sullivan, Brian Downey, Patrick O'Rourke, Stephen Broderick.

We are grateful to Brian O'Malley for co-ordinating the quiz event once again.

Draughts

This year was very good for both draughts teams, U.14 and U.10. They both progressed to semi-final stages. The U.14's were beaten by Crookestown 9 - 1, but this score does not reflect the closeness of the games. The U.10's were beaten by Carbury 5½ - 4½. This match went down to the last game. The young players have gained valuable experience that should stand to them next year. The committee are very grateful to Mr.O'Connell for his co-operation and use of the Boys' National School facilities and also to Brian Galligan for co-ordinating the draughts event again this year.

Team U.14

Donal Houlihan (Capt.) Paul O'Flaherty, James Mullarkey, Ciaran McCullagh, James Hoare, Pierre Ennis and Aoife Tracey.

Team U.10's

Peter Lawlor, (Capt.) Aidan Corkery, Paul Nelson, Tadhg Dunne, Gerald Hoare, Martin Hoare.

Pitch & Putt

This years area competition takes place at Tony Bean's Pitch & Putt course, Dunboyne Road on 16th May (Ascension Thursday) at 2 p.m. This competition is open to boys and girls U.16 years.

Modelling Competition

Congratulations to Matthew O'Gorman who has won his way to the national finals at Mosney later in the year. This is a splendid achievement for this young boy and we wish Matthew lots of fun and success at Mosney.

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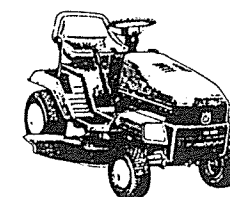
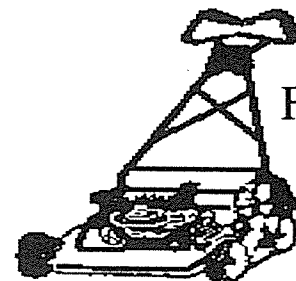
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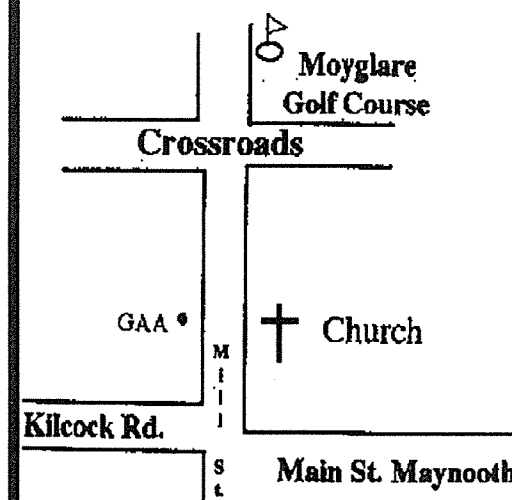


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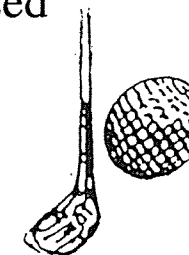
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Basketball U.16 Boys

Congratulations to this team on winning gold medals at the competition at Newbridge on 20th April last. The boys played with great determination and confidence on the day. A good all round effort by everybody on the team. We wish the boys good luck in the next round.

Team

David Reidy, Peter Kinsella, Conor O'Shea, Robert Hayes, Mark Dempsey, David Garnett, Kevin Langen, Alan Baxter, Robert Hammond, Pierre Ennis.

Scores: Maynooth 10 Crookestown 3
Maynooth 10 Confey 5
Maynooth 14 Rathangan 7
Final: Maynooth 16 Crookestown 3

Team trainer and coach: Elaine Fleming

Team Co-ordinator: Jim Fleming

Basketball U.16 Girls

Congratulations on winning gold on 21 April last at Newbridge. This team have now advanced into the 'A' Section. Maynooth's good form continued with a splendid victory over a much fancied Sallins team in the final.

Team

Brid-Ann O'Shea, Rachel Watson, Karen Brady, Claire McCarrick, Ciara Baxter, Emma Fleming, Lynn Brennan, Sharon McLoughlin, Rebecca Flynn and Ciara O'Neill.

Trainer: Jim Fleming

Basketball U.13 Girls

Well done girls on winning silver medals at Newbridge on 21st April. Score:- defeated 11 - 4 by Confey. This was an enjoyable game despite the scoreline which does not do justice to the girls' great efforts.

Team

Lorraine Dunne, Claire Keogh, Ruth Cahill, Yvonne O'Shea, Gillian O'Hurley, Maeve O'Neill, Avril Tuke Ciara Leahy, Sally-Anne Grassic, Sorcha Crosbie and Lisa Finnan.

Trainer: Emma Fleming

Team co-ordinator: Jim Fleming

The committee are grateful once again to Jim Fleming for managing the basketball. This proves a very popular event each year and considering the enormous amount of training and organisation involved in putting four teams forward Jim certainly deserved this reward. We wish the boys and girls continued success in the next round.

Collection

Our fundraising collection this year was a great success and

the committee are very grateful to all the contributors as this is our only means of fundraising to keep the games up and running here in Maynooth. A huge thank you to the many parents who helped collect at the shopping centre and also the door to door collection.

The committee appreciate the assistance of Londis, Supervalu and Quinnsworth supermarkets for supplying the refreshments at the various events.

County dates worth noting:

Swimming: 8th June, Newbridge
Gymnastics: 11th May, Athy

Kathleen Mullarkey

Secretary



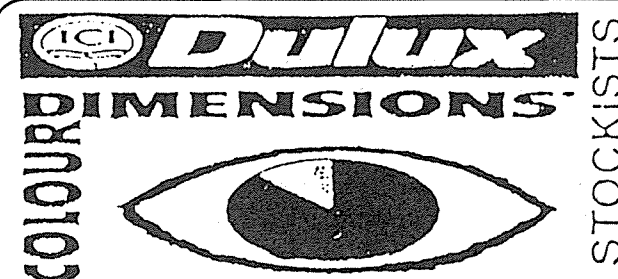
Eoghan McCarton gold medalist in the Art competition with Chairperson, Marie Gleeson.



Community Games U14 draughts team L-R: James Hoare, Ciarán McCullagh, Aoife Tracey, James Mullarkey and Donal Houlihan.

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Charter Night

The Maynooth/Kilcock Lion's Club will shortly be hosting their Annual Charter Night, a large attendance of Members and Supporters are expected at the Banquet. Special guests will include District Governor Pat McCool, Gerry Fitzmaurice, Past President of the Limerick Lions Club, Lions Extension Officer Eddie Davis, Lion President Dermot Lally and President Elect, Lion Peter O'Sullivan. The occasion, the now traditional celebration of the President's highly productive term in Office. Over the year President Dermot has brought a new dynamic to the Club with Membership up and a host of highly successful activities fulfilled. Projects like "Holidays for our Senior Citizens", "Youth Exchange", "Garda Band Concert", "Pony Show", in aid of St. Raphaels "Circus Night" for the Children, "Entertainer of the Year" over "55", "Food Appeal" at Christmas, "Peace Poster", "Medic Alert", "Fashion Show" and our major project over the last three years "Sheltered Housing".

President Dermot has been one of the mainsprings in bringing this project to fruition, when bureaucracy and red tape appear to stagnate, he identified the solidifying agent and with unique powers of persuasion kept the momentum in flux. Now as it reaches its final stage of construction we would expect to have the houses in occupation by early Autumn and the Day Care Centre up and running. We are indeed privileged that Her Excellency President Robinson who has shown a keen interest in this project over the past year, will visit Maynooth to open the centre in the late Autumn. A formal announcement of the date and the final arrangements for the President's visit will be made by Lion President Dermot in the Glenroyal on the night of his Charter, the 17th May next. Dress formal, music by Freddie and the Pacemakers. There are a limited number of tickets left and they may be had by contacting any Member of the Lions Club or from my good self. Cecil H. Lyons, P.R.O. Sheltered Housing Project, on behalf of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club. Telephone No.: (045) 869183 or (01) 4750220.





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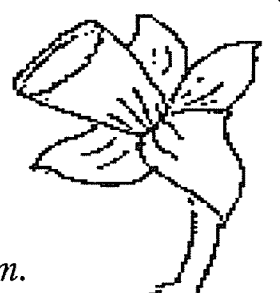


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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The April meeting of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association took place in the ICA hall on Thursday 4 April. Mrs. Marion Souhan congratulated the ladies on their great win in the AIB Guild Project. Our Guild beat strong opposition from nine other Guilds to take the top prize in this county competition in Kill GAA Centre on 12 March. "It was a great joy for me to accept the prize on behalf of Maynooth", said Marion.

Daffodil Day - £880 Collected

Members of Maynooth ICA are delighted with the public response to their Daffodil Day collection which raised £880 for the Irish Cancer Society. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection. We would also like to thank the Transition Year students of Maynooth Post Primary School who helped us with the collection.

Ladies from our Guild will be collecting at the church gate in Maynooth on 27 - 28 April for the National Council for the Blind.

Trip to An Grianan

The trip to An Grianan on Tuesday 2 April was a great success according to Kay Burns. Kay, who organised the trip, said that twenty ladies travelled by coach to the College and thoroughly enjoyed the classes and food. Another trip to the College has been arranged for 9 May.

Effective Speaking Postponed

The effective speaking classes scheduled to start on Monday 15 April have been postponed, due to the instructor being ill. The class will take place after the Summer break. Members who are interested in these classes should check with our Arts Promoter in early September.

Crafts Spectacular

The 'Crafts Spectacular' will take place in Kill GAA Centre on 22 May. This is a County Craft competition open to ICA members. County Crafts Promoter, Mrs. Eileen Beatson has organised this new event which is replacing the County Make and Model this year. There will be entertainment on the night and all the crafts entered in the competition will be on display.

Activities

Badminton for ICA members is on in the Parish Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning, starting at 10.30 a.m. Crafts take place in the ICA Hall on Mondays at 8.00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. Mary O'Gorman, Crafts Promoter, will have the results of 'The Most Unusual Pincushion' competition at the May guild meeting. Calligraphy classes are in the ICA Hall on Friday nights at

8.00 p.m.

Trip to 'Return to the Hill' in May.
Bowling in Palmerstown in May.

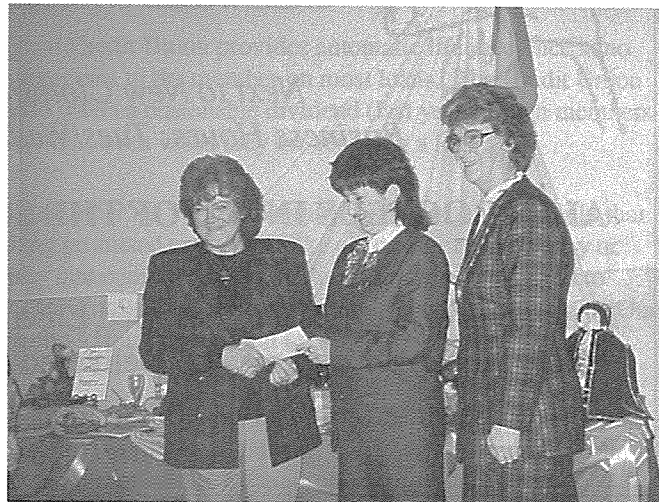
Federation Meeting

The Spring Federation meeting was held in CBS, Naas on 21 March and the following are some of the items to note:-

Federation Drama Festival in November '96.
Council AGM in Athlone on 15 May in Hudson Bay Hotel.
Federation AGM in Caragh on 30 May.

Spanish Night

Mrs. Helen Finn, International Officer, arranged a most enjoyable Spanish Night at our April guild meeting. After our meeting, Helen gave us a short talk on Spain, its people, weather, history, etc. There was also a display of the winning project in the AIB competition. Mrs. Ursula Walsh gave a verbal presentation on Dolores Ibarruri, which formed part of this winning project. The night ended with cheese and wine to celebrate our Spanish win.



Marian Souhan, President accepting the prize from A.I.B. representative on behalf of Maynooth Guild

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Maynooth ICA will take place on Thursday 2nd May in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth at 8.00 p.m. We would ask all members to please attend this meeting. The meeting is also open to anyone interested in joining our guild. This is the ideal time to join the ICA. For a small membership fee (£18 in 1996) you can avail of the many activities, courses, trips, etc. on offer, as well as making many new friends. At present we have over fifty members of different ages, backgrounds and interests. We have a very active guild and we warmly welcome new members.

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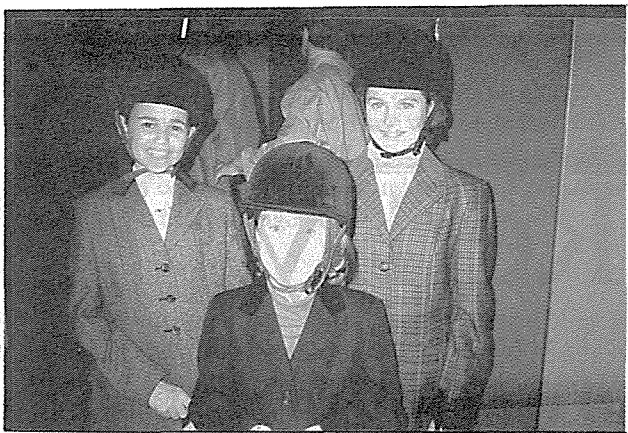
MAYNOOTH KILCOCK LIONS CLUB ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

This year's show was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday April 18th, and as always, was in aid of the Old Folk's Mosney Fund.

It featured the latest Spring and Summer fashions for ladies, men and children from Tinkerbell, Moulin Rouge Boutique, Equestrian World, Loretta's Boutique (Clane), Dawson's Menswear, Hula Bou and a special glimpse of the exclusive designs from Lyn Mar.

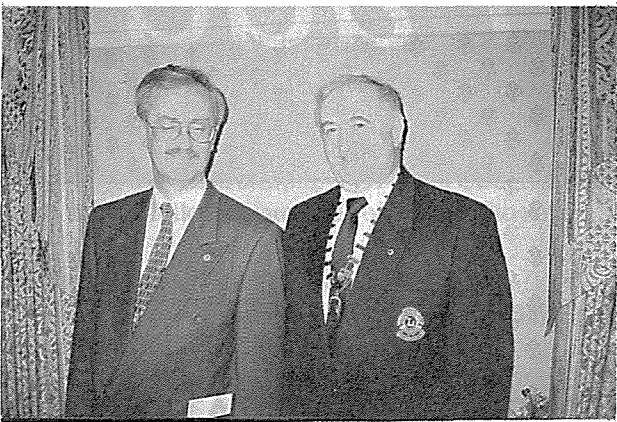
It was Cathriona and Eoin who started the show displaying beautiful Communion wear from Tinkerbell, followed by sports and dresswear. The kids were very enthusiastic about their modelling debut and certainly got the evening off to an excellent start!

This lively display was followed by a large selection of very smart and sophisticated clothes from Moulin Rouge and also some very nice casual wear.



Three young models presenting us a selection of clothes from Equestrian World

Equestrian World then provided us with a display of riding outfits for both children and adults. Maria and Veronica, two of the models for the night, looked very much the part in their riding jodphurs and wax coats, while Micheál and Peter looked all ready for action in their slacks, sweaters and riding boots! After this sporty selection, it was time for an interval during which raffle tickets were sold and werein great demand for the superb prizes which were on offer. Some of the prizes included a £100 gift voucher for Dawson's Menswear, a five-piece stainless steel cookware set worth £90 from Coopers, £50 gift voucher from Hula Bou Boutique, a meal for two in the Moyglare Manor and the special prize of the night was a weekend for two in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel in Galway.



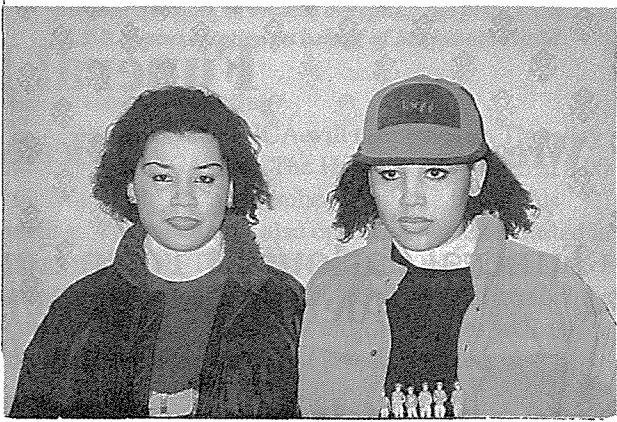
James Kelly M.C. for the Fashion Show and Dermot Lally, President - Lions Club

James Kelly was M.C. for the night, a member of the Lion's Club and past president, while Margaret Kenny was compere, both did an excellent job despite some last minute changes.

The interval was followed by a selection of clothes from Loretta Boutique in Clane, the main colour themes being pink and green, and beautiful pastels setting the fashion for Spring/Summer.

Dawson's Menswear then provided Peter, Gavin and Micheál with a chance to prove themselves as absolute naturals at the modelling business - they sported some lovely casual wear.

However, it was only when Vincent, Martin, and John appeared on the catwalk that the ladies in the audience lost control in a frenzy of cheers and claps as the gentlemen modelled beautifully tailored suits in a most relaxed and confident manner!



Beautiful Model twins Maria and Veronia Charmant.

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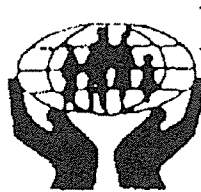


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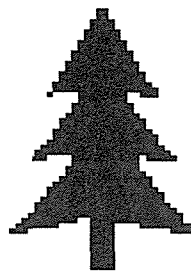
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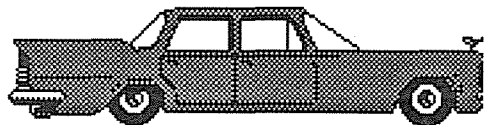


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Things quietened down again as the ladies reappeared in a great selection of fabulous bright floral dresses and skirts from Hula-Bou.

The highlight of the evening was the modelling of fantastic knitwear from Lyn Mar. The models showed us stunning soft cream fine wool knits - designs which are both unusual and exclusive and available only from Lyn Mar in the Powerscourt Design Centre in Dublin.

Lyn Mar was the Late Late Show 1992, 1994 Award Winning Irish Fashion Designer. It was an absolute treat to see her clothes modelled here and most especially her award winning chiffon knit wedding dress worn beautifully by Tara.



Tara, modelling the wedding dress which won Lyn Mar the Irish Fashion Designer Award, accompanied by Michéal.

The show was rounded off by a speech of appreciation from Dermot Lally, the residing President of the Maynooth-Kilcock Lion's Club.

A most enjoyable night was had by all!

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

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- Class 1**
1st Terry Moore 45pts
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2nd Billie Condrón 40 pts
3rd Paul Ryan 38pts

- Class 3**
1st Tom O'Haire 41 pts
2nd Seán Moore 35 pts
3rd Seán O'Connell 32 pts

- Front 9** Joe Greene 19 pts
Back 9 John Doyle 17 pts

- Visitors**
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2nd Frank Desmond 35 pts
3rd Ted Kehoe 34 pts
4th Emmet Savage 33 pts

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Martin 'Master' in Kilcock

Martin Foy overcame damp conditions and 47 other competitors to win Maynooth Golfing Society's first outing of the 1996 season. The 'Eddie Kavanagh' memorial Cup provided the winner (with 45 pts on the back nine) with his first overall thus emulating his father's successful win in Tullamore last year. Bronagh Kavanagh presented the cup to Martin in Caulfields after which a sing-a-long took place.

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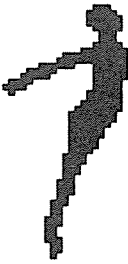
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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY NOTES

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After many years of lobbying, the ESB pole at the entrance of the Harbour Field has finally been removed, with the result that all the cables are now underground. Our thanks to the ESB for removing the pole and to the Royal Canal Community Employment Scheme workers who dug the trench and laid the pipe across the road and up to the ICA Hall. Thanks also to the County Council workers who dug the trench along the entrance to their site. We also put underground trenching across the Harbour entrance to allow for public lighting on the east side of the Harbour. We will be contacting Kildare County Council shortly to make the necessary arrangements for same.

We now have a full complement of 18 Fás workers on the Community Employment Scheme under the supervision of Tom Flately. The eighteen workers now consist of three ladies, one of whom works alongside the men stonewalling, wall building, laying foundations and general outdoor work, and is doing a great job.

The CIE carpark will be reopened within the next couple of weeks and the carpark in the Harbour will be closed.

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MAYNOOTH PEACE, RECONCILIATION & JUSTICE GROUP

A modest attendance was present for our April 3rd public meeting in the Library, entitled "Towards inclusive all party talks and a just and lasting peace". Michael Farrell, chairperson of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and author of two outstanding books on the history of the North, "The Orange State" and "Arming the Protestants" was our first speaker.

He said that despite the dangerous situation with the ending of the I.R.A. cease-fire, significant movement had taken place with the emergence of new forces within the Loyalist movement and cross community talks involving women and other groups. The cease-fire should be renewed but to achieve this guarantees would have to be given by the British Government that decommissioning was not to be an issue at All Party talks and that the proposed new Northern Forum was not to be an impediment on the talks. Confidence building measures would need to be immediately introduced such as;
Prisoners - more releases of both Republicans and Loyalists. Immediate transfer of Patrick Kelly to Portlaoise (What if he dies in prison?)
Immediate release of the Casement Accused and the remaining U.D.R. prisoner.

Sinn Féin - British and Irish Governments must talk to them on the same basis as any other Party.

If and when All Party talks take place, the agreed arrangements should include:-

Policing - A new Force would have to be created including some existing members of the R.U.C. but also many new members from the Nationalist community.

Bill of Rights - For all, to be recommended by recognised international Human Rights experts. Special Powers of legislation should be removed.

Constitutional Structures - Unionists must have links with Great Britain and Nationalists with the Republic. This arrangement would require an effective role for the Irish Government within the Northern Ireland state, i.e. a form of Joint Authority.

Our second speaker was Dr. Martin Mansergh, head of research, Fianna Fail. He began by looking back in history and saying that for fifty years majoritarianism went virtually unchallenged in both parts of the island. In the North, except for some benefits of the British welfare state, the Unionist majority used what real power they had for their own benefit, and discriminated against a minority whom they

continued to fear. In the south, a far smaller more privileged minority with an important economic role, enjoyed toleration, which is a different thing from pluralism and that the victims of majoritarianism were to be mostly found in the ranks of the majority itself.

Speaking of the present, the Conservative Government has a very right-wing economic ideology, which led to the absence of tangible improvement of the ground in Republican and Loyalist heartlands. Also they saw their duty as being to keep the unionist happy and the new Unionist hard-line leadership scorns the overtures of the present Irish Government. Further, British Government from the Treaty of Limerick to the Government of Ireland Act of 1920 are past masters at signing up to guarantees, which then remain dead letters.

Saying North-South co-operation benefits all, had harmonisation of provisions on animal welfare been in place, Northern Ireland would have been in a stronger position to argue that their beef should not be classed as British beef.



L-R:- Martin Mansergh, Mary Cullen and Michael Farrell.

Saying he deeply regretted the breakdown of the IRA cease-fire, he stated that while partition was undoubtedly wrong and a breach of the principle of national self-determination at the time, people do not believe it is right or feasible, directly or indirectly to force an unwilling Unionist population into a united Ireland against their will. But Unionists have an equal obligation to win the consent of the Nationalists to a new genuinely democratic dispensation.

Finishing, Martin declared that it boils down to all sides giving a clear signal that they are willing to work for a peaceful accommodation, and that they accept, as John Major once said to Albert Reynolds, the need for a deep settlement.

A meaningful question and discussion session rounded off a very educative and enjoyable evening. We look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

Hilda Mooney, Hon. Sec.

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MAYNOOTH PITCH & PUTT

It's that time of the year when Community Games loom large in the calendar of events. On Thursday the 16th May at 2.00 p.m. the qualifying round of the pitch 'n putt competition will take place. All players under the age of sixteen qualify to play in these games and it is hoped to have a girls' and boys' team. The rounds played on the 16th will decide the players going forward to represent Maynooth at county level. To date all of the teams going forward have done very well in the games.

On a different tack there is an on-going monthly draw open to all players. The prize is one year's free pitch and putt at our course and is entered simply by submitting a completed score-card into the draw box in the clubhouse. As well as all players using the leaflets dropped to them recently and those players who received mailshots can enter this draw by handing in their leaflets for inclusion.

In the meantime the course continues to be open seven days from 10.00 a.m. until dark.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The final term of 95/96 season started on 20th April and will run until 29th June. Note the pool will be closed on May 11th (Community Games). There will be a free family swim on Saturday June 29th, no buses will run on this day.

Well done to all our members who took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade fancy dress. All costumes were superb. Congratulations to our winners:

1st prize: Muireann O'Sullivan

Runners Up: Sarah Flatley
Eibhlín Carr
Aoife O'Neill

Our sincere thanks to Lavins, Séan Donovan and Bartons for their sponsorship.

Our A.G.M. will take place in June. Details next bulletin.

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Many young Maynooth parents who are minding babies and toddlers at home find it difficult to get out of the house and meet people. In any case, many of them are new to the town and don't have friends to call on.



Action from the Mother and Toddler Group Meeting

One easy answer is the Mother and Toddler Group. Meeting every Wednesday between 10.00 a.m. and midday, it provides an ideal way for parents and children to mix.

The group meets in the Scout Den in the MADE centre which is situated beside the secondary school on the Moyglare Road. It is just a few minutes walk from the town centre. There is car parking and inside, space for prams and buggies.

Attendance varies with often twenty parents present - including some Dads - plus toddlers. The parents themselves help in organising games and sing-songs for the children. There is tea/coffee and biscuits for the parents and juice for the young ones.

To cover costs there is a small charge of £1 for members and £1.50 for non-members. This includes refreshments. Membership is £5. The group is not a crèche. You cannot drop kids off and go shopping. The group has some toys and any further donations are always welcome. Note: Dads are welcome too.

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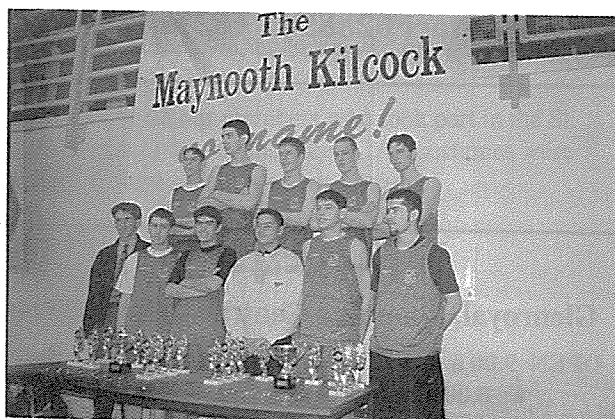
On Friday the 29th of March Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club sponsored an inter-schools basketball tournament, in Maynooth College. The schools participating were Maynooth Post Primary, Scoil Dara Kilcock, Coláiste Chiaráin Leixlip, St. Wolstans and Salesian College, Celbridge.

The day was a great success and was enjoyed by all participants. A surprise visit by Jason Sherlock added to the excitement. The finalists in the Girls tournament were Scoil Dara and Coláiste Chiaráin. The winners were Scoil Dara.



Scoil Dara's winning team at the basketball tournament with Dermot Sheehan.

The Boys finalists were Salesian College and Maynooth Post Primary, the winners were Salesian College.



Winning Boys' team, Salesian College with Jason Sherlock

A special thanks is due to Paul Davis, Sports Officer Maynooth College for the facilities, the Maynooth Gardai who sponsored the cups, Tommy McDonnell of the Sports

Locker Maynooth and of course the Hosts and Hostesses and Adult leaders of the club.

On Friday night last the 12th of April Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club hosted the National Finals of "The No Name! Club Cabaret Awards 1996". The night was a great success, with everyone enjoying themselves. The Standard of cabaret act was the highest yet seen with Saggart Rathcoole No Name Club coming out as eventual winners.

This was followed on Saturday night by the National finals of the Host and Hostess of the year 1996, this event hosted by the Lucan No Name Club was compered by Ray Darcy and was also a very enjoyable evening. Sheelagh Brady the Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club representative was unlucky to be just beaten, however all involved with the club wish to thank her the way she has represented the club throughout the competition.



Ray Darcy and Sheelagh Brady at the awards night

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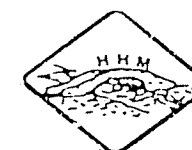


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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

I mentioned in last month's issue that our Easter Party would be a little different this year. Well, it certainly was. I would describe it as one of the nicest days in our calendar of events.

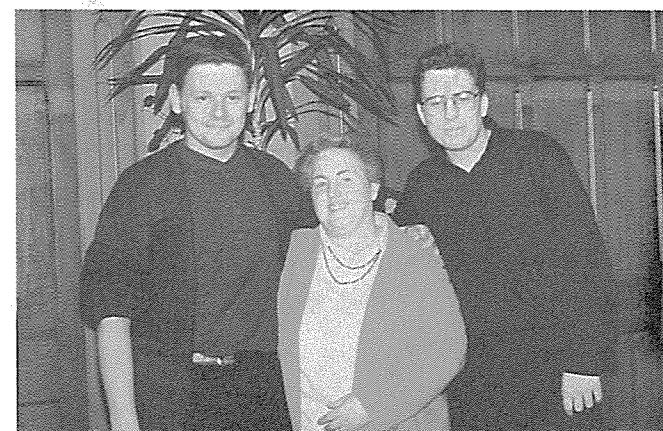
Just over a hundred of our Senior Citizens, including our guests from Leixlip, arrived for Mass at 3.00p.m., celebrated by Father Frank Duhig. In his homily he welcomed us all to the College and spoke of the history and links between the College and local community.

After Mass we watched a video on the history and places of interest within the College. This was followed by dinner in the students' refectory, and I take this opportunity to thank Michelle and staff for the kindness and courtesy shown to all of us.

Full and barely mobile, we made our way over to the big chapel. What a treat was in store for us there! After a short talk on the chapel itself the choir entertained us in concert, which can only be described as a divine experience. This indeed was the highlight of the day. Their poignant rendition of "If I could help somebody", turned the moment gold.

We then returned to the "ref" for a most welcome cup of tea before taking our leave.

In the early years our Committee had very strong links with the students in the College, but with the passing of time the bond seemed to slacken. April 21st 1996 hopefully will be remembered as the day the bond was renewed and strengthened between the two communities.



Josie Moore with Liam Enright and David Bracken, organisers of the College visit

Of course behind all these events there is always somebody responsible, so I take this opportunity to thank Liam Enright, David Bracken and their group of students who liaise with our Committee on an on-going basis.

Our next event will be our May Party which will take place in the Post Primary school on Sunday May 12th, starting with Mass at 3.30p.m. Transport as usual. The Tony Smith Memorial Walk will coincide with this event and will start from the same venue at 3.00p.m. Let me remind you also

that although the "walk" is organised by the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party, all monies collected in sponsorship go to our Fuel and Social fund. So whatever your political persuasion, do give your support, and if you have an hour to spare on the day why not join the walkers, then we will all benefit.



Enjoying afternoon tea in the College Refectory

May is now recognized as the month of the arts. This is a time when older people throughout Ireland are invited to join in for Bealtaine, a Maytime Arts Festival which celebrates creativity in older age. Events will take place in towns and villages throughout the country and everyone is welcome to join in. The focus is especially on encouraging the participation of older people in the arts as performers or audience, artists or critics, actors or viewers. The festival, which will run for the month of May, has been organised by Age and Opportunity in conjunction with the Museum, Theatres, Art Centres, Active age groups and older peoples committees across the country. So, with that in mind we ask all our Senior Citizens to join in this event. Those of you who can paint, draw, write, do needle work, in fact any art form, are welcome, and all your work can be displayed in the Library.

The name Bealtaine was chosen for this celebration of the arts because of its evocation of springtime, freshness, renewal and fire. In this ancient Maytime festival, hearth fires were traditionally extinguished on May Eve and re-lit from Sacred fire on May morning. The Bealtaine Festival of the Arts is a celebration of creativity in Older Age which renews and refreshes. It may, perhaps, rekindle embers that have been quietly glowing through the years waiting for a chance to burn brightly.

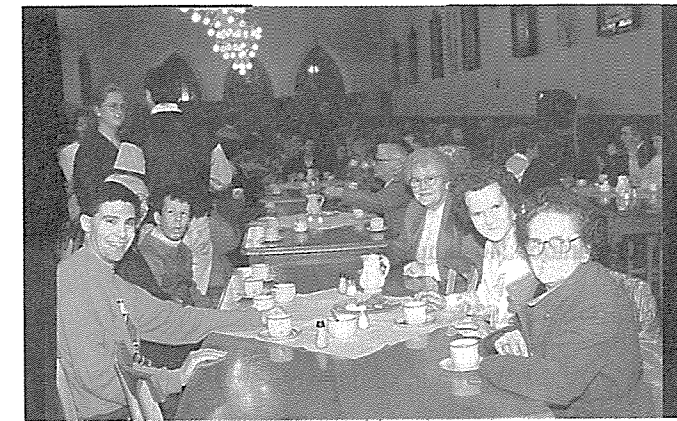
Our annual outing takes place on Saturday June 1st. All our Senior Citizens who wish to go should have their names in by May 17th. Our format will be slightly different this year as we hope to visit the Leisure area in Blessington and take a trip on their riverbus around the lakes. Anyone who is water shy can stay on land and enjoy the scenery. All we need now is the Sun.

J. Moore

Photo Spread



*Committee members at Awards Night for No Name Club
L-R: Clare Higgins, Evelyn McGrath and John Lambe*



Enjoying the Old Peoples Dinner in the College



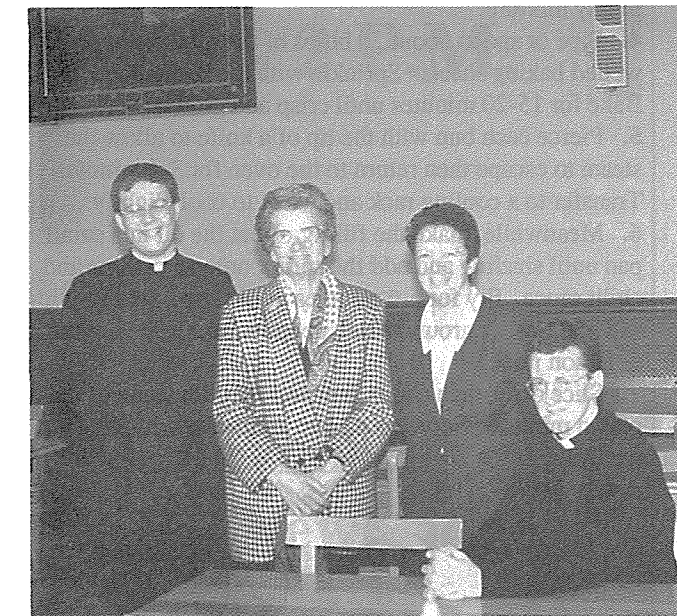
*Kathleen Bennett "doing her thing" at the
Old Peoples' Dinner in the College*



David Bracken and Gretta Payne on College Tour



*Most romantic couple Pat & Maureen Malone
at Old Peoples Party*



*Michelle, Catering Supervisor (Ref) with Ita McTernan
and two of the students from choir*

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Preparation: 40 minutes; cooking: 30 - 35 minutes.

CHOUX PASTRY

50g/2oz butter
65g/2½oz plain flour, sifted
2 eggs, size 3, beaten
2 tsp sesame seeds to sprinkle

FILLING

2 tsp sesame oil
3 spring onions, trimmed and finely chopped
225g/8oz peeled prawns, thawed if frozen and patted dry with kitchen paper
2 tsp chilli sauce
squeeze of lime or lemon juice
lime wedges to garnish

(Makes 20)

1. Preheat oven to 220C/425F/Gas Mark 7.
2. To make the pastry, place the butter and 150ml/½pt water in a pan. Heat gently until the butter melts then bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and quickly stir in all the flour. Return to the heat and beat until the mixture comes away from the sides of the pan. Leave to cool for 2-3 minutes.
3. Gradually beat in the eggs to make a smooth, firm, glossy mixture.
4. Pipe or spoon about 20 blobs of the mixture on 2 wetted baking sheets. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Bake for 15-20 minutes until crisp and golden.
5. Pierce each bun with the tip of a knife to allow the steam to escape then return to the oven for 3-4 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack and leave to cool slightly.
6. Meanwhile, make the filling. Heat the oil in a small pan until sizzling and add the spring onions, prawns and chilli sauce. Fry for 5-6 minutes until crisp. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper and stir in the lime or lemon juice.
7. Slice open each choux bun and fill with some of the prawn mixture. Serve on a plate garnished with lime wedges.



Cheesy Vegetables With Tagliatelle

A colourful mix of two standbys - cauliflower or macaroni cheese

1½ lbs/700g mixed fresh broccoli and cauliflower florets
6oz/175g fresh baby corn cobs
8oz/225g dried tagliatelle
2oz/50g butter
2oz/50g flour
1pt/600ml milk
3oz/75g Cheddar cheese, grated
1oz/25g fresh breadcrumbs, toasted
Garlic bread, to serve

1. Cook pasta in lightly salted boiling water for 10 minutes until al dente.
2. Meanwhile, cook vegetables in lightly salted boiling water for 5 minutes until just tender.
3. Melt butter in a saucepan, add flour and cook for 1 minute. Gradually add milk and bring to the boil, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Simmer for 1 minute. Stir in cheese and season to taste.
4. Drain vegetables, add to cheese sauce and mix until coated. Drain pasta and divide between plates. Spoon vegetables and cheese sauce over and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Serve with garlic bread.

Mango Ice With Cream Cheese

Serves 4

1 large fresh mango or a 15 oz (425g) can of mango pieces
Juice 1 lemon
8oz (250g) cream cheese
1 tablespoon honey
Large pinch of ground cardamom, optional

Skin and stone the fresh mango, or drain the juice from the canned mango. Put the fruit into a food processor with the rest of the ingredients, or sieve the fruit and mix in the other ingredients until smooth. Pour into a plastic container and freeze until firm. Allow to soften for about 30 minutes in the fridge before serving.



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GARDENING HINTS



It is sometimes difficult to imagine how gardeners managed before there were garden centres. However, they are far from being the only source of plants and you may do just as well - or sometimes better - to look elsewhere. There are, for instance, many general and specialized nurseries, most of which sell direct to the public on site as well as by mail order. Large supermarkets and department stores often sell plants, too. Always put quality before economy, and make sure that the plants you buy are clearly labelled so you know exactly what they are. Even when your stock comes to you through a network of gardening friends, be choosy about the plants you accept.

Bedding Plants

Since annual plants complete their life cycle in just one year, and biennials in two, they can easily be grown from seed. There are, however, good reasons for buying young plants.

One packet contains a large quantity of seeds, and you may need only a few plants for window-boxes or growing bags; alternatively, you may want just a small sample of a new line of vegetables. Or the plants you choose may be half-hardy - such as marigolds, petunias, tobacco plants and tomatoes - and need protection from frost as seedlings. It is an easy short cut to let the garden centre deal with the delicate early stages of such a plant's life, and just buy stock when it is ready for planting in the garden.

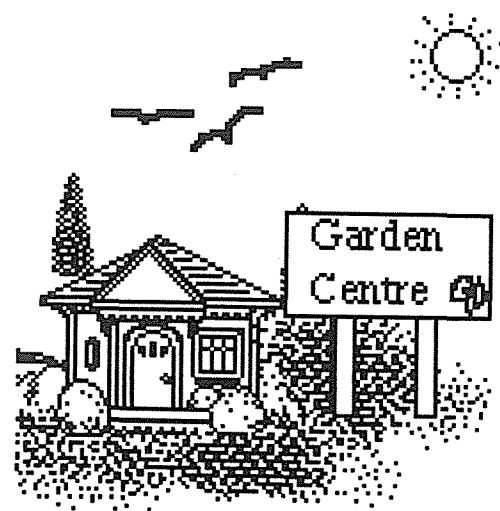
Space is another factor, since biennials, such as wallflowers and sweet williams, take two years to produce flowers and they need to be sown outdoors in late spring the year before flowering. For the small garden at least, it makes sense to occupy that space with other plants and buy

already growing biennials in autumn for flowering the following year.

Plant lots of summer bulbs for a garden full of colour and scent. Garden centres are full of bulbs at the moment so look out for lilies, gladioli, galtonias, zantedeschias, nerines, Amaryllis belladonna and many other delights. They're really easy to grow, just plant them 2-3 times deeper than their height and put them on a layer of grit if you have a heavy or clay soil, to stop the bulbs rotting.

Sow your own salads and enjoy a tasty treat. Even the smallest garden has space for a few plants of salad rocket with its lovely peppery leaves, red oak-leaf lettuce, crispy Iceberg lettuce, Lettuce 'Lollo Rosso' and the freshest watercress. Grow them in gaps among flowering plants in the border or in tubs on the patio. Sow seeds sparingly in succession throughout the summer and enjoy fresh salads for months.

Don't forget to protect tender plants from frost. Sunny days can be deceptive and one sharp frost will kill half-hardy plants.



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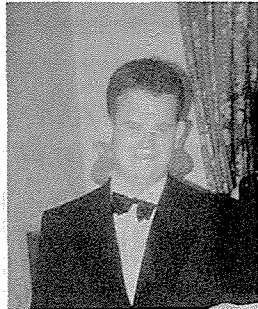
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CATERING MASTERMIND FROM MAYNOOTH TO REPRESENT IRELAND



Graham Loane

Athlone R.T.C. has always had a reputation as one of Ireland's premier catering colleges, but the icing was put on the cake last week when two of its students answered their way to a European Catering Quiz final in Berlin later this year.

The two Professional Cookery students won the national quiz heat in Galway and will go on to represent Ireland at a Euro-Quiz final which takes place on the fringes of the Culinary Olympics, when the world's greatest chefs meet to perform the kitchen equivalent of the four-minute mile next September.

The dynamic duo - a combination of masterminds and masterchefs - are Ferbane's 19 year-old Fergal Nugent and 21 year-old Graham Loane from Moyglare Village, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. But they won't have much time to bask in their achievement as they prepare for their final exams at the college this week before heading off on six-months work experience.

The two kitchen boffins say they couldn't have had a better preparation for their end-of-year exams than testing their brains against the finest that Ireland's catering colleges had to offer.

"We put a lot of work into it," Graham said, "but we were very well prepared from the work we do here. It basically covered all aspects of what we are studying so it was good revision for our exams as well."

They qualified to represent Athlone R.T.C. in an earlier heat in the college and will now represent their country as the top two out of over 1,000 catering students nation-wide. They were able to flex their mental muscles, answering questions about all aspects of food and wine, catering, kitchen management and the business elements of the industry.

Graham is eagerly looking forward to the contest in Berlin and the prospect of winning a trip to the U.S. His culinary knowledge has already earned him medals, certificates, cameras and an all-expenses paid trip to Germany. But before that he has six months work experience to concentrate on.

Fergal will be going to the famous Great Southern Hotel in Galway's Eyre Square where he will be putting the training he got at Athlone into practice during the busy summer season ahead. He hopes to go on to a full-time career in Ireland's rapidly expanding catering industry.

Graham will be cooking in the splendid setting of the Derryclare Restaurant in Clifden in Connemara. He did a stint there last year as well and, recognising his talents, the Derryclare has asked to have him back again this year.

So if you happen to be dining there this summer and you feel like being awkward and testing the kitchen staff's culinary knowledge, don't say you weren't warned!

TRANSITION YEAR PUPIL GETS FIRST PLACE IN FEIS MAITIÚ

Congratulations to Marie Nangle who won First Place in the under 17's, Junior Poetry Recital, Feis Maitiú competition 1996.

The judge, in awarding Marie First Place, said of Marie's Recital; "A most succinct piece of work. You painted a very clear picture of Emily Dickinson."

Marie portrayed facets of Emily's character through powerful presentation of well chosen excerpts from Emily's vast collection.

Marie has been a pupil of MS McDonald's Speech and Drama classes for over six years.

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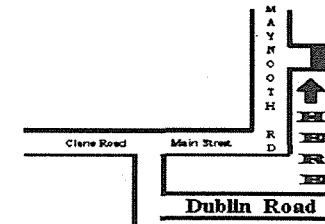
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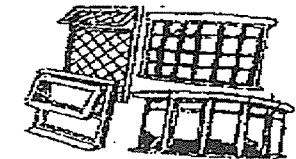
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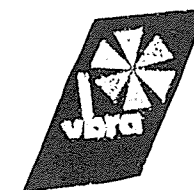
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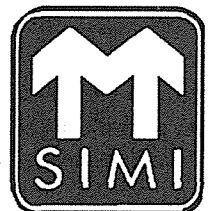


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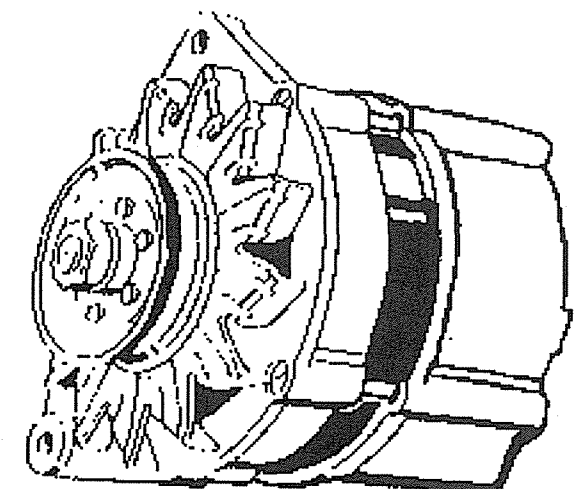
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REVIEW "AN TIMIRI", MARTA 1996

Tharla "Réabhlóid Chultúrtha" (chun téarma nua-aimseartha a úsáid) sa tír ag deireadh na 19ú aoise agus sa chéad scóir bliain den 20ú aois. Tosaíodh ar chothú spiorad náisiúnta i gcúrsaí litríochta, ealaíne, spóirt, tionscail, agus go háirithe i gcúrsaí teanga bhí borradh a bhfuil a rian le feiscint fós céad bliain níos déanaí. Ó thaobh na teanga de, bhí áit lánach ag na timirí i saol Chonradh na Gaeilge anuas go dtí bunú an tSaorstáit. Mar a deir an t-údar i gcéad chaibidil an leabhair seo: "Ní hamháin gurb aspail ar son na Gaeilge iad ach aspail ar son an náisiúnachais chultúrtha."

Ag an tráth ba laige ina saol don teanga Ghaeilge, thuig daoine mar an tAth. Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh, Dubhghlas de hÍde, agus Eoin Mac Néill, an gá le heagrafocht úr chun an teanga a shabháil agus bunaíodh Conradh na Gaeilge in 1893. Trí bhliain níos déanaí fuair Pádraig Ó Maoláin bás i Nua Eabhrac agus d'fhág sé airgead (£2,000) le huacht ar son chaomhnaithe na teanga Gaeilge. Bhí T. D. O'Sullivan, M.P., ina iontaobhaí ar an gciste sin agus bheartaigh sé ar an airgead a infheistiú agus an t-ús a thabhairt do Chonradh na Gaeilge chun Timirí (nó múinteoirí taistil) a fhostú.

Tugann Colm Ó Cearúil, ar garmhac é do dhuine de na timirí (Seán Ó Cearbhail 1875-1935), toradh a thaighde ar fhoinsí Chonradh na Gaeilge sa saothar seo. Níl ann ach leabhar beag (115 leath, téacs, móide liostaí na dtimirí le mion-bheathaisnéis de 13 díobh, liosta na gColáistí Samhraidh, foinsí, is dhá innéacs), ach is mór an méid eolais a d'éirigh leis an údar isteach sa spás sin.

Roinneann sé an 74 timire atá luaite aige sa leabhar ina ngrúpaí: "ceannródaíthe", "daingnitheoirí", "timirí forleathana", "cigirí timireachta". Cuid díobh sin tá a n-ainmneacha i mbéal an phobail ó shin, m.sh. Tomás Bán Ó Concheanainn ó Inis Meáin, an chéad duine a fostaíodh ina thimire. Tugtar blas den obair cheannródaíochta a bhí ar siúl ag Tomás Bán is na timirí lustha eile — an scéal a chasadh ón náire a bhíodh ar dhaoine labhairt ina dteanga dhúchais, fadhbanna leis na scoileanna a bhí ina ngléas gaildaithe tríd is tríd, ach tacaíocht láidir a fháil ón chléir i mórán áiteanna. Tá cur síos ag an údar freisin ar mar a chuir an chorraíl pholaitiúil sa tír ó 1913 go 1923 isteach ar shaothrú is leathnú na Gaeilge.

Táimíd go léir faoi chomaoín ag na timirí is na múinteoirí taistil a shaothraigh go dicheallach i mblianta tosaigh na haoise seo, go minic agus iad ag cur a sláinte i mbaol. Tá cúis breise agamsa bheith buíoch de mhuintir Uí Chearúil, mar ba é athair Choilm, Dónal Ó Cearúil, a chéad-bhronn an Fáinne orm sa Tulach Mhór na blianta ó shin.

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DISABILITY AWARENESS

On March 29th in the Community Council Offices a Disability Awareness Forum was held. It was attended by most of the Community Council workers and the proceedings were led by Brian Miller, N.R.B. (National Rehabilitation Board) Area Manager for Kildare and West Dublin and Christy Keely, a volunteer with the NRB (who has Cerebral Palsy).

The two gentlemen, Mr. Keely and Mr. Miller, were very approachable and helpful as we explored our own attitudes to various degrees of disability and how we could amend same. There are two general attitudes to people with disabilities; one, the tendency to smother the person and try to protect them from life; and the other extreme of distancing oneself, unable to cope.

Do's and Don't's

Don't use words such as handicapped, spastic, cripple, victim of, invalid, wheelchair bound, mental handicap, suffering from.

Don't use medical labels.

Don't make assumptions about a person's condition or abilities.

Some common courtesies/etiquette rules to follow:

Do speak slowly (for a deaf person who may be lip reading, only 3 out of 10 words are visible on the lips)

Use gestures and facial expressions.

Be patient with someone who may have a speech difficulty.

Don't finish sentences for the person, lean on/touch wheelchair it's part of the person's space.

Do speak directly to the person (even if an interpreter is present)

Do offer help to a wheelchair user or someone using crutches But wait until they accept your offer and let them tell you how to help.

Do discuss access problems and possible solutions with the disabled man or woman, treat the person as an adult.

Don't ignore the disability this will only lead to awkwardness
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FILM REVIEW

TWELVE MONKEYS

This is a very good film. From the director of "Brazil", "Baron Munchausen" and "The Fisher King" you would expect a visual treat, but, in this film, Terry Gilliam delivers more than just stunning imagery, he delivers a story that keeps your interest for 2 hrs and 10 mins.

The critical re-evaluation of Bruce Willis, which began with "Pulp Fiction", will continue apace after this performance as James Cole, the convict from the future sent to isolate a pure strain of the germ that kills 5 billion people in December 1996.

Yes, this is another apocalyptic film to unsettle you as the next millenium approaches, and yes, the phrase "nightmarish vision" will no doubt spring to mind, but this is not a film of unbroken darkness. Gilliam illuminates the screen with pictures of stunning beauty in between bouts of techno overload. He also uses the Cole character to portray a yearning for the simple things which both we and time have forgotten. It is in Willis' performance, a mix of violence and vulnerability, that the film scores in the accessibility stakes.

Brad Pitt plays a lunatic, or not, who pops up in Willis' time travels. Although not as good as Willis, Pitt is also entertaining and keeps the plot moving with his demented ramblings.

To sum up in one of those X film meets Y film summaries, "Twelve Monkeys" is "The Fisher King" meets "Outbreak" with echoes of films you've probably never seen but you know are there. It's that kind of film. If you liked "Seven" and any of Terry Gilliam's films, then you will like this one - if you didn't, give it a chance, it's as good looking and heavily layered a film as you are likely to see.

Due out soon on video.

FIRE ENGINE

The restoration of the vintage Austin Fire Appliance ZW8599 was successfully completed on the morning of St. Patrick's Day. As hoped, it was seen driving through the streets of Maynooth in the parade. This was a dream come true for the Maynooth Fire Brigade, myself, Claire, Niamh and our Gaisce Award Leader, Martin Hewitt. Working on the appliance was a worthwhile experience for all involved, and proved itself a very successful one.

There are numerous people who have to be thanked for their generosity and time. If it were not for them, the Austin would never have been restored. They were John Wheatley, a coachbuilder in Drogheda who gave us the coach varnish, Murphy's Autos for the clutch and ignition, the paint for the interior of the appliance was given by Housepride, Maynooth, the timber by the D.I.Y., Old Hill, Leixlip, the floor covering donated by Larry Harte and fitted by Leonard Murphy, the steel by Pat Craig, the red paint for the exterior of the appliance by Akzo Nobel, Sutton, the transfers by Griffith J. Roberts, Bartons Bus garage for the appliance they gave us to steamwash the Austin, and to Phillip Bedford who gave us the loan of a spray gun to spray paint the appliance. Thanks also to the Tallaght Fire Brigade for their hospitality at their Vintage Ambulance and Fire Appliance rally, which was on St. Patrick's afternoon.

Claire, Niamh and myself would like to give a special thanks to Peter, Brendan, Christopher, Joe, Lennie, Ollie, Paddy, Phillip and Tony for making us so welcome in their Fire Station and for providing the tea and biscuits, and to our Gaisce Award Leader Martin Hewitt for all the help he gave us during our Gaisce Challenge.

You can look forward to seeing the ZW in many more parades and rallies nationwide.

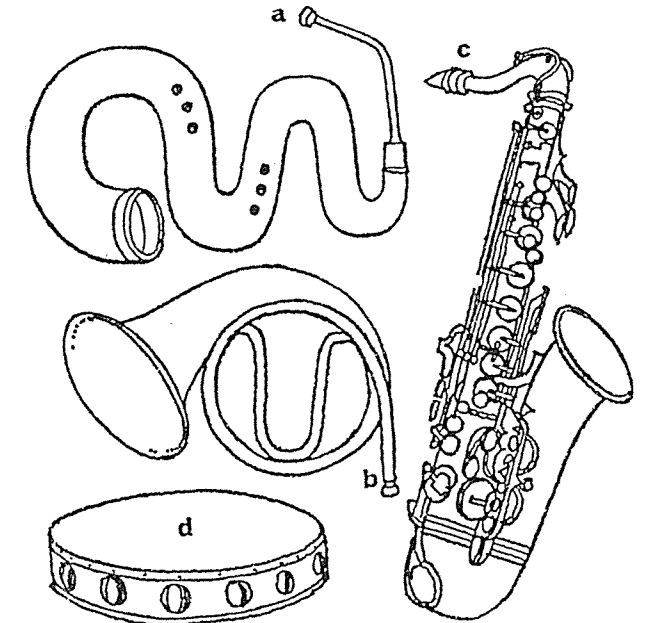
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*Confirmation Twins, Aisling and Stacey McMechan
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*Brian and Andrew Lynch after making their
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GARDA TALK

Holidays

As we approach the holiday period once again, we would appeal to householders to make contact with a trustworthy neighbour to keep a watchful eye on their residence while the house is vacant. It is imperative to notify the Gardai of the period of absence, and leave a contact number where a keyholder may be contacted. Follow these simple guidelines:

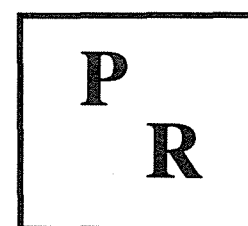
- 1) Lock all windows.
- 2) Don't hide keys, leave a spare with a friend.
- 3) Cancel milk and papers. Have a neighbour collect flyers from door.
- 4) Lock up ladders and tools.
- 5) Consider a timing device for activation of lights at night.
- 6) Examine access to side of house. Fit a side gate with locks.

Again we make a special appeal to all residents to report suspicious activity to Gardai. Thank you to all the concerned residents who have taken the time and trouble to ring us. Please ring us immediately if you observe anything which you feel uncomfortable about or find suspicious in any way.

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Naas Garda Station — 045 897333.

GEARÓID SPEECHLESS

The family and friends of Gearóid McTernan held a surprise party for him in the G.A.A. Club on Thursday the 18th April to celebrate his 80th birthday. A great night was had by one and all with special visits from his sister Chris (Ballinamore), brother Cathal (Dublin) and Fr. Paul, formerly based in Maynooth. One close relative said it was the first time they had seen Gearóid "Stuck for words" in his state of shock when the surprise was sprung upon him. At the end of the night Gearóid said "I hope the 90th is as good" as he gave his rendition of "Sean South of Garryowen".



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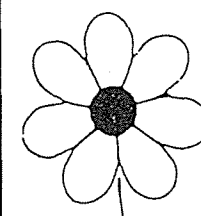
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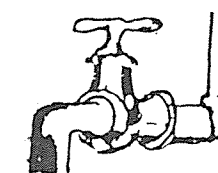
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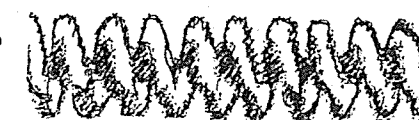
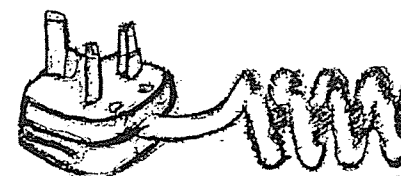
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Supper Dance Success

Over 200 persons attended a very successful Fund Raising Supper Dance in aid of Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association. The function was held in the new school hall; a venue which provided the organising committee with some challenges and opportunities. Challenges in that alcohol could not be sold and smoking was not permitted under regulations. These challenges were turned, by the organising committee, into opportunities in that some people attended because there was no smoking permitted and for those who desired alcohol, they came prepared with their own supply.



Seamus and Josephine O'Connor opposite Pauline and Edward McCarthy, at the Post Primary Supper Dance

The cold supper, consisting of a selection of meats, fish (including salmon), rice, dressed vegetable etc. were provided by an external catering service. The tea, coffee, and biscuits, which were extra, were provided by the hard working committee. Everyone had plenty to eat and was impressed with the quality and quantity. The surplus food was kindly distributed within the community.

The dancing was enjoyed by all to music by Roots. As the event was a Fund Raising activity, with a social element included, many parents chose to contribute to the fund by purchasing a ticket for £5 although they did not attend. Any parents who would still like to contribute to the Parent/Teacher Association may do so by contacting any committee member or by returning the slip at the end of the notice, which your child received on the last day of school before Easter, to the school marked F.A.O. Mr. T. Ashe, Principal.

The committee, consisting of 18 dedicated Parents plus Teacher representatives, believe that the role of the Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association is a very important one. Your support is always welcome. Motto "Investing in our Children's Future".

Dermot Nangle, Chairman

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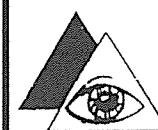
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The young fishermen wait
With bated breath
And the daffodils stand to attention
The swans flirt with elegant grace
And still the daffies stand
My friend the duck quacks amicably by
The daffodils stand to attention
The wind blows with threatened ferocity
The daffodils stand to attention
A young girl plays with her new dog
The daffodils guarding closely
I sit and write a man walks on
The daffodils stand to attention
A floating duck quacks amicably by
Pink bog roll flutters in the breeze
Birds sing; two magpies gleam
As I walk home
The yellow sentinels stand

Sarah O'Connor

My Garden

I reap my fortune of fertile soil
Growing vegetation at my pride
A garden full of my care and toil
With mother nature at my side
Soil a foundation of plant life
Growing trees and shrubs so well
Seedlings grow with little strife
My reward only time will tell
Seasons changing from year to year
Making my garden look its best
Winter time gradually comes near
Leaving growth barren and to rest
Spring time comes sprightly free
A careful time in life to grow
A busy time in the year for me
Sowing my seeds from row to row
When my garden is at full prime
I sit back and admire it so
Fortune of nature been all mine
As I helped it all to grow
My garden is part of me
That is life created by the sun
My enchanting garden forever to be
When my days are over and done.

Patrick Murray

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Displayed his familiar frown
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Or a fitness machine for the crew from Larine
Or Hanna's rebuke for authorities stroke
You cannot go in it without going through it
Perhaps it's an early Black Hole

The Courthouse was splendid
With the front in the end o' it
Till the Tans crossly tendered it
Could this be Hamar's Gallows?
Or the great axle bracket for Kavanagh's Big Wheel

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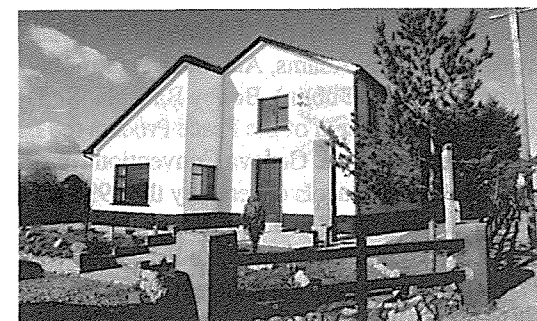
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SAOIRSE

SAOIRSE is the campaign to free all those from any side imprisoned due to the conflict in the six counties. SAOIRSE is open to those of any political persuasion. Sponsors of SAOIRSE include: Seán Haughey T.D., Eamon O Cúlv T.D., Sean Power T.D., Patricia McKenna T.D., Brian Crowley M.E.P., Gerry Adams, Ald. Sean Dublin Bay Loftus (Lord Mayor of Dublin), Bobby Ballagh. SAOIRSE demands that in the context of the Peace Process the British Government implement the Geneva Convention Amendment Act 1995. The two protocols covered by the 1995 act are:

1. Protocol 1 applies to 'armed conflict in which people are fighting against colonial domination and alien occupation, against racist regimes in the exercise of their right to self determination'. Combatants under this protocol are entitled to be treated as Prisoners of War, and therefore to be released at the end of the conflict.

2. Protocol II applies to 'armed conflicts which take place in the territory of a high contracting party between its armed forces and resident armed forces or other organised armed groups which, under responsible command exercise such control over a part of its territory as to enable them to carry out sustained and concerted military operations and to implement this protocol'.

Under Article 6: 'At the end of hostilities, the authorities in power shall endeavour to grant the broadest possible amnesty, so under it's terms, the prisoner, the state the prisoner is held in and the state to which the prisoner wishes to be transferred to must agree before any transfer can go ahead. In the case of Irish Republican Prisoners held in Britain, the Irish Government has indicated it's willingness to accept the prisoners, all the prisoners have applied for a transfer, but the British Government has yet to sanction even one transfer. This is in contrast to the U.S. Government, which transferred Michael Martin within six weeks of Irelands ratification. Pat Kelly's case is most urgent, given his medical condition, but it is important to note that all of these prisoners are legally entitled to a transfer under International Law.

Persons who have participated in the armed conflict, to those deprived of their liberty for reasons related to the armed conflict, whether they are interned or detained.'

Of Course the British Government still argues that it has no political prisoners and will say that these protocols do not apply to the Irish conflict.

A SAOIRSE group has been formed in Maynooth, and anyone interested in joining should contact this number: (01) 8727096.

We are planning to hold a White Line picket at the bridge in Celbridge on the 3rd May. All welcome, wear a Green Ribbon to show your support for political prisoners. The White Line picket is to show support for Irish Political Prisoner Pat Kelly.

THE PAT KELLY CASE

Taoiseach John Bruton, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Dick Spring, Fianna Fáil leader Bertie Ahern, Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams and P.D. Leader Mary Harney have all now called on the British Government to show compassion by transferring gravely ill republican prisoner Pat Kelly to Portlaoise prison.

Pat Kelly is suffering from cancer and may only have a short time to live. SAOIRSE is campaigning for his release to spend what time he has left with his family. Pat, who is from Laois, suffered a recurrence of skin cancer while in prison in England which worsened because of prolonged medical neglect. Although since transferred to Maghaberry Prison in the North, Pat is now in a very serious condition. His application for repatriation South of the Border to spend his remaining months close to his family has been turned down by the British Home Secretary Michael Howard.

During the latter part of his years in English prisons, Pat spent six months in Whitmoors prison special secure unit where, like in previous prisons, he was denied medical treatment. It was only after embarking on a protest and a top level intervention by Tánaiste Dick Spring that he was eventually allowed to see a specialist and was operated on last year. Throughout his time in hospital Pat was chained to a warder and surrounded by armed police. Afterwards Pat was returned to the inhumane conditions of Whitmoor Prison's high security special secure unit. It was soon discovered that the operation had not been a success. A specialist recommended further immediate surgery on a lump under his arm.

Pat was refused a transfer to Portlaoise prison which is six miles from his family home but was eventually moved to Maghaberry prison near Belfast last December. He was operated on again in mid January but accepts that his condition is terminal.

'I know that I am going to die' says Pat. 'What I require now is to get out of prison to spend time with my child and family'. Irish T.D.'s from across the party-political divide have been joined by U.S. Members of Congress and the Senate highlighting Pat's case and called on the British Government to show compassion. But as Pat's condition weakens, his transfer application still remains blocked by the British Home Secretary Michael Howard.

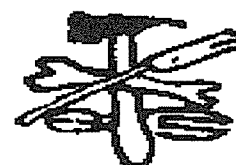
The International Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Prisoners which the Irish Government officially ratified on 1st November 1995, entitles all Irish Prisoners serving sentences in countries which also are signatories to the convention to return home to serve the remainder of their sentences nearer their families.

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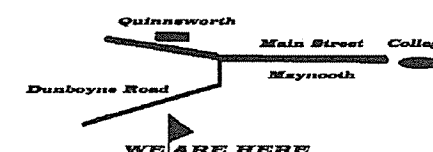
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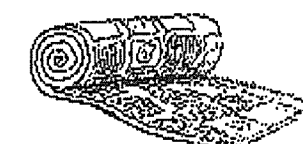
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SCOIL UI FHIAICH

Scéalta ó Ghaelscoil Mhaigh Nuad

Bhí an chéad oíche sóisialta againn le gairid, oíche mór ceol agus damhsa. Tháinig slua mór ceolteoirí go dtí an gclubáras oíche Dé hAoine ab 12 d' Aibreán. Bhain gach éinne taitneamh ón gceol agus bhí an-oíche againn.

Parents and friends of Scoil Uí Fhiaich recently enjoyed a fun filled night of traditional music and dance. This first social outing of Maynooth's Ghaelscoil was held on 12 April in The G.A.A.'s clubáras on the Moyglare Road. The event was organised by Cairde Scoil Uí Fhiaich, the scoil's parents coiste who look after the scoil's fundraising. All concerned gave of their time and talents to this worthy venture, which will secure a permanent place for the Irish language and a cultural enrichment for the town of Maigh Nuad.

The coiste wish to thank the 'meitheal mór ceoilteoirí', who made the night a great success. Ina measc bhí ár Jonathan Meade agus Ger Scanlon féin, nár leagadh Dia do stór a Phaddy agus Bríd binn an bodhrán Furlong, Peadair O Briain is raidhse aoi-cheolteoirí. We wish to say a mfile buíochas to our sponsors for the night:-

Michael Tennyson; Mill Tavern, Maigh Nuad; Hutton & Meade motor's, Portland St. North Circular Rd. B.A.C.; Jean's Foodstore, Moyglare Village. Máire Ní Ghúil, Maigh Nuad.

We greatly appreciate the support of mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad and look forward to your continued support in the future.

The Coiste Chomhairle/Advisory committee organised a meeting of all parents with children enroled in the scoil up to the year 2001, on Thursday the 25th April in the G.A.A.'s clubáras, Moyglare Rd. The meeting was chaired by Noel ó Raghallaigh who outlined the key issues to be addressed in the formulation of a scoil policy. The parents were then addressed by Ger Scanlon who advised on a school code of discipline, and school ethos. The assembled participants broke into workshops and the views of the parents documented by each group's secretary. The coiste chomhairle are currently collating all the views which will form the scoil's policy.

This scoil policy together with a brief history and a list of our sponsors will be published and available as a souvenir booklet prior to our opening day 2/ September 1996.

Beir bua agus beannacht.

Noel O Raghailigh Betty O'Hare Jonathan Meade
Coiste Chomhairle Cairde Scoil Uí Fhiaich Ofigeach
Chaidrimh Phoiblí

STREET TALK

New Electrical Store

Trim-Kiltale partnership of Mark Farrelly and Gerard Murphy start business at the Square, Maynooth. Mr. Farrelly has worked for years in Leonards' Hardware, Trim. Their new electrical store puts the emphasis on servicing and if they can't fix whatever it is; they'll sell you another one! They also hope to eventually stock a good selection of CD's and tapes for all you music lovers out there.

New Doctor in Glenroyal Complex

Originally from Cork, Dr. Dennis Gaffney has ten years previous experience in Edinburgh, Scotland. However, having worked in the Maynooth-Leixlip area in the past, Dr. Gaffney hankered after a private practice in this location close to the suburbs of Dublin. Dr. Gaffney hopes to incorporate a women's surgery with the help of two local nurses.

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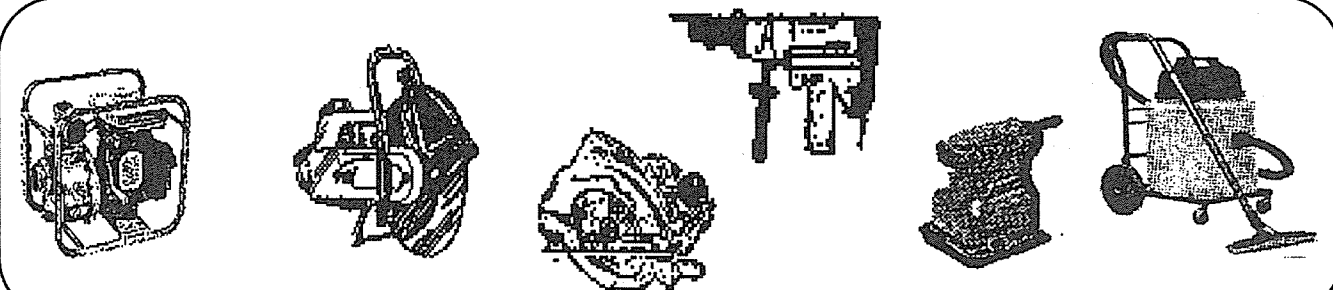
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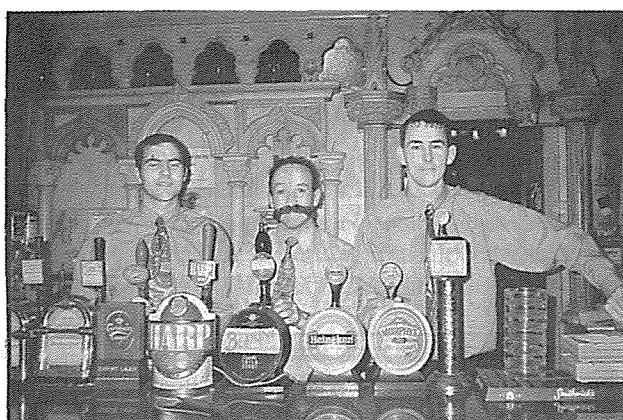
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HOME TO ROOST

Unless you've just returned from far away places or have just come out of winter hibernation, you can't have helped but notice that there are changes taking place in The Roost.

Since St. Patrick's weekend the pub has been under new management.

The new owners Louis and Helen Fitzgerald of the Fitzgerald Group, who also own The Poitín Stíl, Palmerstown House and The Big Tree to name but a few, bought the premises from Noel and Ann Cassidy as they saw a market open for expansion within a growing community.



Stuart Brennan, Paddy O'Brien, Manager, and Eddie Fitzgerald, Head Barman, all prepared to make you feel at home in the Roost

The new manager Paddy O'Brien and head barman Henry Carthy and Eddie Fitzgerald along with other bar and floor staff are steering The Roost into a new era with their friendliness and efficiency.

There have been noticeable changes taking place. There are a team of floor staff who, before you give them your order, have your drink brought down to you with speed and a friendly smile!

There are new drinking products available and a cocktail hour when you can purchase two cocktails for the price of one.

There is a big screen in the lounge and a T.V. in the bar where customers can watch the big matches and videos. According to Eddie Fitzgerald this is in keeping with the Fitzgerald Group's policy of expanding services for customers.

One of the biggest changes to have taken place has been the introduction of music and gigs on the premises. The Roost will have gigs at weekends and just last month the Guinness Jazz Band played to a packed venue.

The management also welcome impromptu musicians and traditional seisiúins. So if you've got a lilt in your voice and can play an instrument why not get together with a group for some craic in The Roost. You're more than welcome and Eddie says if you're good enough you might even get a pint!

There are also long term plans in the pipeline for expanding The Roost but these are well under wraps. One thing's for sure, there's a lot happening in The Roost and you'll be guaranteed a night's craic should you pop in!

"CONTINENTAL CHARM IN MILL STREET"

On the 19th April, The Orange Tree, the latest addition to Maynooth's bevy of restaurants had its official opening. C.K.R. broadcast live from the location behind the Mill Wine Cellar, Mill Street, Maynooth. The sun shone warmly on the proprietors as they had their photos taken in the beautifully renovated gardens. They plan to use these gardens as a focus for summer dining and indeed if the weather on the day was anything to go by business should be blooming before long.



L-R: Kathryn O'Toole, Tommy Greene, CKR Radio; Sandra Eglinton, Gillian O'Connor and James McCutcheon, Orange Tree staff.

The premises are a credit to the designers, Suzanne McCutcheon and Hildagarde Crimmins. The interior walls are bare stone and the seating arrangements are comfortable and relaxed, with a warm and inviting colour scheme. Mr. McCutcheon wanted to create an ambience redolent of laughter and laid back enjoyment. I think he has achieved this goal admirably. I am looking forward to dining here in the very near future!

The restaurant caters for occasions of every description: communions, weddings, and outdoor dining. The proprietors hope to concentrate on outside catering for parties or receptions. On this afternoon, the grand prize was home catering for a party of six complete with champagne and waiter service. The draw took place between 3.30p.m. and 4p.m. live on C.K.R.

The menu has a distinctly continental flavour which seems guaranteed to satisfy customers. There is an a la carte menu available from Tuesday to Saturday and set lunch menus, all of which had my mouth watering as I browsed through them. I feel sure that anyone dining in The Orange Tree will be treated not so much as a client, but as a welcome guest.

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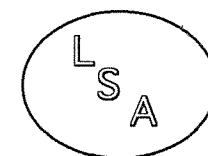
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VIDEO REVIEW

Apollo 13 (P.G.)

Starring Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Bill Paxton in the true story of the Apollo 13 Moon Mission in 1970. From 205,000 miles out in space comes the now-famous radio message "Houston, we have a problem", and so begins the race against time to bring the three man crew, led by Jim Lovell (Tom Hanks), back to Earth. Those of you who remember the incident will know the outcome, but that won't take away from your enjoyment of what is an excellent film. Well acted, well directed and the attention to detail is terrific; What can I say!? This is a brilliant movie and well worth two and a quarter hours of anyone's time. Highly recommended.

Clueless (12)

Cher (Alicia Silverstone) is sixteen, wealthy (naturally), gorgeous and, like all sixteen year olds, knows everything as do all her oh so beautiful friends. Everyone has perfect MacLeans smiles, perfect hairstyles, perfect California tans, and they are all perfectly shallow. Set in Beverley Hills (where else?) with a plot that would insult anyone with an I.Q. in double figures, this film is absolute rubbish. In fact clueless as a title is so apt to describe this miserable offering. If I knew where the producer and director lived, I'd go around and make a citizen's arrest on the grounds of disturbing me while I am doing more interesting things like watching the dog moult. Rubbish. Don't bother. Take up train spotting...

Casper (P.G.)

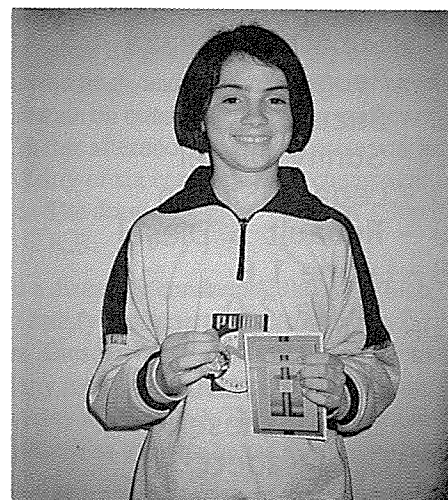
Casper the Friendly Ghost (remember the old comics?) is the basis for this film, which is not all that bad. It seems to be aimed specifically at children but adults will enjoy it just the same. It's just harmless fun; Casper and his three uncles - Stretch, Stinkie and Fatso cause all sorts of problems for little Kat Harvey and her father who is a "Ghost Therapist". The special effects are computer generated and are excellent, as is the whole film, but remember: adults must be accompanied by a child!

The Write Stuff

A pupil from the Presentation Convent School, in Maynooth has won second place in the 5th/6th class category, at the Kildare Regional Final in the I.N.T.O. Handwriting Competition.

Orlaith Tobin aged 11 from Railpark is in 5th class at the school. She received her prize of a silver medal and a £10 book token at a reception held in the E.B.S. office in Athy on Tuesday 2nd April.

The competition has been running for three years and is sponsored by the E.B.S.



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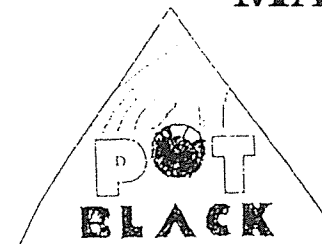
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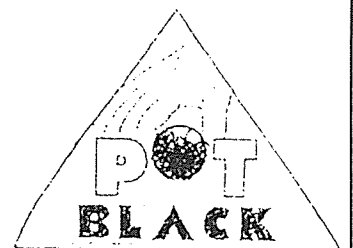
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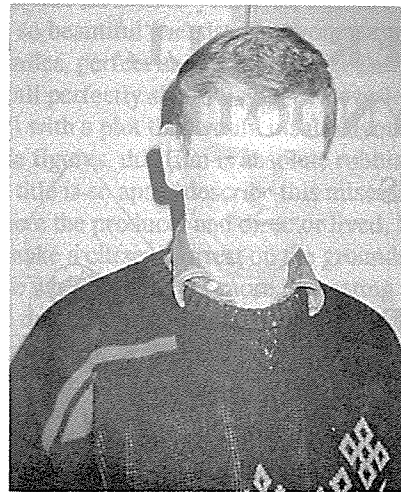


THE WORD ON THE STREET

The new Development Plan for Maynooth is currently on display in the local library. It is there for all residents to view and anyone wishing to lodge a submission with the County Council may do so, before 25th May.

There has been a lot of reaction to the plan especially in relation to the three areas where major rezoning is to take place, Carton Avenue, Celbridge Road and Moyglare Road.

We sent two of our roving reporters out to put their ear to the ground and find out what the word on the street is to the Development Plan.



Ollie Bright from Kingsbry, Maynooth, "there has been enough residential development"

Ollie Bright from Kingsbry, pictured above, took time out to tell us he was against the proposed developments for Carton Avenue. According to Ollie, there has been enough residential development. The "look" of Carton Avenue would be destroyed if the plan is to go ahead.

Adrian Byrne from Lucan and Michael Farrell from Straffan had very strong opinions against the developments at Carton. Adrian Byrne said that it would change a "green environment into a grey environment". Michael Farrell felt it would be disgraceful not to maintain a "green belt" up at Carton Avenue and if development goes ahead we will end up with a "concrete jungle".

One very vociferous local man had a lot to say on the matter. He firmly believed in all the proposed developments and he was very adamant that such developments should continue in Maynooth.

Billy Higgins, a security guard in the College, felt that

Carton Avenue should be left undeveloped, as Maynooth will end up being over populated but with very little amenities.

These are just some of the reactions to the plan. Remember



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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Carton Avenue Action Group

At a meeting chaired by Minister Emmet Stagg and held in the Glenroyal Hotel on March 20th, the Carton Avenue Action Group was formed.

We wish them well in their work to reverse the decision by Kildare County Councillors to zone the lands adjacent to Carton Avenue from Green Belt to Housing, Industry and Green Belt. We offer them our full support in the campaign.

Discretionary Grants

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley and Minister Emmet Stagg we are pleased to announce that the following amounts have been agreed for road improvements in the Maynooth area.

- 1.- £160,000:- Celbridge Road from the junction with Straffan Road up to the new bridge over the Motorway.
- 2.- £25,000:- Traffic calming measures in Parson Street. The details will be agreed with the County Engineer at our meeting on the 10th May.
- 3.- Carton Court Estate:- Pot-hole repairs and complete surface dressing.
- 4.- Cluain Aoibhinn:- As with Carton Court £14,000 between the two estates.
- 5.- Leinster Cottages,
No's 11 to 18 :- Surface dressing.
- 6.- Moyglare Road:- £23,000 to continue road improvements up to Anne's Bridge and footpath up to the Nursing Home.
- 7.- Dunboyne Road:- £6,000 for setting back the kerb and widening. This work to be carried out only when the heavy traffic has been successfully diverted to the Blacklion Road.
- 8.- O'Neill Park:- Footpath improvements.
- 9.- £40,000:- Barberstown - Maynooth Road. A holding exercise until a proper job is carried out, hopefully in 1997.
- 10.- £55,000:- To reconstruct and resurface the road from Taghadoe Cross to Ladychapel.
- 11.- £16,000:- Surface dressing at Ladychapel on Main Road to Rathcoffey.

Greenfield Drive/Carton Court

On the proposal of Cllr. John McGinley the following was included in the Maynooth Draft Development Plan:-

"Ensure that existing cul-de-sacs in Greenfield Drive and Carton Court are retained as such and are not used as vehicular access points to adjoining lands to the south."

Newtown Road to Straffan Road Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley proposed and had the following included in the Maynooth Draft Development Plan:-

"Build in passive traffic calming measures along the proposed new road connecting Straffan Road to Meadowbrook."

New Public Car Park

The County Engineer has been requested by Cllr. John McGinley to provide public lighting in the new car park and at the pedestrian exit on Doctor's Lane.

Gardai to attend Meeting

Maynooth Gardai have been invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee on the 10th May to discuss enforcement of by-laws and issues such as vandalism and crime.

Blocked Shores at Newtown

Bord Gais Eireann advised Minister Emmet Stagg that they would meet with officials from Kildare County Council with a view to clearing the blocked shores at Newtown.

This problem should now be resolved.

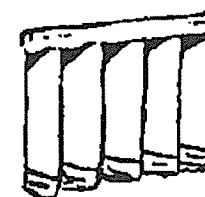
Tony Smith Memorial Walk

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk in Aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee will be held on Sunday May 12th at 3.00 p.m.
We thank the people of Maynooth for their continued support.

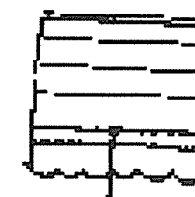
Pound Park

Councillor John McGinley has asked the County Engineer to carry out the following work:-

- 1.- Restore fencing at the river as there is a serious danger to children.
- 2.- Replace the three silver birch trees removed by S.I.A.C.
- 3.- Sow grass seed where required.
- 4.- Remove the work cabin from the park.



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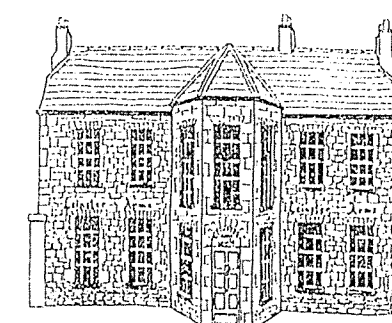
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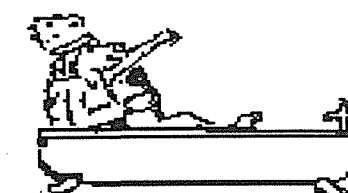
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SINN FEIN NOTES

Dublin West By-Election

Sinn Fein members from the Maynooth area participated in the recent Dublin-West By-Election campaign gaining valuable experience in electioneering. The result of this By-Election, with 56% of votes cast for anti-government socialist candidates, sent a clear message to the two so-called socialist parties currently in government. Only 44% of the electorate turned out to vote, indicating a massive alienation with the political process.

The double taxation of water charges was central to this By-Election not only as the issue around which militant Labour candidate Joe Higgins battered the Labour party but also because it demonstrates the hypocrisy of the two "left-wing" parties in the Dáil.

Even a cursory glance at back issues of the "Maynooth Newsletter" will confirm this. Take for example Labour party notes of April 1988;

"At a recent meeting the Maynooth branch re-affirmed its total opposition to local charges and all members were very critical of the increased level of charges imposed by the Council. Addressing the meeting both Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. Colm Purcell outlined the cynical way in which Fianna Fáil had handled the issue at Council level. It was pointed out that despite Fianna Fáil promises to abolish local charges both before the 1985 local elections and again before last year's general election, the level of charges had, in fact, increased by 250% since Fianna Fáil gained control of the Council three years ago. Both councillors stated that they were confident that voters would remember Fianna Fáil's treachery and would not be conned on this issue again."

It is U-turns like this, as well as the various scandals, which have created a massive alienation from the establishment parties and indeed from the political system itself. However, indifference and apathy never changed anything and change is possible. Anyone wishing to forge a radical socialist alternative to the bankruptcy of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael and to the treachery of Labour and the Democratic Left should contact Sinn Fein at (01) 8734931.

Are Sinn Fein not just another version of 'vote for me'? No, Sinn Fein's approach to politics is centred on campaigns rather than elections. I would urge anyone, Sinn Fein supporter or otherwise who wishes to make a difference to

issues such as service charges, unemployment, housing, etc.... to contact the above number and help form a community response to the problems the people of Maynooth face. You cannot sell yourself out.

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equality

Following the introduction of a new policy document on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equality at our Ard Féis, we have decided to make contact with the Lesbian and Gay Society in St. Patrick's College with a view to helping them combat the unjust discrimination and hostility they face.

Fine Gael Community News - A comment
I note with interest the production of a local newsletter by Fine Gael, which details the budget's social welfare increases and informs us that Minister Durkan is in the Roost at 4.30 every Saturday. I would urge all those who are on Unemployment Assistance to go there and personally thank Minister Durkan for increasing assistance to £62.40 from £60.40. This has made a substantial difference to the lives of many of the victims of years of government vandalism.



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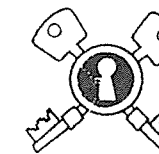
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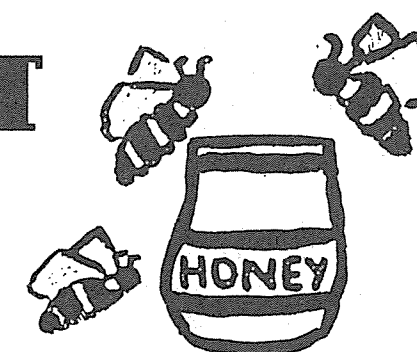
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GAA NOTES

U/13 Football: North Kildare League:

Carbury 5-5; Maynooth 4-7

A very understrength Maynooth team travelled to Carbury on Saturday, March 23rd, and in a very entertaining game were unlucky not to take both points. The fact that Maynooth could only field ten players against twelve for the opposition speaks highly of the team. Every player ran himself to a standstill and they led by six points midway through the second half. However, Carbury put in a strong finish and with the last kick of the game scored the winning point. It was rough justice on Maynooth, who held the upper hand for most of the game but missed too many chances in the second half. However, the most worrying aspect was the fact that only ten players turned up for the match. Best for Maynooth were Pierre Ennis, Patrick O'Rourke, Morgan Sweeney, Peter Sheehan, Joseph Brennan, Fergus Devereux and Donal Houlihan. Brian Downey, Stephen Curran and David Redmond also played their part. Scorers: P. O'Rourke 1-4, P. Ennis, 1-2, M. Sweeney 1-1, P. Sheehan 1-0.

Junior Football League Division 3C

Maynooth 2-11; Leixlip 0-4

Maynooth's third team got their season off to a good start with a very good win over Leixlip in Maynooth on Monday, 15th April. Maynooth were on top right throughout this game and at half time were 1-8 to 0-1 ahead. The second half was much the same. Best for Maynooth were D. Miels 1-3; J. Murray 1-2; D. Grehan 0-3; P. Doyle, M. Kelly, P. Byrne 0-1 each; S. Cushen, P. Murray, G. Thompson. Leixlip: E. Vaughan 0-2; C. O'Mara 0-1, D. Kelly 0-1, D. Burke, R. Levelle.

Junior Football League Division 2

Maynooth 0-4; Monasterevin 0-13

Maynooth were well beaten in their first match in Division 2. They played their best football in the first half and were only three points down: Monasterevin 0-4, Maynooth 0-1. Monasterevin were on top in the second half and ran out easy winners. Best for Maynooth: J. Edwards 0-4, D. Fleming, K. Dunne, M. Flaherty, S. Molloy.

Senior Football League Division 2

Maynooth 2-12; Sallins 2-4

Maynooth got off to a good start and were two points up after 10 minutes. Sallins got their first score, a goal, after 15 minutes. But this brought Maynooth to life and two goals, the first by Paul Garvey and the second by Hugh Nevin, left Maynooth ahead at half time by 2-7 to 1-3. Sallins were first to score in the second half, a point. There were further points by Maynooth before Sallins got their second goal with ten minutes to go. Maynooth ran out easy winners in the end. Maynooth scorers: Paul Garvey 1-5; Hugh Nevin 1-2; Joey Riordan, Hugh Purcell, Joey Nevin, Thomas Farrelly and David Mahoney 0-1 each. Also to play well: Mickey

Noone, Paul Stynes, Eamon Dunne and Killian Fagan.

Keogh Cup — Senior Football Tournament

Maynooth 0-16; Nurney 0-4

In the first round of the Keogh Cup, Maynooth travelled the long journey to Nurney and came away very good winners. Maynooth, completely on top in the first half, led at half time by 0-11 to 0-1. Nurney tried hard in the second half but could not break down the Maynooth defence. Best for Maynooth: Paul Garvey 5 pts., Eamon Dunne 3 pts., Hugh Nevin 2 pts., Joey Riordan 2 pts., Sean Molloy 2 pts., Liam O'Toole 1 pt. and Joey Edwards 1 pt. Also to play well: Joe Rossitor, Eamon Gallagher, Peter Burke.

Senior Football League Division 2

Maynooth 0-11; Kilcullen 1-6

Maynooth, playing with the wind in the first half, found scores hard to come by. On top right throughout the first half, they could only lead by two points at the break. The half-time score: Maynooth 0-7, Kilcullen 1-2, Kilcullen's goal coming on the stroke of half-time. The second half started well for Maynooth. Now playing against the wind, they got two quick points. Kilcullen fought back and with five minutes to go were only one point down. Kilcullen pressed hard for the point to give them a draw but Maynooth broke down the field and a good point by Sean Molloy sealed victory for Maynooth. Maynooth scorers: Johnny Nevin 3 pts., Joey Nevin 2 pts, Paul Garvey 2 pts., Killian Fagan 1 pt., Joey Riordan 1 pt., Eamon Dunne 1 pt., Sean Molloy 1 pt. Also to play well: Mickey Noone, Mick Nevin, David Mahoney, Thomas Farrell, Peter Burke.

Junior Football League Division 2 fixtures

Monday, 15th April: Maynooth v. Monasterevin, away, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 22nd April: Maynooth v. Suncroft, home, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 29th April: Maynooth v. Rathangan, home 7.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th May: Maynooth v. Clane, home, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 13th May: Maynooth v. Confey, away, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 20th May: Maynooth v. Naas, away, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 27th May: Maynooth v. St. Kevin's, away, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th June: Maynooth v. Celbridge, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 10th June: Maynooth v. Round Towers, away 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 17th June: Maynooth v. Kill, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 24th June: Maynooth v. St. Laurence's, home, 7.30 p.m.

Junior Football League — Division 3C — fixtures:

Monday, 15th April: Maynooth v. Leixlip, home 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 22nd April: Maynooth v. Confey, away, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 29th April: Maynooth v. Carbury, away, 7.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th May: Maynooth v. Kilcock, home, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 13th May: Maynooth v. Ardclough, away, 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 20th May: Maynooth v. Naas, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 27th May: Maynooth v. Rathcoffey, away, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 20th May: Maynooth v. Naas, home, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th June: Maynooth v. Straffan, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 10th June: Maynooth v. St. Kevin's, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 17th June: Maynooth v. Robertstown, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 24th June: Maynooth v. Clogherinkoe, home, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 1st July, Maynooth v. Caragh, away, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 8th July: Maynooth v. Cappagh, away 7.30 p.m.

Bord na nOg Under 14 Football, 1996

Friday, 26th April: Maynooth v. St. Laurence's, away.

Friday, 10th May: Maynooth v. Suncroft, home.

Friday, 24th May: Maynooth v. Round Towers, home.

Friday, 31st May: Maynooth v. Naas, home.

Friday, 7th June: Maynooth v. Celbridge, away.

Friday, 14th June: Maynooth v. Balyna, home.

Friday, 21st June: Maynooth v. Confey, away.

Under 16 Football League fixtures, 1996:

May 3rd: Maynooth v. Carbury, away.

May 17th: Maynooth v. Leixlip, away.

July 19th: Maynooth v. St. Cocoa's, home.

July 26th: Maynooth v. Naas, home.

Lotto result 31/3/96: Jackpot £850: Numbers 7-13-17.

No winner, 5 x £10. Bridie Doran, Colm, c/o Bar, Cormac Ashe, Conor O'Connor, Joe Glennon.

Lotto result 7/4/96: Jackpot £900: Numbers 2-11-18.

No winner, 5 x £10. Micheal Garvey, Eric Gaugheran, Aileen Geraghty, Carmel O'Dea, Anne Naughton.

Lotto result 14/4/96: Jackpot £950: Numbers 4-6-21.

No winner, 5 x £10. Mrs. E. Halligan, Liam O'Toole, Pius Kelly, Handball Club, Catherine Ash.

Maynooth GAA Golf Classic in aid of club development will be held on Friday, 7th June, 1996, in Kilcock Golf Club. Team of 4 — £100. Societies and teams welcome. Time sheet all day, contact Tommy Fay at 6289193 after 5 p.m. 6286161 from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Presentation night in Maynooth GAA Clubhouse same night. All welcome. Come along and have the craic. Bar extension and music.

Kildare Intermediate Hurling League

At: Clane Date 21/04/96

Final Score: Maynooth 0-4: Clane 0-4:

The very wet conditions made hurling virtually impossible but nevertheless both teams served up a very exciting contest right up to the final whistle. Maynooth were short quite a few regulars for this tie but showed great fire and determination against a well balanced Clane side. Clane led at half time by 0-3 to 0-2. Manager Pat Nevin introduced Killian Fagan to the fray for Maynooth at the start of the second half and he helped to inject new life into the forward line which had created many chances but were unable to convert them to scores. In fairness however the pitch turned into a quagmire in the second half, and this accounted in no small way for the low scoring. Maynooth finished the stronger but in the end a draw was a fair result. Best for Maynooth were: Sean Cusker, Mick Yahan, Mick Nevin, Johnny Nevin and Killian Fagan.

Team and Scores:

Andrew Fay, Ronan Murphy, Sean Cusker, Mick Yahan, Senan Griffin, Mick Nevin, Padraic Ward; Hugh Nevin, Tom Farrell; Stephen Brennan (0-3), Johnny Nevin, Joey Nevin (0-1), Mark Nugent, Eamon Toomey, Tom Coffey.

Subs.-Killian Fagan for Tom Coffey, John O'Brien for Eamon Toomey.

Kildare Minor Hurling League Date: 21/4/96:

At Maynooth:

Final Score

Broadford 2-2; Maynooth 0-2:

The weather conditions made hurling very difficult for both teams. Maynooth matched their counterparts in hurling craft and skill but physically Broadford were a much stronger outfit and tended at times to use over robust tactics to contain Maynooth. The first half was quite even with Broadford having the edge on the scoreboard leading by 1-1 to 0-2. In the second half Maynooth put in a very determined effort and had a goal from Seamus Cummins disallowed where the referee adjudged that the ball had gone wide. With 10 minutes to go Maynooth corner back Tommy Masterson received a nasty knock to the head resulting in a Broadford player being sent to the line. This incident seemed to unnerve the Maynooth lads and Broadford scored a second goal to put the result beyond doubt. It must be noted however that this is a very young Maynooth team with the average age of the players 16 yrs and the management should be encouraged by their gritty performance.

Sport

Best for Maynooth were Matt Callaghan, Eoin Nevin, Tom Mullarkey, Alan Nugent, Stephen Brennan, Declan Buckley and Brendan Keogh.

Team and Scorers: Donal Lennon, Karl Ennis, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Robert Hayes, Eoin Nevin, Tom Mullarkey, Stephen Brennan, (0-2) Alan Nugent, Vinnie Nevin, Declan Buckley, John O'Shea, Brendan Keogh, Seamus Cummins, Conor Diggins.

Bórd na N-óg Kildare Hurling League- U/14 Date: 20/4/96 At Ardclough.

Final Score Maynooth 3-8, Ardclough 1-2.

After being narrowly beaten in their first league encounter against Celbridge, Maynooth bounced back with a very competent performance against Ardclough. The game was played in a downpour but the Maynooth boys did not let the conditions affect them and were always in control against a very resilient Ardclough side who fought bravely to the bitter end. Ardclough were unfortunate to lose one of their players with a hand injury just before half-time. It is difficult to single out any individual players on the Maynooth side but both Tommy Masterson and Mikey Gleeson were outstanding at full back and centre field, respectively. Other to impress for Maynooth were Padraic Nevin, Aidan Molloy, Sean O'Flaherty, Mark Kavanagh, Peter Guinan, and Morgan Sweeney.

Team and Scores.

Stephen Kelly, Padraic Nevin, Tommy Masterson, Aidan Molloy, Christopher Flynn, Sean O'Flaherty, Joe Brennan, Mark Kavanagh (0-1), Mikey Gleeson (1-5), Peter Guinan, Eoin Murray, Morgan Sweeney (0-1), Sean Brady (0-1), Damien Travers (1-0), Peter Sheehan (1-0).

Subs: John Kinsella, Donal McCarthy, Alan Nolan.

At Ardclough: Date 20/4/96 Bórd na N-óg Kildare U/12 Hurling League Division 1.
Final Score: Maynooth 4-4: Ardclough: 0-1

On the 20th of April 1996, Maynooth played Ardclough at Ardclough. After the disappointment of being beaten by Celbridge in their first match, Maynooth were anxious to make amends. Mick Gleeson opened the scoring for Ardclough with a point from play after 9 minutes. Two minutes later James Mullarkey scored a great goal for Maynooth after connecting with a glorious side line cut from Mark Cummins. The same player added to his tally in the 13th minute with a point from play. Maynooth proceeded to dominate the game with further points by Pierre Ennis and James Mullarkey leaving the half time score Maynooth 1-3, Ardclough 0-1.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first with Maynooth totally on top. Pierre Ennis having moved to midfield in a switch with Kevin Gannon struck for a goal after

5 minutes and not to be outdone James Mullarkey doubled his goal tally in the 11th minute. The scoring was completed by a Pierre Ennis point from free after 16 minutes and a goal from the ever busy Ciaran Walsh on the stroke of full time.

Best for Maynooth; Alan Sweeney, Brendan Coffey, Pierre Ennis, Mark Cummins, Kevin Gannon, Fergal Molloy, James Mullarkey and Ciaran Walsh.

Team and Scores;

David Comerford, Fergal Molloy, Alan Sweeney, Brendan Coffey, Pierre Ennis (1-2), Enda Diggins, Mark Cummins, Kevin Gannon, Jamie O'Neill, James Mullarkey (2-2), Neil Cusker, Ciaran Walsh (1-0), Gerard Hoare. Subs.- Andrew Higgins for G.Hoane, Brian O'Malley for Neil Cusker.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C

We had hoped to commence clearing our backlog of matches, but the continuing wet weather remains a major obstacle. Even as I write we are calling off this weekend's games of 20th and 21st April. We are concerned with the number of mid-week games now imminent. School exams will clash with our older school boy games. As exams will have prior importance we would hope to reduce the backlog as quickly as possible.

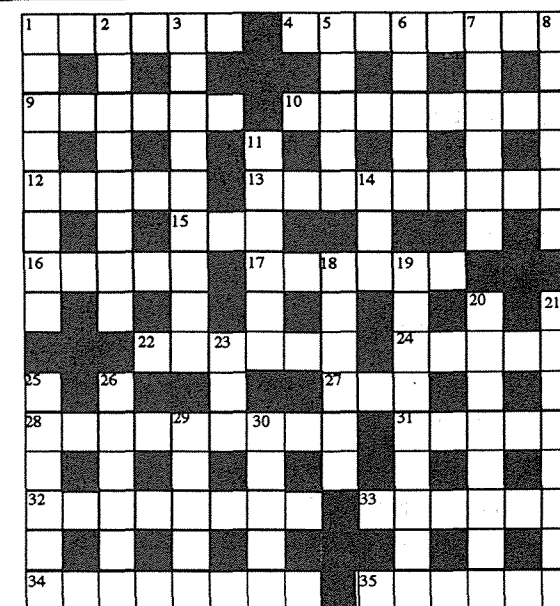
One of the highlights of our season takes place while going to print. Our under 11 team pay a visit to Old Trafford to see Manchester Utd play Notts Forest on Sunday 28th April. Our young members and their minders depart on Saturday 27th April and return on Monday 29th April. A full report on the trip warts,n all will be published in next issue.

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Crossword No. 102



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, 17th May, 1996

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Across:

- 1 Haul the Queen back to have a look (6)
4 Animals, male, get together for the drover (8)
9 Could be this has one, two or three rings! (6)
10 At the last stop, you can make a sure mint (8)
12 In the lead! Keep it under your hat! (5)
13 The chamber pot with the gold inside is for the officer (9)
15 With the cup you might get a touch of wind (3)
16 Happiness about the note for the common land (5)
17 The rodent gets a colour to get the cane (6)
22 Notice the spot will stick (6)
24 Whichever way you look at it, it's the principle (5)
27 Part of her leg before she was married? (3)
28 Sounds like a block and a Hallowe'en cake are the curios! (9)
31 To be assessed you need to tread warily (5)
32 Funny! It's me ate the valuation (8)
33 Ron with the taxi is in his element (6)
34 Public order offence? It was in the southern copy of the paper! (8)
35 If she's taking the alien in, she should have bed linen (6)

Down:

- 1 To renew your battery, you have to pay twice! (8)
2 Rene! Drag this around for the groundsman! (8)
3 One of Oliver Cromwell's pals? (9)
5 The Resident Magistrate will give you one unit of heat (5)

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- 6 Arrived with nothing but the brooch! (5)
7 He's a wise adviser, but still you almost torment him (6)
8 The watchman is senior in the hut (6)
11 Sounds like what the press-gang's after; to amass interest (6)
14 In school, what the cat sat on (3)
18 The ditch has the fish right inside (6)
19 At the farm you'll discover what happened later (9)
20 Let the horse out; he's not very reliable! (8)
21 The learners had the stud on the awkward nets (8)
23 The tramp lost nothing on the range (3)
25 Don't worry so, Bess; it will take over your mind (6)
26 Taking the article from jail, Edward left her at the altar (6)
29 Notice Timothy is a bit backward, but let him in anyway (5)
30 In proportion, get almost the full allowance (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 101:

Across:

1, Murmur; 4, Bassoons; 9, Delude; 10, Motivate; 12, Cater; 13, Overgrown; 15, Won; 16, Noose; 17, Defect; 22, Orange; 24, Roach; 27, Bat; 28, Spiritual; 31, Hedge; 32, Eleventh; 33, Traced; 34, Theatres; 35, Temper.

Down:

1, Medicine; 2, Relation; 3, Underwear; 5, Abode; 6, Swing; 7, Orator; 8, Sienna; 11, London; 14, Rye; 18, Feeble; 19, Carthorse; 20, Handicap; 21, Shredder; 23, Ant; 25, Assert; 26, Silene; 29, Inert; 30, Untie.

Winner of Crossword No. 101:

Patrick Donoghue
171 Kingsbry, Maynooth.

Birthdays, Sympathies, Acknowledgements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife, sons and daughter of the late John (Sonny) O'Neill, The Green, Maynooth, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent very sad loss. Those who called personally to the house, attended the removal, funeral mass and burial, those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes, a special word of thanks to Dr. Cowhey, the doctors, nurses and staff of Blanchardstown Hospital, also very special thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. Sheridan, sacristan and Mass servers. Heartfelt appreciation to each and everyone. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

SYMPATHIES

Sister, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Brigid (Bridie) Nolan, Maynooth, late Tennisrath, Co. Laois and Dublin.

Husband, daughter, sons, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother, sisters, relatives and friends of Mary Parker (nee Nolan) 24 Kingsbry, Maynooth.

Sons, daughter, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends of Mary Moran (nee Larkin) Dunboyne.

Brother, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews, relatives and a large circle of friends of Kathleen (Ciss) O'Neill, Old Greenfield, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAYS

Greetings and good wishes to Joe O'Neill, Greenfield; who celebrates his 80th birthday May 6th. From your loving daughters, sons and all your family.

Belated good wishes to Paddy (Ginger) Malone, Double Lane; who celebrated his 80th birthday April 18th from all the family.

Mary Harty the Maws, Kilcock; age 16 April 10th, Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie and brother Patrick.

Gillian Donovan Greenfield; age 8, April 15th, Happy Birthday from Daddy, Mammie and brother Stephen.

David Newton, Greenfield; age 17, April 9th. Best Wishes from Dan and Babby.

Mrs. Julie Donovan, Greenfield, April 5th. Best Wishes from Nicholas and Lorraine.

Ted Connolly, Greenfield, April 14th.

Pat Burke, Newtown, April 14th.

Mark McEvoy, Greenfield. 26 on April 8th. Best Wishes from Daddy, Mammy and all the family also to Jamie, grandson age 2.

Geroid McTernan who was 80 on April 18th.

Doreen Fortune, Parson St. May 6th.

Declan Burke, Newtown, May 22nd.

Marie Burke, Newtown. Age 13, May 15th.

"The Twins" Mrs. Essie Brady, Highfield, Kilcock.

Peter Connor, Greenfield, Maynooth. May 4th.

Mrs. Connie Burke, Newtown, May 14th.

Martin McTernan, Laurence Avenue, May 26th.

Peter McTernan, Dunboyne, May 11th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Belated Congratulations to Carmel and Ted Farrelly, Kilcock Road, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 31st. And to daughter Audrey 21st birthday March 30th. From all your friends and family.

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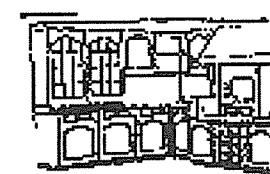
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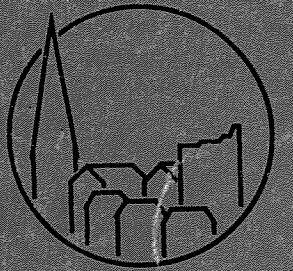


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EDITORIAL

A study of Maynooth was carried out by students in the Department of Geography in Maynooth College earlier this year. The summary of the results of that survey give us a snapshot of what kind of town we are and how its residents would like the town to develop. The picture which emerges is of a rapidly growing dormitory town largely focused on Dublin. Indeed access to Dublin is seen as one of the main attractions of living in Maynooth though its quietness and rural atmosphere were also seen as being important. One striking feature of the economy of the town which emerges from the questionnaire survey is the very low proportion of residents who actually work in the town - only 15% - compared to 43% who worked in Dublin. With more residential development planned for the next ten years it seems likely that this imbalance will become more marked as more and more commuters choose to live in Maynooth. This certainly suggests the need to create employment in Maynooth if the town is not to become simply a distant suburb of Dublin.

Lack of amenities, problems of building works, traffic problems and general untidiness were identified as the downside of living in Maynooth. With the completion of the link road, the Square and the Main Street the general environment is due to improve. The question of amenities, however, remains critical given the inevitability of future rapid growth in the town's population. When questioned on this issue a swimming pool was identified as the most desirable amenity currently lacking, followed by an amenity centre to cater for indoor sports. Despite the current shortage of playing pitches in Maynooth only a small number saw their provision as a priority. Over one third oppose the scale of the proposed rezoning in the amended Development Plan for Maynooth while one quarter were in favour.

Finally, the Newsletter was the most commonly used source of local information with almost 40% of the sample being regular readers.

DIARY DATES

Thursday June 6th, 8p.m., ICA Hall, The Harbour - Maynooth ICA monthly meeting.
Sunday June 9th, 11a.m., ICA Hall, The Harbour - Maynooth Town AFC AGM.
Sunday June 9th, 2p.m., GAA Club - Fun Day.
Sunday June 9th, Cemetery Sunday - Laraghbryan.
June 17th - 28th - Flag Days, Tidy Towns.
Sunday June 23rd, Cemetery Sunday - Ladychapel.
June 27th, Glenroyal Hotel - Pierce O'Connell's Presentation Dance.
July 2nd, ICA Hall, 10a.m. - Registration Summer Project.
July 14th - 21st - Festival Week.

GAA Fixtures

Junior Football League Division - 2 fixtures:
Tuesday June 4th - Maynooth v Celbridge - home - 7.30p.m.
Monday June 17th - Maynooth v Kill - home - 7.30p.m.
Monday June 24th - Maynooth v St. Laurence's - home - 7.30p.m.

Junior Football League Division 3C fixtures:
Tuesday June 4th - Maynooth v Straffan - home - 7.30p.m.
Monday June 10th - Maynooth v St. Kevin's - home - 7.30p.m.
Monday June 17th - Maynooth v Robertstown - home - 7.30p.m.
Monday June 24th - Maynooth v Clogherinkoe - home - 7.30p.m.

Bord na nOg U.14 Football 1996
Friday June 14th - Maynooth v Balyna - home

U.16 Football League fixtures 1996
July 19th - Maynooth v St. Cocoa's - home
July 26th - Maynooth v Naas - home

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

As an ex-serviceman living in Maynooth for a number of years now, I am at a loss to know why we were not invited to the unveiling of the memorial to those brave Maynooth men of Easter week 1916. I did attend in a private capacity to honour those men and rightly so. I would love and been proud to have done it in a more official role had my association been informed, namely the O.N.E. and Irish UN Veterans. They would have been only too delighted to provide a presence at the ceremony like we have been doing for years on the St. Patrick's Day Parade. After all these Maynooth men of 1916 were the founder members of the army in which I served for 26 years.

I would like to stress that this letter is purely personal. I don't have a mandate or any authority to speak on behalf of the association mentioned. Perhaps it was an oversight on the organising committees behalf. But for whatever reason, I have left my name and address with the editor, perhaps someone could enlighten me.

From a retired and puzzled old ex-soldier.
Name with Editor.

Dear Editor

The Maynooth Tidy Towns committee wish to thank the organisers and participants on the Presentation School 10 Km walk through Carton Avenue to Carton House on Sunday May 12th. No extra litter was added to that which existed. In the true Country Code they left only footprints.

Full marks to all, particularly the children.

Thank you all.

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Dear Editor

We, the residents of Parson Street, take grave exception to some remarks in a letter by P. Breathnach (M.N. May '96) in which he singles us out for some particular mention.

The question of safety at the Parson St./College junction is indeed, a serious one. While we don't, for one moment, doubt the writer's concern for safety, it has to be agreed that the proposed T. Junction would minimise his delay in getting to and from the college. This factor might have influenced a more unprincipled person.

The insinuation that we are putting convenience before the question of safety is, at best insensitive and at worst callous to us, who still have not recovered from the shock of attending the funeral of our much missed neighbour, the late Luke Farrelly, immediately after he was struck by a car outside his own front door. Before, and especially since this tragedy, we have been actively campaigning for Traffic Calming measures in our street for the benefit of all.

Discussions with Kildare County Council and politicians are on-going. We have not neglected to consult the college authorities. The President, Mgr. M. O'Donnell was kind enough to meet with us on 30th April when we discussed our mutual worry for all pedestrians. The Master of the college Dr. W.J. Smyth has let us know that he will be happy to receive us later this month when, I'm sure, we'll be treated with the same courtesy.

We also had discussions with the President of the S.U. who is very aware of the problem and facilitated the signing, by students, of our petition. Add to these points the fact that for many of us the college is a place of work, study, entertainment and relaxation; and one cannot make the facile assumption that we have an "anti-college mentality". Far from the them-or-us type scenario the writer's remarks insinuate and indeed foster, relations between the college and the people of Parson St. are excellent in this, the 201st year of our being next door neighbours.

With regard to a solution, everybody's viewpoint has to be taken into consideration. The solution will not be to everybody's satisfaction and it certainly will not be furthered by the accusational and basically ill-informed course the writer has set for himself.

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(Chairman), Parson St. Residents' Association.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday, 29th of April, in the Post Primary School. The attendance was fairly disappointing and many members were missing. There were some procedural clarifications before the meeting proper began and the voting rights of some individuals was clarified. Then a statement was read by the Vice Chairperson, Tom McMullon, in reply to the item which had appeared in the *Liffey Champion* (20th April).

Statement for A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Council by the Executive in reply to *Liffey Champion* article

The executive of Maynooth Community Council wish to make the following statement in refutation of the *Liffey Champion* article "Council split" (20th April).

In the interest of truth and accuracy we wish to say that we have no knowledge of any "split" or "dissenters" within the council or of any plans to set up an opposing alternative body. A proposed anti-rezoning organisation would not be in conflict with the existing Council whose constitutional obligations span a much wider area of responsibility than simply opposing planning and rezoning for the town.

We deny the existence of the purported 'agreed deals' procedures for executive positions. This allegation sullies the good name of our present Secretary and Treasurer in particular who are now taking legal advice regarding the contents of the article. They have lived in Maynooth for many years and have given unstinting, unpaid service to all the people of the town and this article hints at some possible misconduct. Furthermore, the present Secretary,

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, has only held this position for three years. It is clear, moreover, even from the article itself, that the Labour Party does not have a "stranglehold" on the Council as a cursory examination of the composition of previous executives, as well as the present, will reveal.

It is a blatant lie and deliberately mischievous to infer that a move was made by the executive to 'oust' the Chairperson of the Planning and Development committee from his position. Ousting is not the policy of the Council nor are we constitutionally empowered to make any such decision. We fully support Paul Croghan in his work and position.

Finally, the speculative and conjectural nature of the contents of this article could seriously, if not permanently, damage the standing and good name which the Community Council has gained in the town since 1984. Such activities as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Week, the *Maynooth Newsletter*, *The Information Directory*, Community Games, Summer Project and the CIC, all the responsibilities of the council, could be jeopardised. This carelessness could adversely affect the jobs of all employees on the four existing Council-sponsored Community Employment projects and jeopardise our chances of sponsoring in the future.

Those who have wittingly or unwittingly contributed to these false allegations may have the loss of up to 60 jobs on their conscience as a result of recklessness and false reporting.

The only issue discussed from the minutes of the last A.G.M. was the matter of the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field, which have not yet been

resolved satisfactorily.

This was followed by the Chairperson's address.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ladies, Gentlemen and Friends, I give my Chairperson's Address here tonight after a very traumatic year from a personal and public point of view.

My one abiding good memory of this year was the Peace March organised in February. I have a somewhat proprietorial pride in the success of this March as I organised it within 24 hours. However, the obvious commitment to peace shown by the men, women and children attending filled me with hope for the future.

There have been some other occurrences that have not filled me with such hope. But I am not going to talk of the past tonight, rather I wish to look to the future.

What has happened in the past weeks have made me examine the Community Council as an institution in this town. For those who do not know me, my subject of study is Sociology and my particular interest is in the survival and/or decline of institutions. My old Sociology Professor always used relevance as the criterion for survival and growth of any institution and it is to this I wish to address my remarks. We are now a town of over 9,000 and by all counts destined to grow greatly over the next few years.

The Community Council has represented these people for over ten years. Judging by the number of estates that have grown up over the last ten years we should have a representative body of roughly 50. Add to this, the clubs and societies which could be represented on the Council, we could have a body of 70.



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Community Council Notes

Since I have been a member I have rarely seen more than 20 at a meeting. New members come from the various new estates but they do not appear to last long. Many estates are not represented at all: Kingsbry, Carton Court, some estates in the Newtown area. So we must ask ourselves: are we as a Council relevant to the whole area?

I believe we have been and again can be very relevant and be a body for bringing the old and new together for the good of all the community.

The saddest thing I heard over the last number of weeks was somebody trying to identify who were the dissenters in the community. Their answer was that it must be the new people from the new estates. Almost all of us are new here. We are to some extent a new town around an old and very strong heart. Let us welcome all the people from the new estates and find out what they have to offer to our and their community.

Some suggestions for the future to make this possible. Some people have felt let down that the Council did not take a stance on the Draft Development Plan. The reasons have been given in other forums. The Community Council could show that it is interested in enabling and empowering people to put their views across by holding a public meeting within the next ten days, where all the various groups can give

their opinions to the public. Space should be allocated for people who wish to have petitions against rezoning signed and also to have those who are in favour of various rezonings to have the space and time to put their opinions across. Residents' associations, clubs, traders, Chamber of Commerce, etc., should be encouraged to put forward their views. Let us invite the politicians and they can hear the views of all of the people of Maynooth.

Some other suggestions for the year coming is to make the Festival a true celebration of our pride in the heritage of the town we live in.

For example, let us not have our heritage sites as simply something to look at, rather let us use them. Carton Avenue would make a wonderful setting for one of the most successful events of last year — the Teddy Bears' Picnic. To a six-year-old it probably does look like a wood. A *Son et Lumière* in the grounds of the Castle would give people the opportunity to enjoy the Castle and also to have a good evening. The new Square is an ideal site for street theatre either by adults or children. The very structure of the site would be of great advantage in staffing a pageant of the history of Maynooth: Silken Thomas emerging from one of the Tower gates to throw down his sword or the early priests and students of Maynooth college walking across its open greyness. A history tour to close the Festival is another

suggestion. These are just some suggestions. I am sure others will come up with other ones. One other suggestion to do with the town and how it looks has occurred to me. The AIB building is still the only building without a steeped roof right along the Main Street. We should really endeavour to have AIB rectify this in the coming year.

Thanks to Norah, Freda and staff in the office and to the Executive and to everybody who made a contribution in the past year.

It was a shock to the meeting when the Chairperson, Patricia Condron, stated that she was not seeking re-election for the position and that she was also standing down as the Editor of the *Newsletter*, organiser of the Citizens' Information Centre and Chairperson of the Festival Committee.

This was followed by the Secretary's address.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL 1996:

Meetings held:

The Council held six meetings including a special meeting on the Draft Development Plan in June 1995.

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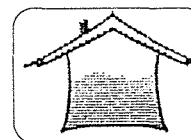
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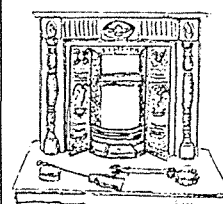


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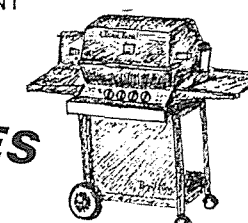
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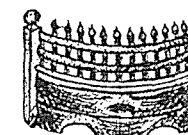
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Community Council Notes

This Plan has been the main item of discussion at all meetings this year. Other meetings were held in September, November, January and March, which all concentrated on the Development Plan for Maynooth. All the councillors for the area have been invited to meet on the topic. The Town Plan and the future of the Castle have been major considerations also.

Resignations and Co-options:

Resignations: Tony Bean, John Curran, John Doogan. Co-options: Connie Harpur ICA, Chamber of Commerce observer Willie Coonan, Des Matthews (Woodlands), Bill Gannon (Rockfield Rise), John Doogan (Bond Bridge Action Group), Liz Stoll, Mary Carter, Paddy O'Connor (Parklands), Paul Masterson, Kevin Murphy (Silken Vale).

Correspondence received and sent:

To TDs, Councillors, Ministers about Carton House, Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field, to Kildare County Council about the Straffan Road, the Square and the pipe-laying, to solicitors Brown and McCann, Mary Cowhey about the Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field. The United Nations veterans joining the St. Patrick's Day parade, to TDs and Ministers re the FAS schemes, the College about the Open Day in June, from Leixlip Town Commission re railway lines, Screenphones about a commercial television channel, Traffic West about extended bus service and west

suburban rail line, Bus Atha Cliath about the Nitelink, Parson Street residents' petition about the dangerous road, the Gardai about traffic at the College and the danger in the Square, from councillors about Road Grants, the Money Advice centres about setting up one in Kildare, Chamber of commerce re parking, C.M.I. and the Minister re TV reception, SIAC re the state of the Straffan Road.

Meetings attended:

The Executive attended meetings with the Maynooth Development Association, G.A.A., Soccer Club, Tidy Towns and the Athletic Club about the Harbour Field and the Geraldine Hall. The lease on the hall expired on the 25th March, 1995, and we are in the process of negotiating a new arrangement with the owner David Nall-Cain. Matters are moving very slowly, despite the fact that Mary Cowhey has acted as our solicitor for the past two years in the matter. We are in negotiation with Brown and McCann solicitors at present, but the owner is very slow to respond. We also attended meetings with FAS, the Bond Bridge issue, Planning with the College and the Kildare MABS.

The FAS Projects:

The Council has sponsored employment schemes since 1985. We have come a long way from the seven workers which were employed when I first joined the Council in 1987. We

now sponsor four Community Employment FAS projects, a total of 57 employees. In the past we have also sponsored Teamwork schemes. At present we employ 12 in the Citizens' Information Centre, twelve with the Tidy Towns (the committee looks after the day-to-day running of the scheme), 17 and 16 on two different projects situated in the Community Council offices on the Main Street.

We had some difficulties with FAS during the year due to the cut in numbers on the various projects throughout the country. We had been promised a maximum of 25 workers per office scheme but this was reduced to 15 each quickly afterwards. We had rented additional office space to accommodate the extra numbers which was then unnecessary. The RCAG now rent some of this space from us. During the summer we participate in the Student Employment Scheme through the Department of Social Welfare.

The biggest development within the FAS projects is the training of the supervisors and the workers. All our supervisors are in the training process and the staff are attending work-time and own-time training. This cuts down greatly on the hours of time available from the workers for our projects and we need to increase the number of employees to compensate for the loss. The extra funding for all of this is a

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very heavy commitment and we have come a long way since four of us put up our houses as guarantee for £4,000 some years ago. The committee are always personally responsible to the bank if there are any financial difficulties.

Sub-committees:

Most of the Council's day-to-day activities are carried out by the committees, some of which are fairly permanent and others which are established on an *ad hoc* basis. Nine active committees exist at the moment.

Citizens' Information Centre:

The centre is now one of the biggest in the country since it was established by the Community Council in 1984. It serves Leixlip, Dunboyne, Celbridge, the College, as well as the centre at the Town Mall beside the Community Council offices. The work is mostly carried out by C.E. workers under the supervision of Breda Gormally. A heavy training schedule is provided by the N.S.S.B. The centre also provides a solicitor and accountant who give their services free of charge. The office is to be computerised in the near future.

The Council and the C.I.C. are involved in the Kildare M.A.B.S. which will open shortly with one office in the south of the county and a sub-office in Maynooth. Full-time employment will be available here.

The Department of Social Welfare, Eastern Health Board and Credit Union are a few of the others involved.

Festival Committee:

Guinnesses sponsored the Festival last year, which was quite successful. SIAC also sponsored a street party. Other events were the Teddy Bears' Picnic, the Fire Brigade Display which the children love, Poetry Reading, Soccer, the College Open Day, etc.

Tidy Towns:

There were extra points gained again in the competition. Litter is still a major problem. The Environmental Officer has visited the town, noting what is necessary. The new scheme has begun since March and the Community Council paid the insurance which will be paid back monthly. They will be working on flower beds and the Harbour Field and continue the good work on Carton Avenue which the County Council no longer maintain.

Newsletter:

A weekly newspaper started in the town last year but it did not last long. It was decided that the cover of the Maynooth *Newsletter* should be a different colour each month. The sales have gone up slightly and the new estates should now be targeted. Thanks to Peter Connell who has helped the office workers to improve

their pagemaking skills.

Community Games:

The competitions are in progress at the moment at local level. The Kildare finals of all competitions will begin shortly. Those who succeed will go to the All-Ireland finals later in the summer. The secretarial work for the committee is now carried out by the staff in the office.

Summer Project:

The Maynooth Summer Project requested to become a sub-committee of Community Council due to the difficulties in finding committee members. The voluntary committee are now aided by the staff in the office and helped by the Summer Student Scheme. The project was very successful last July with many children enjoying such activities as swimming, tennis, football, trips away, arts and crafts, barbecue, picnics, bowling, etc. The next project will take place in July.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

The parade this year was the most successful to date, despite some unnecessary publicity concerning our continued search for bands. The theme of "Towards the year 2000" did inspire some good floats but we need to impress upon the participants that more imagination and colour would improve the day. A huge number of people turned out to watch the parade.

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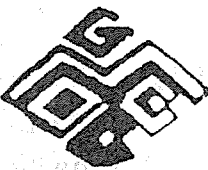
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Day / Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue
WEEK 1			
Tues 2nd July	10.30 - 12.30	I.C.A.Hall	Registration £2.00 £5.00 Family
Wed 3rd July	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Marley Park £2.50 (bring packed lunch)
	7.30	MADE Centre	Film 50p
Thurs 4th July	9.30 - 3.00	Greenfield S/C	Swimming £3.50 St.Paul's Raheny (bring packed lunch & Swimming hat)
Fri 5th July	2.00 - 4.00	Boy's School	Soccer / College (runners - runner boots only)
WEEK 2			
Mon 8th July	2.00 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE Centre Pitch & Putt Club	Crafts 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls & Clubs if possible)
Tues 9th July	11.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Indoor Fun Factory £3.50 (packed lunch)
Wed 10th July	2.00 - 4.30 7.30	Boys School MADE Centre	Soccer/College Film 50p
Thurs 11th	2.00 - 4.00	MADE centre	Quiz 50p
Fri 12th	11.00 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Fort Lucan £4.00 (bring a packed lunch)
WEEK 3			
Mon 15 th	2.00 - 4.30	Boys School	Tennis / Olympic Handball
Tues 16th	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Zoo £3.50 (bring a packed lunch)
Wed 17th	2.00 - 4.00 7.30	MADE centre MADE centre	Crafts 50p Film 50p
Thurs 18th	2.00 - 4.30	MADE centre	Summer Fair
Fri 19th	9.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Walk in Wickla £2.50 (bring a packed lunch)
WEEK 4			
Mon 22nd July	2.00 -4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE centre Pitch & Putt Club	Bingo 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls & clubs if possible)
Tues 23rd	9.00 - 6.00	Greenfield S/C	Annamoe £6.00
Wed 24th	12.45 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Bowling Tallaght £3.50
Thurs 25th	2.00 - 5.00	Parish Hall	Disco Competition 50p

Community Council Notes

Planning and Development:

This has been the busiest committee this year due to the concentration on the Draft Development Plan and the town plan. The committee will now be examining broader issues in Maynooth and are looking again at the possibility of attaining Heritage status for Maynooth.

Communications:

This committee is redundant at the moment until the new Directory will begin preparation, if time allows with the training on the projects.

THANKS

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all the committees, to the Executive and to the Supervisors of the four schemes; Martin Sherry, Breda Gormally, Freda Kelleher and Norah McDermott. Also a word of thanks and appreciation for the workers who have worked and are working on all four projects. Norah in particular had a very difficult year, preparing her training material for FAS and trying to work at a normal rate. The other three supervisors now face the same task and need our support and help.

Proposals for new Executive

To re-apply for Town Commission status. We should prepare a leaflet to help the residents in new estates find the basic facilities and perhaps give the Newsletter free for one issue. The office is in need of new computer equipment. Perhaps some amendments need to be made to the Constitution. FAS must be petitioned strongly for an increase in numbers for the various projects now that the embargo has eased.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Then the Treasurer gave his report commenting that the financial situation would be difficult next year with increased expenses and the reduction in the number of FAS employees allowed by FAS.

The election of officers took place. Tom McMullon was proposed for the Chair by John McGinley and seconded by Senan Griffin. Elizabeth Stoll was proposed for the Vice-chairperson by Peter Connell and seconded by Tom McMullon. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin was proposed as Secretary by Christina Sauls and seconded by Tom McMullon. Dominic Nyland was

proposed as Treasurer by Peter Connell and seconded by Des Matthews. No P.R.O. was forthcoming from the meeting. The position will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

One co-option took place: Bridie O'Brien for the Lyreen Residents.

This year will be an election year for the council. It will be held at the end of August, beginning of September. All estates and outlying areas are eligible to have members on the Council. Details will appear in further copies of the Newsletter.

THE SQUARE

Contrary to public opinion, Maynooth Community Council had no input whatsoever into the planning of the new Square. This was entirely the work of Kildare County Council, which took place without any consultation with the Community Council.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary)

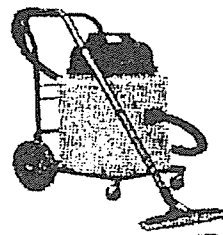
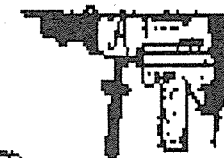
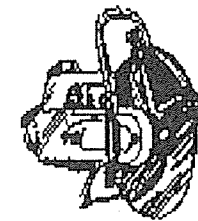
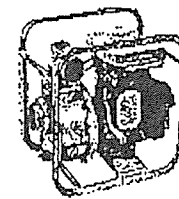
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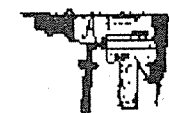
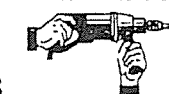
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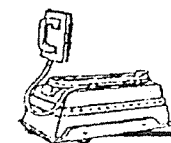
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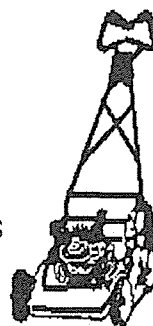
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STUDENT SUMMER JOBS SCHEME

For the third consecutive year Maynooth Community Council have been granted approval by Social Welfare to run a Student Summer Jobs Scheme. The Community Council Student Summer Jobs Scheme has been highly successful and has been going from strength to strength.

What is the Student Summer Jobs Scheme?

The Student Summer Jobs Scheme allows THIRD LEVEL students to take up part-time work useful to their community during their summer holidays and to receive payment for this work. The aim of the scheme is to promote a self-help ethic among local communities by availing of the many skills and talents of students and helping to improve local facilities at the same time.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

The scheme will operate from 1 June, 1996 to 30 September, 1996.

The maximum number of hours a Student is allowed to work on the Scheme is 200, over a 6 - 17 week period. The maximum hours worked per week cannot exceed 35.

Information for Students

Who can participate in the Scheme?

To qualify for work under the Scheme you must:

- be currently in full-time third level education
- be aged 18 or over on 1 June 1996 and
- satisfy a means test.

You CANNOT participate in the Scheme if you:

- are in second level education or just completing second level education
- will be completing a course of study at the end of the current academic year
- are getting Third Level Allowance, or other Social Welfare or Health Board payment
- are a mature student, age 23 or over on 1 January of the year you commenced your current course
- are doing a Post Leaving Certificate course
- are on a career break
- are not disqualified from claiming Unemployment Assistance under Section 126 of the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 1993.

GETTING WORK UNDER THE SCHEME

Students must get written approval from the Department of Social Welfare before the work/project commences.

Eligible Students will be given a Job Certificate and a booklet of Approved Sponsors.

Before starting work the Student must give his/her Job Certificate to the Sponsor.

Sponsors cannot accept a Student who does not hold a Job Certificate.

PAYMENT

The rate of pay for Students is £3 per hour up to a maximum of £600. The payment is not subject to income tax or PRSI.

Responsibility for contacting the Sponsors and seeking work rests with the Student.

Working arrangements are a matter to be agreed between the Student and the Sponsor.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Student Summer Jobs Scheme you must complete Form ST 1 and return your form by 31st May 1996 to Department of Social Welfare, P.O. Box 3988, Dublin 1. Applications will NOT be accepted after the above date. You should allow a minimum of 21 days for your application to be processed. Application Forms for Students can be obtained from your local Social Welfare office. The opening hours for the Maynooth Social Welfare Office are 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. For any further information Telephone (01) 7043875/6.

POINTS TO NOTE

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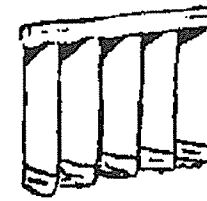


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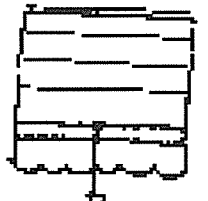
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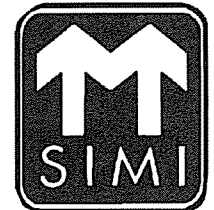


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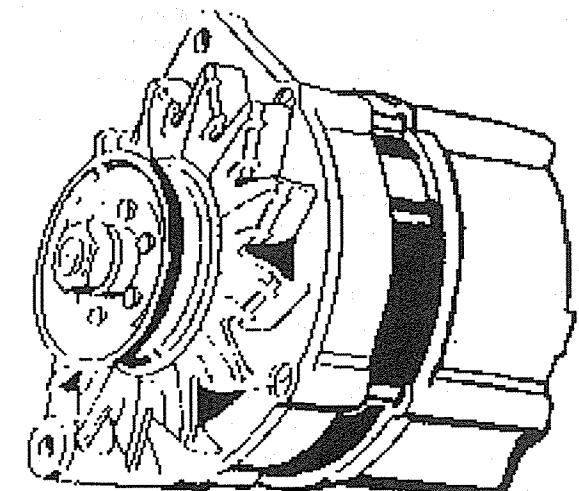
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Maynooth Development Plan

The deadline for written submissions from the public to the proposals agreed at Kildare County Council and outlined in the draft plan was May 25th last. We would all agree that this has been a lengthy and difficult process. However it is far from over as the real process of lobbying begins now as many of the proposals do not have widespread support among the people in the town. As regards objection to the proposals, two groups are mainly co-ordinating public reaction. One group are campaigning for the preservation of the land around Carton Avenue from development. The other group known as the "Maynooth Planning Alliance" is made up of Residents' Associations from throughout the town. This group are concerned with the overall level of development proposed in the plan and the unacceptable aspects of the plan, on which they would have a common approach. Both groups will continue to seek your support in the period up to the voting on the plan by the full Kildare County Council.

Maynooth - The Heritage Town

At our meeting held in April it was decided that we should seek formal heritage town status for Maynooth. We took a look at some of the publications on Maynooth, including the recently produced Maynooth Atlas which is an excellent piece of work and a valuable collectors' item. **The main decisions taken at the meeting were that we would do the following:**

1. Seek further information on what achieving this status would mean for the town.
2. Hold a public meeting as soon as possible to ensure full support for the proposal from the people in the town as there was some reaction against it when this idea was last raised a number of years ago.
3. Review the Community Council files on the proposal.
4. Try and ensure that all groups in the town who would like to achieve this goal would work together.

It is this last one that we would like to repeat again. We would like any group or individual who has been, or wants to work on this project to contact us. We should all work together and use the many files held by the Community Council as our starting point. Please contact the Community Council office.

Traffic Road - Motorway Link or Motorway !!!!!

Now that the Straffan Road is complete and even the traffic lights are switched on, it has been brought to our notice that there are issues that relate to safety on the road. Many motorists coming from the M4 do not appear to notice the 30 M.P.H. road speed signs, despite the fact that there are a number of signs along the road towards the town. Residential areas such as Parklands have significant difficulty in joining the Straffan Road. It seems as if when motorists see the unfortunate residents slipping into traffic, they speed up just to get the chance to blow their horn. Perhaps we need bigger road signs to indicate the speed

limit, to keep in line with the size of the road. Another solution would be to have the occasional speed trap. Then we would have the flashing headlights to warn other drivers ...is there any solution? Other residential areas have similar problems, so let's beware.

Train Timetable Changes

Regular train users will by now be aware of the revised timetable and the increased capacity on trains together with the additional late night service leaving Dublin at 22.10. But this new service must be used if the service is to be maintained. One important concession has been achieved in the fact that some trains now serve beyond Connolly Station. However, there is a big gap in the service from Dublin in the evening between the Sligo train and the next service at 20.55. This issue will be pursued in partnership with our colleagues in the other towns along the line. We believe that additional rolling stock will become available in October '96 with the arrival of new trains for the Belfast service and we will be looking for these carriages to provide additional service in the morning around 8.30 and in the evening between 19.00 and 20.00. We will keep you informed of our efforts and if you agree please contact Iarnród Eireann.

Those Traffic Lights.....

The new traffic lights which came into operation in the last few weeks on the main street and Straffan road junction do not seem to have improved traffic flow in the town. In fact the exact opposite has happened as considerable delays are now experienced throughout the day. Traffic is stretching back out the Kilcock road and back towards the M4 on the Straffan road. It was better without the lights!!!! Recent surveys show that the traffic is mainly local and the reduction in traffic on the Kilcock road is not as high as anticipated after the opening of the M4. Traffic from Kilcock is coming into Maynooth to join the Motorway. Perhaps a regional review of traffic needs should be undertaken to see how we can improve the situation.

Paul Croghan (Chairman)
Planning and Development Committee.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

Basketball

Congratulations to the boys' U-13 team who returned home with silver medals from the 'A' Section of the Kildare finals. Great sportsmanship and teamwork was displayed on the day. We are grateful to Mr. Grundy, Boys' National School, for the preparation and encouragement of this fine team, also to the Post Primary School for giving the Community Games the use of the gym for practices over the past number of weeks.

Boys' Team

Robert Hammond, Phillippe Campbell, Tommy Fox, Brian Downey, Barry Hogan, Colin O'Neill, McDara O'Shea, Ray Fitzgerald, Alan Sweeney and Pierre Ennis. Team coach and trainer: Emma Fleming. Team co-ordinator: James Fleming.

Swimming

The swimming event took place on Saturday, 11th May. This was a huge success and a great afternoon's fun for all the children. The help from the parents was much appreciated on the day.

The committee are grateful to Jim Fleming for co-ordinating the swimming event and to the two life-guards, Elaine Fleming and Elizabeth Whittaker for doing the necessary on the day.

Results as follows:

Girls: U-8 Freestyle: 1, Deirdre Mulcahy; 2, Síomha Glynn. U-10 Freestyle: 1, Eibhlín Carr; 2, Naoise Glynn. U-12 Freestyle: 1, Andrée Heslin; 2, Jenny Dooley; 3, Aisling Bean. U-14 Freestyle: 1, Niamh Byrne; 2, Emma Fleming; 3, Emma Cullinane. U-16 Freestyle: 1, Thérèse Flood; 2, Ciara Baxter. U-10 Backstroke: 1, Eibhlín Carr; 2, Naoise Glynn. U-14 Backstroke: 1, Emma Fleming; 2, Aileen Devaney; 3, Emma Cullinane. U-16 Backstroke: 1, Thérèse Flood; 2, Ciara Baxter. U-12 Breaststroke: 1, Andrée Heslin; 2, Gráinne O'Rourke; 3, Elaine McNamara. U-14 Breaststroke: 1, Niamh Byrne; 2, Emma Fleming; 3, Emma Cullinane. U-16 Butterfly: 1, Thérèse Flood; 2, Ciara Baxter.

Boys: U-6 Freestyle: 1, Nevan Buckley. U-8 Freestyle: 1, James Molloy. U-10 Freestyle: 1, Alex Wall; 2, Sean Mac Namara; 3, Matthew Buckley. U-14 Freestyle: 1, Pádraic O'Sullivan; 2, Colin Cushion; 3, Alan Baxter. U-16 Freestyle: 1, Aaron McGrath; 2, Thomas Mullarkey. U-17 Freestyle: 1, James Mullan. U-10 Backstroke: 1, Alex Wall; 2, Sean Mac Namara; 3, Matthew Buckley; 3, Ross Cullinane. U-14 Backstroke: 1, Pádraic O'Sullivan; 2, Colin Cushion; 3, Alan Baxter. U-16 Backstroke: 1, Thomas Mullarkey; 2, Aaron McGrath. U-12 Breaststroke: 1, Dave Baxter. U-14 Breaststroke: 1, Pádraic O'Sullivan; 2, Alan Baxter; 3, Colin Cushion. U-16 Butterfly: 1, Aaron McGrath; 2, Thomas Mullarkey.

Good luck to all our swimmers in the County finals on June 8th in Athy Pool.

Pitch and Putt

Tony Bean's Pitch and Putt course was the venue again this year for our area competition on 16th May last. The beautiful manicured course and the glorious sunshine made this the perfect setting for the event.

This year's teams to represent Maynooth at the County competition at Ballymore Eustace on 16th June at 10 a.m. are as follows:



Girls: Bríd-Ann O'Shea, 65; Ciara Baxter, 74; Suzanne Butler, 72; Triona Cahill, 77; Emma Cullinane, 69; with Team Manager Mattie Callaghan.



Boys: Donal Houlihan, 68; Andrew Lynch, 63; John Fagan, 58; Brian Shields, 62; Alan Baxter, 63; with Team Manager Alan Cahill

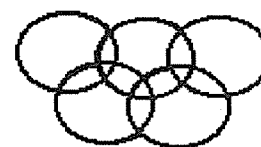
We wish the boys and girls the best of luck in June and are grateful to Mattie Callaghan and Alan Cahill for co-ordinating this event again this year.

A big "thank you" to Mary and Tony Bean for making their facilities available to the Community Games again this year and to add to the success of the day supplied refreshments to all present.

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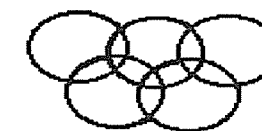


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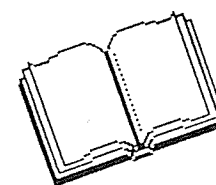
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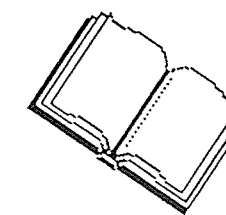
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County Swim: 8th June, Athy, 1 p.m. County Pitch and Putt: 16th June, Ballymore Eustace, 10 a.m. County Athletics: 22nd and 23rd June, Newbridge.



Matthew O'Gorman, who won a gold medal in the under 10 Modelling Competition in the Kildare Community Games Finals. Matthew will now represent Kildare in National Finals.

*K. Mullarkey,
Secretary.*

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH BRANCH

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The Royal Canal Amenity Group Ltd (Parent Group)
Annual General Meeting (Chairman's Report)

"The difficulties regarding the Lifting Bridge at the 1st Lock, Newcommen Bridge, have now been resolved. The papers are in the Chief State Solicitors Office awaiting finalisation". Spokesperson for Waterways Services Division, Dept. of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, April 1996.

"I look forward to the day when the Dublin Rally will continue through the sea link with the Royal Canal where I've no doubt it will be welcomed by its sister organisation, the Royal Canal Amenity Group."

Excerpt from speech by the Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht with responsibility for Waterways to the I.W.A.I. on the occasion of the Dublin Rally to mark the bicentenary of the opening of Grand Canal Dock, and from the same speech: "You will be pleased to hear that the difficulties with respect to the lifting bridge at Spencer Dock have been resolved and this work should commence shortly."

All of the fore-going presents a very hopeful picture. I have little doubt that the boats will cross the Liffey and proceed up the Royal next year. However, the Spencer Dock area is fraught with the greatest difficulties and will remain so until the sea gates are installed. Great emphasis was expressed on the need for the replacement of the sea gates in the Corridor Study and it is our intention to maintain pressure to see that

this is done without delay.

Mullingar - The Dublin Road Bridge

The news here is not good. When first announced that this horrible monstrosity was to go, relief was palpable. The lovely old harbour would return to life. Work was to commence in September (1994) and be completed the following Spring. A spokesman for O.P.W. confirmed that these dates were "within our time scale". The work never got under way. Another date was promised - September 1995. September passed as did October. We were then informed that the work would not commence until February 1996. The excuse given was that to commence work in November would create traffic chaos in the Christmas Season.

1996 arrived. A new obstacle. Planning Permission will be required.

This to me is crazy. Westmeath County Council fouled up the navigation by installing the culvert. It is now necessary for the waterway owners to apply to them for permission to restore it!! Why wasn't this done years ago when it was first announced that the culvert was to be replaced??

Every Branch along the Canal from Dublin to Shannon make up the Royal Canal Parent Group (Mr. Eddie Slane was re-elected as Chairman).

Maynooth Notes

There is a water leak under the Bridge, so to determine where the leak is the engineers have put green dye into the water, making the water look polluted which it isn't.

The short cut across the harbour field from the canal that is being taken by some people will be blocked off hopefully in the near future.

We are at present making arrangements to host Miss Royal Canal on the 19th July, which will take place during Festival Week dates being 14th July to 21st July.

Training on the Community Employment Scheme is ongoing, the workers will be on holiday the last two weeks in July but the Royal Canal office will still be in operation.

Freda Kelleher.

MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT

Finals for the Community Games took place on Thursday, 16th May, at the course. There was a good turnout with the players made up of half girls and half boys. Competition for the places on the team was keen (see results, Community Games Notes).

We would like to remind all clubs, residents' associations, pubs and companies that, as Community Week approaches, the course can be made available for inter-group competitions and we would have special rates for any competitions relating to this or any other organised event.

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BADMINTON CLUB

The Junior Badminton season has just ended with competitive Tournaments played in the Improvers and Advanced groups. We congratulate the winners in each section, who were proudly presented with trophies: followed by refreshments for all participants.

We wish to thank our supporters, parents, coaches, the hall committee and Fr. Supple for their valued support during the season.



Back L-R:- Brian Rice, Fr. Supple, Colin Phelan. Front L-R: Mark Quigley, Paul Dunne.



Junior Badminton Winners: Back L-R:- Gerard McCarthy, Mark Dunne , Mark Watson. Front L-R:- Gillian O'Hurley, Elaine McNamara, Triona Cahill.

Secretary.

BAND BULLETIN

June marks the half way point in our year and it's a good time to review our progress in 1996.

Successes

We have had some outstanding successes to date in 1996 including Best Band Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade, Best Dressed Irish Band Limerick International Marching Competition and second prize in the National Band Championships in Dublin. In addition we were complimented on our excellent performance in the recent telethon massed concert in the Curragh Camp in April by no less a group than experienced members of the Band of the Curragh Command. High praise indeed from those in the know!

Young Achievers

This is also an opportunity to praise the work of the new officers of the committee who took on positions for the first time and have made outstanding contributions to the successful running of the band. It is encouraging to know that these young officers and committee members can be entrusted with the responsibilities of maintaining the tradition of Maynooth Band in the years ahead.

1916 Memorial

We were pleased to be associated with the unveiling of the memorial to the memory of those who marched from Maynooth to the GPO in 1916 as one of those men - Pat (P.J.) Weafer - had very strong links with our band serving as Staff Major for many years. He was indeed, as many older Maynooth people will remember, a striking figure as he led the band with military precision on many, many marching engagements.

Engagements

Our diary is rapidly filling up for this summer so if you need the band for your function please write to our secretary, Deirdre Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth, giving as much notice as possible.

Sad Loss

At our last meeting a vote of sympathy was passed with one of our senior members Mick Murphy on the death of his wife Kathleen. Mick has been with the band for over 40 years.

Classes

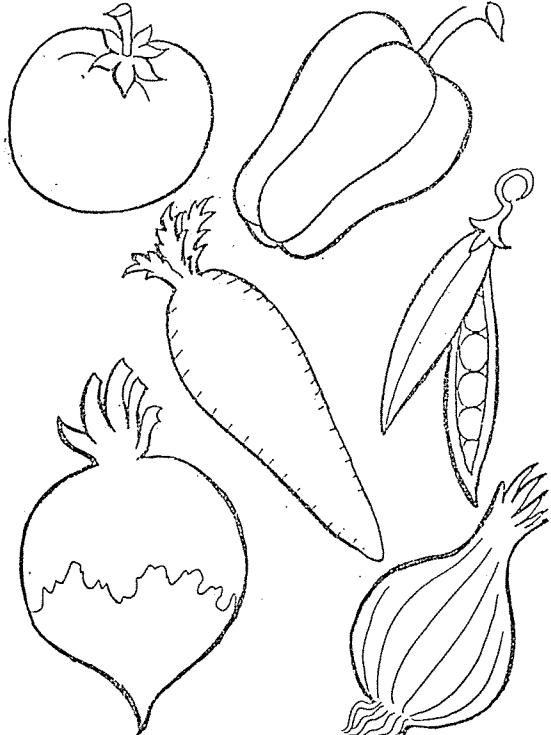
The last session of classes before the summer holidays has now commenced and our instructors are making excellent progress with the boys and girls and there have been very few fallouts during the year.



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Helen Clayton
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Kilcock

3rd place
Eibhlin Carr
6 Rockfield Manor
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association held its AGM in the ICA hall on Thursday 2nd May. Mrs. Marion Souhan was re-elected President of our Guild. In her President's address, Marion thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work in what was a very busy year for the guild. At this time last year our hall was the target for some vandals. As a result of this we had to erect grids to protect the windows. The outside of the hall was painted by some of our members during the lovely summer of '95. Marion thanked all involved in this work and also said she was pleased that the hall had been totally rewired in the recent past.

Marion congratulated the ladies who won the McCarthy Cup in the Table Quiz and those who won the AIB competition. Some of the other highlights of the year were: Helen and Felicity celebrating 30 years in ICA, Mary's trip to Arás an Uachtaráin and the presentation of a Souvenir Booklet by Old People's committee to mark their Pearl Jubilee. Marion welcomed the new committee members and said she hoped that she would have the committee's and the Guild's full support in the year ahead.

New committee

Vice president, An Grianán - Kay Burns
Secretary & Produce Officer - Rosemary Hanley
Treasurer - Anne Broughan
Sports Officer & Timire - Margaret Houlihan
Arts Promoter & Assistant Treasurer - Pattie Lavin
Craft Promoter & Assistant Secretary - Jo O'Connell
International Officer and Kitchen - Helen Finn
Contest Secretary and Hostess - Mary Flynn
P.R.O. & Entertainment Officer - Irene Matthews

Keys of ICA Hall

Mrs. Madeline Stynes, Moneycooley,

Maynooth is the 'key holder' for our hall for the coming year. Mrs. Souhan thanked Madeline for looking after the letting of the hall last year. Any person or group wishing to book the hall should contact Madeline at the above address or phone her at 6286443.

Guild Competition Winners

Competitions are held at each monthly meeting and at the AGM the ladies with the most points from these competitions are awarded prizes. In first place Jo O'Connell who receives free membership worth £20, in 2nd place Margaret Houlihan who gets £10 and in 3rd place Ursula Walsh and Rosemary Hanley who receive £5 each. Well done ladies.

Membership Fee Increase

It was agreed at our AGM to increase our membership fee from £18 to £20 for the year 96/97. This fee is now due and members are asked to please pay their fees as soon as possible. Ladies are reminded that they do not have insurance cover for Guild activities unless fees are paid.

Badminton Prizes Presented

Mrs. Marion Souhan congratulated all the ladies who entered the recent Guild Badminton competition and presented the first and second place prizes. Margaret Houlihan, Sports Officer, also congratulated the ladies. There were three categories and the winners were:

Category 1. 1st Rosemary Hanley and Veva Kearins, 2nd Margaret Houlihan and Yvonne Cher.

Category 2. 1st May Haren and Caroline O'Hurley, 2nd Mary O'Gorman and Ann O'Malley.

Category 3. 1st Patricia Murray and Bernadette Sweeney, 2nd Breda Lyons and Jo O'Connell.

'Return to the Hill' Trip

The trip to see 'Return to the Hill' will be on 29 May. Over twenty ladies will be brought by coach to the Regency Hotel where they will see the play and have some refreshments. Thanks to Irene Matthews for organising this trip.

Collections for Charities

'Thank you' to the people of Maynooth who once again contributed generously to our recent church gate collection for

the National Council for the Blind. We collected a total of £125.

During the year our members collect for three charities. These three charities are chosen at our AGM and the charities for 96/97 are the same as last year i.e. The National Council for the Blind, Arthritis Foundation of Ireland and the Irish Cancer Society.

Guild Activities

Badminton in the Parish hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30 a.m. Calligraphy in the ICA hall on Fridays at 8.00p.m. Crafts in the ICA hall on Mondays at 8.00p.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS are welcome to come along to any of our Guild activities and to our monthly Guild meetings. Just drop in on any of our activities and if you like what you see then all it costs is £20 to join our very friendly and active group.

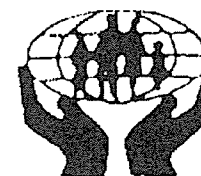
Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of Maynooth ICA will be held in the ICA hall, The Harbour, Maynooth on Thursday 6th June at 8.00 p.m. The competition for next month is an 'On the Spot'. Mary O'Gorman announced the winners of the 'Most Unusual Pincushion' competition at the AGM and they were: 1st Jo O'Connell, 2nd Julianne Kennedy and 3rd Rosemary Hanley. Marion congratulated the ladies and presented them with their prizes.

The AGM of the Kildare Federation will be held in Carragh G.A.A. Centre on 30 May at 8.00 p.m.

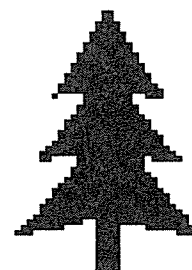
As my three year term of office as PRO comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during this time. I would especially like to thank the staff and editors of the Maynooth *Newsletter*, The Liffey Champion and The Leinster Leader. I would like to congratulate our new PRO, Irene Matthews, on her appointment and wish her every success.

Connie Harpur,
Maynooth ICA.

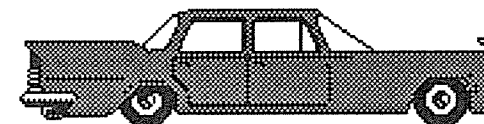


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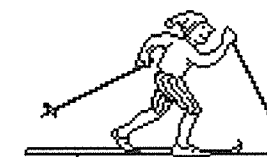
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Our final party for this season took place on May 12th in the Post Primary School and I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tom Ashe, Fr. David Boylan and Fr. John Dunne for making this and all our parties possible. We were joined for the evening by our friends from Dunboyne and Ballyboden and we thank them for taking the time to add to the enjoyment of the evening.



Members of Dunboyne and Maynooth Clubs at May Party

As promised we held a competition to celebrate "Bealtaine", the festival of the Arts. This proved to be very popular judging by the quality and the quantity of the entries. Congratulations to the winners and to all who took the trouble to enter into the spirit of the occasion. (See photo). You can see all their work on display in the Library. Many thanks to Jayne Savage and Maureen Dunne who had the unenviable task of adjudicating.



On Sponsored Walk in Carton L-R:- Kitty Connolly, Marie O'Toole and Ellie Leavy.

Meanwhile the Tony Smith Memorial walk was taking its annual route through Carton with the support of Minister Emmett Stagg and the Smith Family. Judging by the crowd and cards it will be as successful this year as in previous years. However we will report on that, and our annual outing next month.

Our club will close for the summer on Thursday June 27th and will re-open on Tuesday September 3rd.

Congratulations to Gearóid McTernan and Pat Malone both of whom celebrated their 80th birthdays in May, to Mary Coyne on her 90th birthday and of course Kitty Thomson, our oldest resident who celebrated her 96th birthday at Easter.



Kitty Thompson our oldest resident with bouquet of flowers for her 96th Birthday at May Party.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Mary Parker, Cissie O'Neill and Pat Nolan all of whom died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

J. Moore

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Annual outing takes place on June 29th to Mount Stewart Gardens in Co. Down. This is a National Trust Garden and well worth a visit. Cost of the outing is £23.00 which includes morning coffee, admission to garden and house and evening dinner in the Ballymacscanlon Hotel. Enquiries to Sarah Angel 6287231 or any committee member. Non members are welcome on this outing. The A.O.I.F.A. Charity for the next two years is The Hospice Foundation. Our club has already started fund raising and it is hoped to have a plant sale at all meetings for this charity.

Next meeting is on 18th June.

Demonstrator: Deirdre Ryan. Non members welcome.

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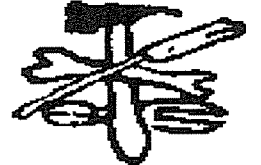
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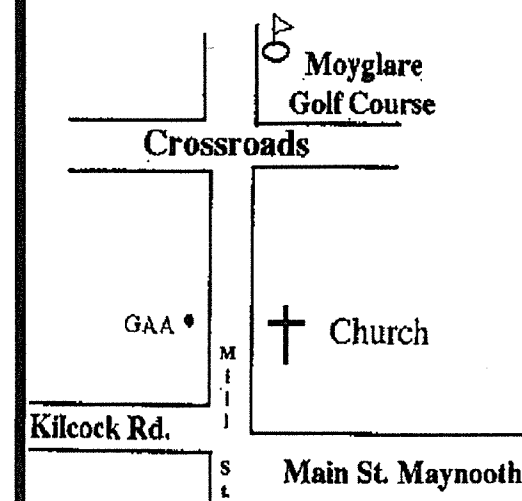
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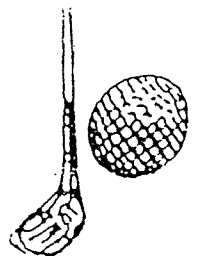
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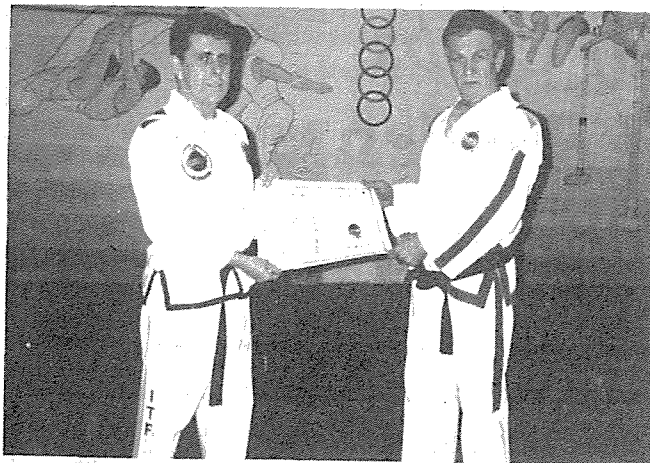
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TAE KWON DO NOTES

Maynooth Tae Kwon Do school has been very busy in the past weeks. The senior instructor Mr. Gerard McClelland 4th Dan has recently received his Certificate of International Instructor and Referee. This is a very important certification and is only given to instructors who have shown the qualities necessary to hold this title.

Mr. McClelland has been studying Tae Kwon Do for 17 years of which he has spent 10 years with the Maynooth School. He is one of the founder members of the school and is very much part of the day to day running and coaching of the school.

The photograph shows Mr. McClelland on left receiving his certificate from Master Robert Howard 7th Dan. The presentation of the certificate was done after Mr. McClelland had completed an instructors' course under the founder and most senior Master of Tae Kwon Do General Cho of Korea. Both the course and certificate are a great personal achievement for Mr. McClelland.



Mr. Gerard McClelland 4th Dan receiving his Certificate of International Instructor and Referee from Master Robert Howard 7th Dan.

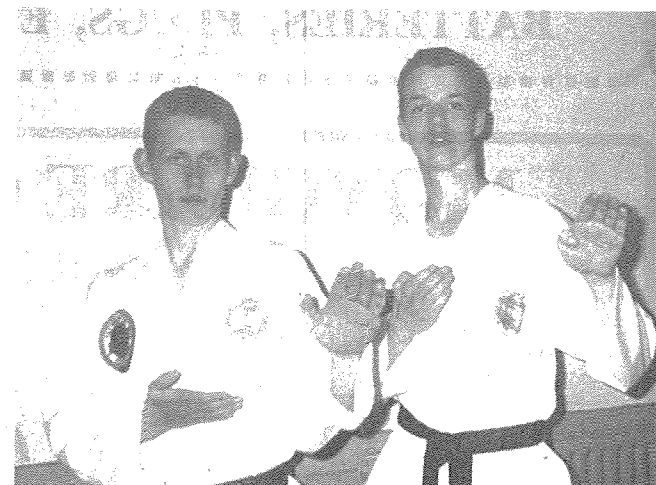
Following on from his recent certification Mr. McClelland completed his first full grading of Maynooth students on Monday 13th May in which 7 members were examined for progression to their next grade.

Meanwhile Mr. Cian McGinley travelled with the Irish Tae Kwon Do team to the European championships in Italy. The event was a four day competition based on the various components of the Tae Kwon Do training - Sparring - Patterns - and Destruction, with both individual and team competitions in the above sections. With over 30 countries taking part Ireland did very well and it was a great

opportunity for Cian to expand and develop his skills amongst the best in Europe. The knowledge and experience gained both in training for and participating in major events are indispensable to the participants and by spin-off the school in which the participants are involved also benefit.

Congratulations are due to Andrew Rowan on achieving the coveted black belt grade at a recent grading in the Spa Hotel.

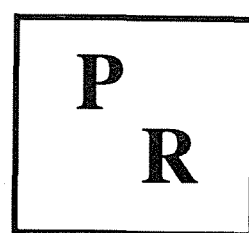
This is a special event in all Martial Arts students' lives and the culmination of much hard training and dedication.



Cian McGinley 2nd Dan and Andrew Rowan 1st Dan

Congratulations are due also to Theresa Mac An Airchinnigh and Vicky Draper who took first and second in the patterns section of an Open Competition held in Old Bawn, Tallaght.

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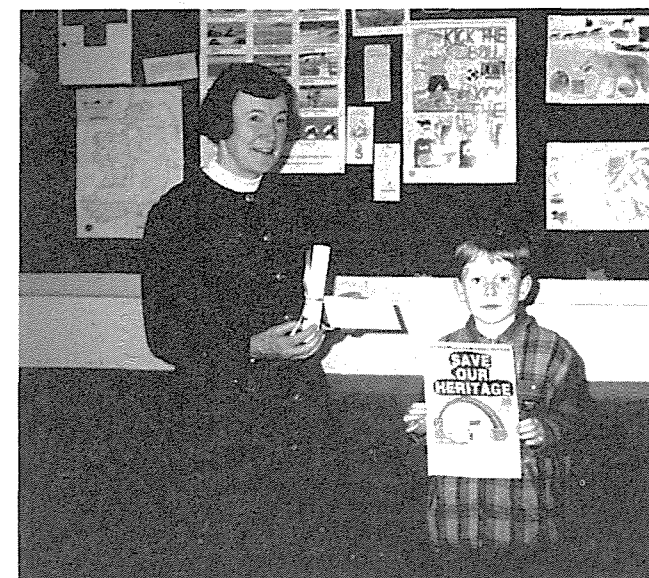
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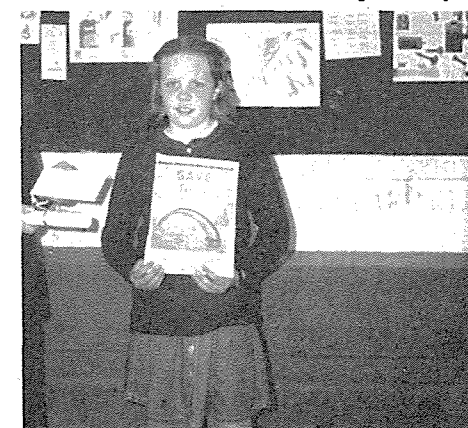
Prizes won in the children's colouring competition run by the group were presented by Mary Cullen at Maynooth Library on Thursday 16th May.

1st Prize went to Barry Stenson, Kilcloon.
2nd Prize to Triona Cahill, Leinster Park.
3rd to Orla Bambrick, Maynooth Park,
4th to Roisin Carney, Aisleigh Grove.

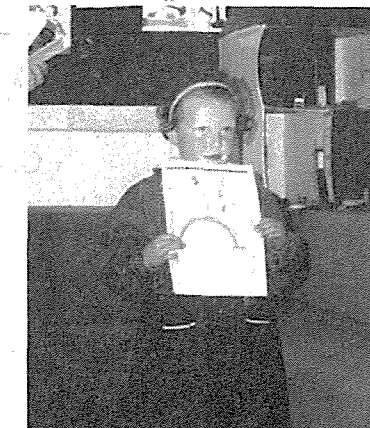
The house to house petition organised by the group is complete. There has been an overwhelming positive response to the petition. 99.9% of Maynooth residents do not want the lands adjacent to Carton Avenue rezoned for housing or industry. The petitions will be presented to Kildare Co. Council after all Co. Councillors have been lobbied to reverse the decision to rezone the lands. It is to be hoped they will listen and give the wishes of local residents the respect they deserve.



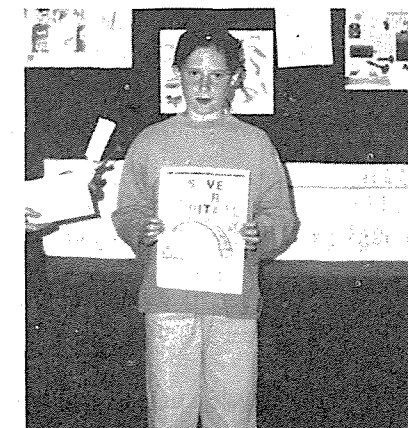
Mary Cullen presenting Barry Stenson with his prize



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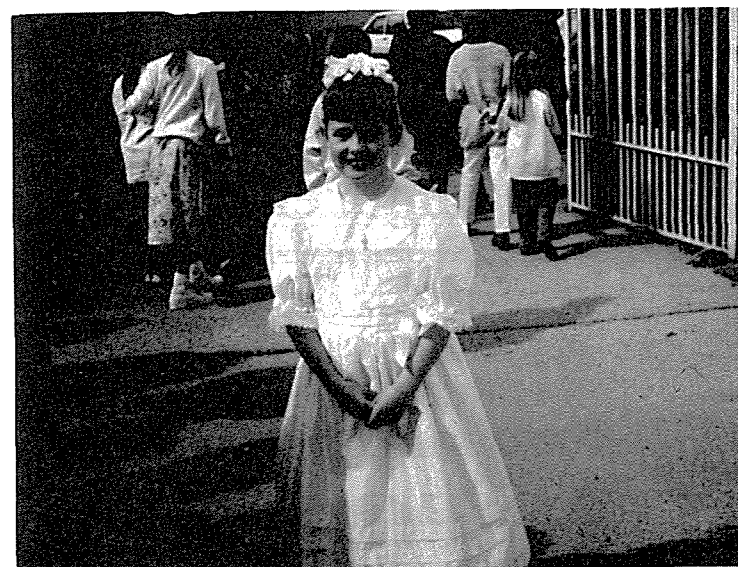
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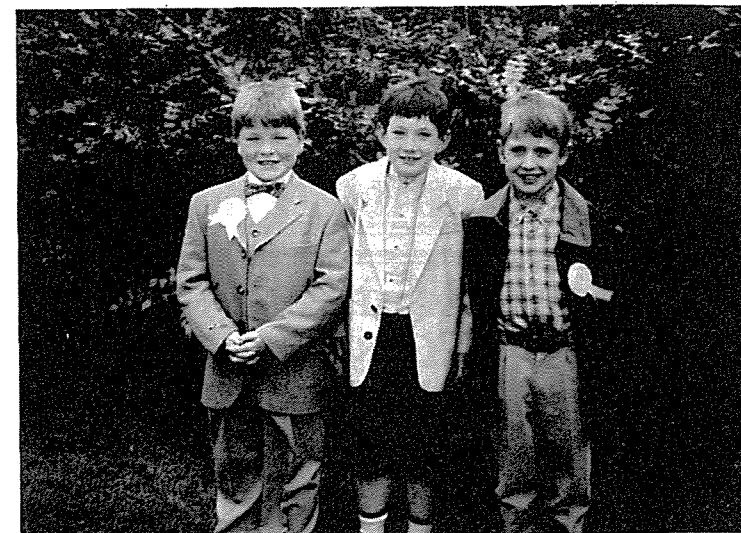
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Germany is also a very popular destination and most seem to have a job pre-arranged.

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Sun Holidays

The sun holidays are selling very well again for 1996. At the beginning of the year, Thomson Holidays started operating from Ireland, which sent "warning signals" right through the trade. This in turn led to a price war between the tour operators, thus giving the consumer better value holidays this year.

We still find that people still like to travel with the better-known tried-and-tested tour operators like Falcon, Budget and JWT.

Families always seem to go for the quiet areas but it has to offer plenty of activities for the children. We feel that Majorca and Portugal have been the first choice for most families. Alcudia in the north of Majorca has proved very popular and it has a lovely beach, shops and restaurants. Also, most of the apartments offer nightly entertainment plus kiddies' clubs.

The younger couples and singles like an action-packed holiday with lots of sun, sand and beer. For this reason the cost of living is very important. Turkey and the Greek islands allow people to have a really great holiday as the beer and food is a good bit cheaper than here. A pint of local beer would cost around 70p to £1.

The Canaries are popular — however, the reports are that although lots of fun can be found, the cost of living is much the same as here. For customers who like the more historical and touring holidays, we recommend Malta, Jersey or Italy.

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We are lucky to have such experienced staff working in Travel Options. Bernie Cotter hails from Celbridge and is the manager. Bernie has clocked up many, many years in the travel trade. No matter what the query is Bernie will always set you right.

Eileen Reidy, also from Celbridge, has worked for USIT for the past seven years and has been with us in the Maynooth branch for the past three and a half years. Eileen specialises in the student and package holiday market and will be delighted to help you book the "holiday of your dreams".

Emer Farrell, from Kilcock, has for many years been involved with the travel trade and has worked with Travel Options since they opened their doors six years ago. Emer has a great knowledge of the ferry holidays and long-haul.

All the staff have their International Air Travel Association diplomas, so no matter where you want to go we can get you there.

Elaine Rooney is a new member to the team, joining us this year. Elaine has been a real hit with the students and public alike.

We would like to remind all Maynooth people who may work in Dublin and have never booked their travel arrangements with us that you will get as good if not better rates right here in Maynooth. You will always be met with a pleasant smile and you will not be forgotten.

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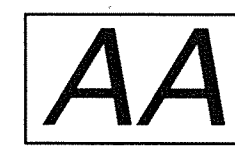
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Raffle Winners

Tom Cassidy - "Spanner" - Bertie Foley
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The organisers would like to thank the following for sponsorship, donations, prizes, etc.:

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We thank you for your patient way.
Dear old 67A.

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FEIS MAITIÚ

Maynooth students have excelled this year in various forms of creative drama in the Feis Maitiú competition held in Dublin during April. Two teams won 1st prize in creative drama bringing the cups to Maynooth. These were :-

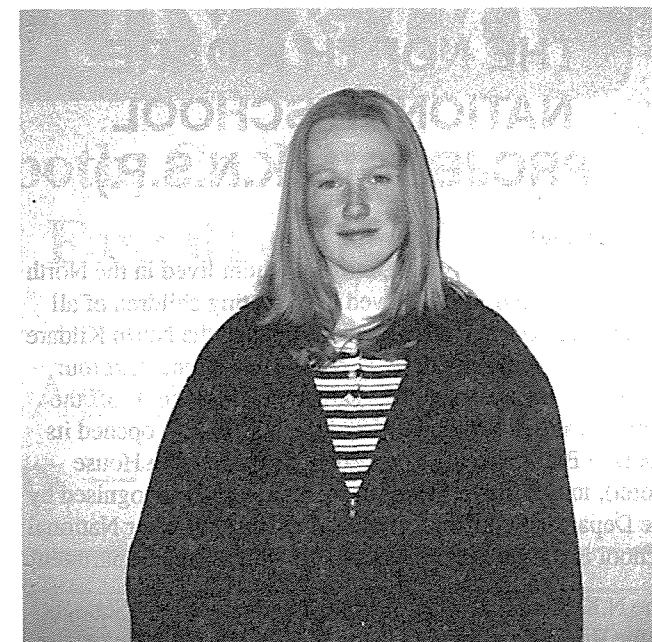


Under 14 :- Front:- Leah Richardson, Mark Watson;
Back:- Ruth Cahill, Laura Bruton, Gillian O' Hurley, Orla
Doyle and Sally Anne Grassick.



Under 12 :- Katie Rearden, Sarah Myles, Aileen Mc
Ternan., Daithi Duignan, Aoife Dunning, Doireann
Duignan, Seona McLoughlin.

Another team came third in Feis Maitiú.
These included :- Richard Bruton, Fergal Molloy, Brian
Downes, Louise Bruton, Micheal McLoughran, Sean
McLoughran, Shona Doyle, John Richardson.



Marie Nagle gained 1st place in Junior Recital.
She did works by Emily Dickson.

Congratulation goes to all the young people involved and
their speech and drama teacher Monica McDonald.

FIRST YEAR MASS AT MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The first year Mass at Maynooth Post Primary School was celebrated on Wednesday, 1st May, 1996. The celebrant was Father David Boylan and the liturgy of the word was carried out by first year students representing all five first year classes. This is an excellent way to begin the academic year. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and vice versa.

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

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

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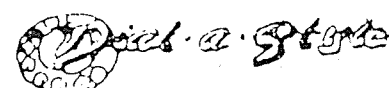


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THE NORTH KIDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT (N.K.N.S.P.)

Background.

In 1990, a group of people, most of whom lived in the North Kildare area and who believed in educating children of all creeds and backgrounds together, founded the North Kildare National School Project (N.K.N.S.P.). Over the next four years the group worked tirelessly to get the school 'off the ground', and in September 1994 the N.K.N.S.P. opened its doors at Ballymakealy Lower (beside the Setanta House Hotel), in Celbridge. The School is now fully recognised by the Department for Education and is, like any other National School in the country, subject to the rules of the Department.

The N.K.N.S.P., as with all Multi-Denominational Schools in the Republic of Ireland is founded on four core principles:

1. It is Multi-denominational, that is, children of all creeds and none have equal rights of access, and the social, religious and cultural background of each child is equally respected.
2. It is co-educational, that is, the school is open to boys and girls on an equal basis. Furthermore, every effort is made to ensure that girls and boys are actively integrated, and sexual stereotyping is avoided, both in attitudes and teaching materials.
3. It is child centred, that is, the school aims to be a place where a child's quest for growth, self-development and knowledge is fully acknowledged, facilitated and encouraged.
4. It is democratically run, that is, it is run by management committees which are democratically elected and run, and the involvement of all parents is sought and encouraged.

Management of the school.

All National Schools in Ireland have a Patron and in most schools the patron is the local Bishop.

The N.K.N.S.P., however, has been set up as a company and the company is the Patron of the school. The school is controlled and managed by its members.

Aims, Objectives and Curriculum.

The curriculum of all Primary Schools in the Republic of Ireland is laid down by the Department of Education.

Within the boundaries set by the Department, the Principal of each school sets out the aims and objectives of their school and plans in detail the curriculum which is suited to the ethos of the school and the environment in which it is set.

The N.K.N.S.P. aims to create a warm and stimulating environment so that children attending may work towards realising their highest potential. In co-operation with the parents, the school works to instil feelings of self-

confidence, self-awareness and self-respect so that the children are equipped to deal with the world, both in and out of school.

Within the boundaries of the academic curriculum the objectives are two-fold:

- (i) the achievement of academic excellence for each child according to his/her individual potential and,
- (ii) the promotion of cultural enrichment.

Religious Education.

The religious education programme followed by children in the school is known as the Religious Education Core Curriculum which introduces children to the major world religions and promotes respect and tolerance for all traditions and cultures, and the personal development of each child. In addition to the core curriculum, the school facilitates classes of denominational instruction for children who are members of particular denominations and whose parents want them to receive the religious education of their denomination. These classes take place outside regular school hours.

The N.K.N.S.P. Today.

Today the N.K.N.S.P. has 79 pupils enrolled in classes from Junior Infants to Fourth, and employs three full time teachers. The children come from a wide catchment area including Maynooth, Celbridge, Straffan, Lucan and Leixlip and free transport is provided for the children travelling from Maynooth. The school itself is located at Ballymakealy Lower (beside Setanta House Hotel) in Celbridge, on a site which has been provided by Kildare County Council. The School also enjoys the services of a Caretaker on a Fás employment scheme. Parental involvement in the school is promoted at all times with parents involved in a range of activities including Drama, Swimming, Art and Craft, School Outings and in the formulation of School Policy.

Plans for 1996 and Beyond.

Enrolment.

1996 will see the enrolment of a further 35 pupils at Junior Infant level in the school. There is already a waiting list for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 year and there are even 10 children enrolled for the year 2000! The level of applications for places reflects the level of support and demand for the School in the North Kildare area.

New Staff and Premises.

The school will recruit a fourth full time teacher who will start work in September 1996. The school will also be applying to Fás for a Classroom Assistant and for a School Secretary.

A new classroom will also be constructed before the start of the new school year in September 1996.

Fundraising.

The N.K.N.S.P., like other schools, receives funding from the Department of Education. However, unlike other schools the N.K.N.S.P. is not associated with any Church body. It therefore receives no funding from the Churches. To make up the shortfalls a group of parents have set up a Fund

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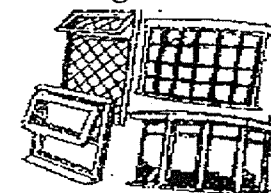
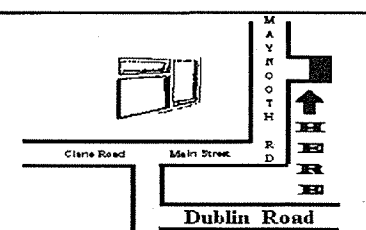
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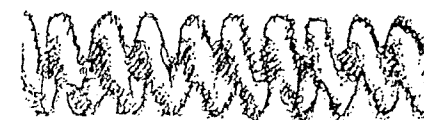
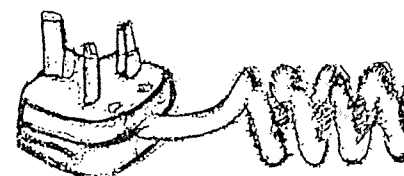
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Raising Committee and are very active in organising events which generate finance for the school.

Conclusion.

Multi-denominational co-educational primary schooling is a relatively new and exciting development in primary education in Ireland. The demand for multi-denominational education is ever increasing and North Kildare now has its own multi-denominational school, the first, and to date only, such school in County Kildare.

The school is now up and running and successful, and judging from the enrolment figures to the year 2000, it would seem that the future will be bright.

The N.K.N.S.P. believes in educating children of all creeds and backgrounds together and will ensure that the people of North Kildare have the option of sending their children to a multi-denominational co-educational primary school.

Further information can be obtained from the N.K.N.S.P. Tel (01) 6274388

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY NEWS

A party took place on May 15th in the New Assembly Hall for all the promoters of the Monster Draw. This party was a **thank you** to all of those parents and staff who worked so hard to make the draw a success. The hall is now complete and making a valuable contribution to life in the school and community.

Our next project is the furnishing and equipping of the Library and Oratory and the building of a Garden of Remembrance in memory of all our departed students, parents and staff. If any parent or student past or present would like to contribute to any of these projects then your contribution would be more than welcome. Our thanks to J.J. Costin for his design and planning of the Garden of Remembrance. Perhaps past students from different years might like to organise themselves in some way and make a contribution to this Garden in order to mark their years in the school. Hopefully before the year is gone we will have these three projects well in hand or even completed.

Next year we link up with Dublin City University and become part of a pilot project in Computers with them. Apart from the academic link, we will also have the benefit of fifteen new computers being supplied and installed for students use. Congratulations to Stephen McKeon and Aileen Flatley, both Junior Cert students for winning the Intel Award for best Third Year Students in Science and Maths. Well done.

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Congratulations also to Roisin McCauley who has just been made a scholar of TCD. This is a most prestigious award which confers many privileges on Roisin during her stay in TCD. All of the staff of Maynooth Post Primary congratulate Roisin and wish her continued success in her studies.

A presentation of £100 each and a silver medal was made to Catherine Devaney and Jamie Lawlor by the Moulin Rouge Boutique and Maynooth Bookshop respectively for achieving the best result in the Leaving Certificate 1995. At the reception Mr. Ashe, Principal thanked Mrs. O Flaherty and Mr. Byrne for their sponsorship and asked all people in Maynooth to support local businesses particularly those which give sponsorship to the school.

Having said all that, both myself and the rest of the staff would like to wish all of our students 'bonne chance' in the Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations.

Tom Ashe (Principal)

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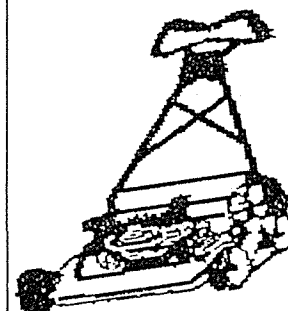
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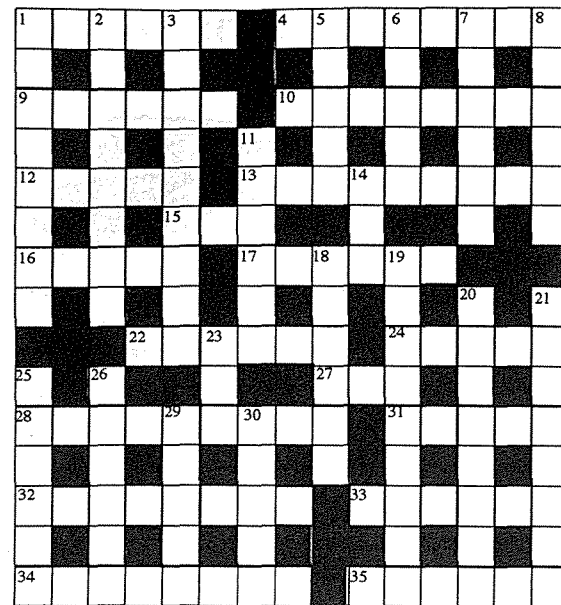
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Crossword No. 103



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, 14th June, 1996.

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Across:

- 1 Stylish (6)
- 4 Board game (8)
- 9 Bosom (6)
- 10 Hoodlum (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink (5)
- 13 Down under (9)
- 15 Unit of resistance (3)
- 16 Tuna fish (5)
- 17 Eastern temple (6)
- 22 Far East (6)
- 24 Share out (5)
- 27 ... Thumb (3)
- 28 Secret agent's job (9)
- 31 Zealous (5)
- 32 Shrub (8)
- 33 On fire (6)
- 34 Cheese (8)
- 35 Stupid person (6)

Down:

- 1 To list (8)
- 2 Coming into being (8)
- 3 Naval vessel (9)
- 5 Rocks (5)
- 6 Boring tool (5)
- 7 Container (6)
- 8 Cerumen (6)
- 11 Specimen (6)
- 14 Brace (3)
- 18 Water channel (6)
- 19 Amputate (9)
- 20 Barefaced (8)

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Winner of Crossword No. 101: Yes, it's that man again! You may recognise our April Crossword winner because he is Mr. Patrick Donoghue, 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth, who also won the January prize. He is pictured above being presented with his prize by Ms. Ursula Byrne, on behalf of our sponsor, The Maynooth Bookshop.

- 21 Spiny fish (8)
- 23 Hotel (3)
- 25 Recover (6)
- 26 Seem (6)
- 29 Small weight (5)
- 30 Boxing ring (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 102:

Across: 1, Regard; 4, Stockman; 9, Circus; 10, Terminus; 12, Ahead; 13, Commodore; 15, Hic; 16, Glebe; 17, Rattan; 22, Adhere; 24, Tenet; 27, Née; 28, Bric-a-brac; 31, Rated; 32, Estimate; 33, Carbon; 34, Sedition; 35, Sheets.

Down: 1, Recharge; 2, Gardener; 3, Roundhead; 5, Therm; 6, Cameo; 7, Mentor; 8, Nissen; 11, Accrue; 14, Mat; 18, Trench; 19, Aftermath; 20, Unstable; 21, Students; 23, Hob; 25, Obsess; 26, Jilted; 29, Admit; 30, Ratio.

Winner of Crossword No. 102:

Tony Myles, 10 Silken Vale, Maynooth.

Features

STRONG MAYNOOTH CONNECTIONS WITH NEW JAMES CONNOLLY MEMORIAL

The new memorial to James Connolly, the socialist, trade unionist and Easter Rising leader located in Beresford Place, opposite Liberty Hall, was unveiled by President Mary Robinson on 12 May 1996, the 80th anniversary of Connolly's execution.

The memorial was commissioned by the James Connolly Memorial Initiative. The chair of the Initiative is Michael Quinn of Lawrence Avenue and Mary Cullen of Main Street is a founding patron.



Mary Cullen, Michael Quinn and Hilda Dunne at the unveiling.

Designed by sculptor Eamonn O'Doherty, the memorial depicts Connolly standing before the Starry Plough, the flag of the Irish Citizen Army. The 7'6" figure of Connolly is in bronze and the 'flag' is cut and polished Wicklow granite. The principal inscription of the memorial is taken from Connolly's last editorial in his paper, The Workers Republic: "The cause of labour is the cause of Ireland, the cause of Ireland is the cause of labour."

Erection of the memorial was made possible by contributions from the Irish Government, Dublin Corporation, and over 30 labour movement organisations in Ireland and the United States, and from numerous other organisations and individual citizens.

The unveiling ceremony, as is the memorial itself, was a celebration of the ideas which Connolly represents. Music was provided by a folk orchestra from Sweden, the SIPTU band and the ballad "Where O Where is James Connolly"

was sung by Eleanor McEvoy. The actor Brendan Cauldwell performed extracts from two of Connolly's speeches.

The event was attended by approx. 1,000 people from all parts of Ireland, trade union delegations from Scotland and the U.S. and prominent labour movement leaders included An Tainiste, Dick Spring, Ruairi Quinn, Proinsias De Rossa, Michael O'Riordan and Gerry Adams.

Souvenir brochures and videos of the unveiling ceremony are available from Michael Quinn, 13 Lawrence Avenue (Tel 6285258) and the memorial, now entrusted to Dublin Corporation, belongs to the people of Ireland.

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TRIBUTE TO PEARSE O'CONNELL

From the drumlins of Monaghan to the Esker of Lucan, ending up in the plains of Nuada, M. P. O'Connell journeyed through two generations of Maynoothites. These 35 years have seen an enormous change from the mainly rural to present urban satellite town of Dublin.



Just as the College campus is divided in two, the four-teacher school of 1961 was also divided, with young Mr. O'Connell taking second class in the hall, now Barry's newsagency — while Frank Walshe and his two cohorts held court up the Moyglare Road. The streetside schoolroom had its disadvantages, especially in the lack of playground facilities. You could set your clock by the procession of Second Class boys marching around Pound Lane up Buckley's Lane, returning to the Main Street. It had the advantage of a dance hall next door, where drill and P.E. were introduced.

Pearse's interest in music and singing is reflected in his dedication to choral work and voice training. The grá he instilled and the perfection he encouraged is echoed in the harmony he achieved.

The fruits of his deep, varied interest in sport was soon to be reaped by the youth. His influence in sporting achievements in Maynooth extended through successive decades. This interest was not confined to the *crème de la crème*. His sport for all philosophy shone through. His interest and dedication to sport was national, varied and embracing of all codes. He was the theorist and the constantly active participant and motivator. This ethos is evident in the school and its hinterland, as past pupils continue to utilise leisure time usefully.

Tempus fugit — the years rolled on. From 1961 to 1971 Maynooth B.N.S. was unique — as it was a lay secondary top school — in which children continued their education in primary school to Leaving Cert. In 1965 the first pupils sat Leaving Cert. In 1971 Maynooth Post Primary opened — product of the Free Education Revolution. Mr. Walshe resigned, having indelibly left his educational mark in Maynooth. Mr. O'Connell took over the onerous post as Principal — assisted by Mr. Patrick O'Connor and Joseph McBride.

From 1971 to 1996, during his tenure, Maynooth has expanded. The school was extended in 1975 and now boasts a 16-teacher staff. Mr. O'Connell proudly and efficiently steered his teaching career through the exciting waters of change in education.

During those years, he worked in close co-operation with Fr. O'Riordan, Fr. Duff, Fr. O'Higgins, Fr. Supple, Fr. Walshe and the present chairman of the Management Board, Fr. Cogan. He always received the full support and confidence of his school staff.

I am sure everybody would wish to associate themselves with the sincere wish that he enjoys years of health, happiness and success. Good wishes are also extended to his wife Eén, his ever-supportive pillar of support, and his four children. His two sons are David, aged 26, and Ronan, aged 25. His daughters are Shauna, 21, and Fiona, 13.

PRESS RELEASE!!

COONANS ACHIEVE PRICE OF £106,000 FOR BUNGALOW IN KILCOCK

Coonan Estate Agents, Maynooth, achieved a record price of £106,000 at auction last week for a detached 4-bed bungalow at Dollanstown, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. The bidding began at £70,000 and the property was placed on the market at £100,000. This strong price reflects the unprecedented increase in demand for property in the general area since the advent of the M4 motorway and easy access to Dublin. Coonans report a price increase of between 8% and 10% for property in the Maynooth area and their recent sales reflect this. They are currently looking for a similar property for a disappointed under bidder who is relocating to the North Kildare area.

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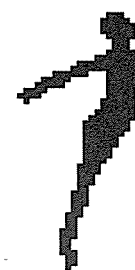
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3 Tbsp oil
1 large onion, peeled and cut into chunks
2 tsp chilli powder
700g / 1½ lb lamb neck fillet, thickly sliced
2 Tbsp plain flour
150ml / ⅓ pt red wine
150ml / ⅓ pt lamb stock
150g / 5oz self-raising flour
65g / 2½ oz butter or margarine
2 tsp caraway seeds
1 (200g / 7oz) can plum tomatoes
100g / 4oz mushrooms, quartered
Boiled long-grain rice
mixed with fresh chopped parsley to serve
Parsley sprigs to garnish

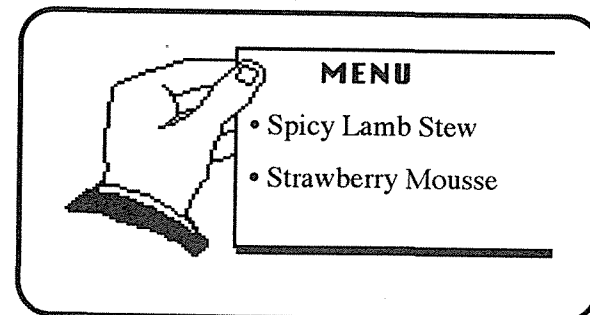
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1. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole. Add the onion and chilli powder and cook, stirring for about 4-5 minutes until softened. Add the lamb and cook, stirring for 5 minutes until browned.
2. Stir in the plain flour then the red wine and stock and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil, cover, reduce heat. Simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, make the dumplings. Sift the self-raising flour with a pinch of salt into a bowl. Rub the butter or margarine into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the caraway seeds, mix well.
4. Make a well in the centre and stir in 5 Tbsp cold water to make a soft dough. Shape into 12 walnut-sized balls.
5. Chop the plum tomatoes roughly and add, with the juices, to the pan. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the mushrooms and the dumplings and simmer for a further 20 minutes.
6. Serve the stew hot, with the rice, garnished with parsley sprigs.

TIPS:

As an alternative to caraway seeds, try flavouring the dumplings with fresh chopped herbs, grated lemon or orange rind or mustard, poppy or sesame seeds.

If preferred, use stewing lamb or boned shoulder instead of neck fillet.



Strawberry Mousse

Serves 6

450g / 1lb strawberries
25g / 1oz gelatine
120g / 4½ oz castor sugar
juice of 1 lemon
300ml / ½ pint whipping cream

1. Liquidise the strawberries and strain to make a puree.
2. Line a 450g / 1lb loaf tin with some cling film. Sprinkle the gelatine over three tablespoons of cold water in a small bowl. Place the bowl over a pan of hot water until the gelatine dissolves and liquid is clear.
3. Place 75g / 3oz of the sugar, half of the lemon juice and 150ml / ¼ pint of water in a pan and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the gelatine. Place in a bowl with 150ml / ¼ pint of the puree. Stand the bowl in iced water and stir continuously until it turns cold and thick.
4. Whip the cream until softly peaking, then whisk into the mixture. Pour into the tin and leave to set in the fridge.
5. Place the remaining sugar, lemon juice and puree in pan. Bring to the boil, strain. Chill.
6. Turn out the mousse and peel away the cling film. Slice and serve with the strawberry sauce. You can also serve the mousse with the strawberry sorbet or strawberries marinated in Grand Marnier liqueur.



SUCCESSFUL HANGING PLANTS

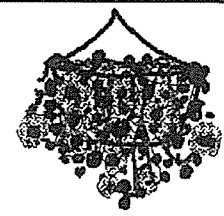
There are lots of different hanging baskets to choose from. The best type is an open mesh basket which can be planted on the sides as well as the top. Cram in as many plants as possible for a really top-class display. As well as traditional hanging baskets, there are terracotta wall pots in lots of designs and 'manger' style wall troughs. 'Swags' are a wonderful way of growing plants against a wall. They're tough bags which are filled with compost, then you cut slits in the bag through which to put the plants. After growing them on for a couple of weeks, they can be hung in their final position.

Always use a good potting compost. It's well worth adding a controlled-release fertilizer before planting. Although it's a little expensive, it gives good results and there's no need for additional liquid feeding until late summer.

There's a vast range of summer-flowering plants available in many colours, so you can make up your favorite colour schemes. Geraniums are available both as trailing ivy-leaved varieties, and upright types suitable for planting in the centre of the basket. The main colours are red, pink and white, though there are lots of different shades.

Fuchsias are also available in trailing and bush forms, with both single and double flowers in an enormous range of colours. Fuchsias dislike too much sun, as do Busy Lizzies (*Impatiens*), so they're ideal for a cooler shady site.

Petunias come in a wide range of colours. The new 'Surfina' trailing petunias are superb hanging basket plants that provide masses of colour. Tuberous begonias are excellent in baskets. The tubers can be bought and potted individually earlier in spring to



GARDENING HINTS

get them off to a flying start. Pendulous begonias provide a cascade of colour, while upright varieties make good plants for the centre of the basket. But these slightly fragile plants are only for a sheltered spot.

Tender perennials include some marvellous trailing plants that make a long-lasting and unusual display of flowers, like *Bidens ferulaefolia*, swan river daisy (*Brachycome*), *Lysimachia congestiflora*, *Portulaca*, *Scaevola* and *Verbena x hybrida*. *Lotus berthelotii* has claw-shaped, dark red flowers and its needle-like silver leaves are particularly attractive. Plants with cool foliage colours provide an excellent foil: *Helichrysum petiolare* has silver, lime-green and variegated leaves, *Nepeta* produces long trails of leaves, and *Lysimachia nummularia* 'Aurea' has yellow leaves and golden flowers. The latter two are usually hardy.

PLANTING UP A HANGING BASKET

Hanging baskets can be planted and put outside this month. If there's room in the greenhouse, they can be planted up in May and grown under cover for several weeks.

1. Line a mesh basket with a coir, wool or plastic liner, and put a circle of plastic in the bottom to help keep the moisture in.
2. Sit the basket on a large pot to keep it stable. Fill it with compost and, starting in the centre, fill round with lower growing plants, including trailing plants at the edges.
3. Hang the basket on a stout bracket which is securely fixed to the wall. Push trailing plants through the coir, so the whole basket will be a globe of colour. Water it thoroughly.

MAKE YOUR OWN POT-POURRI

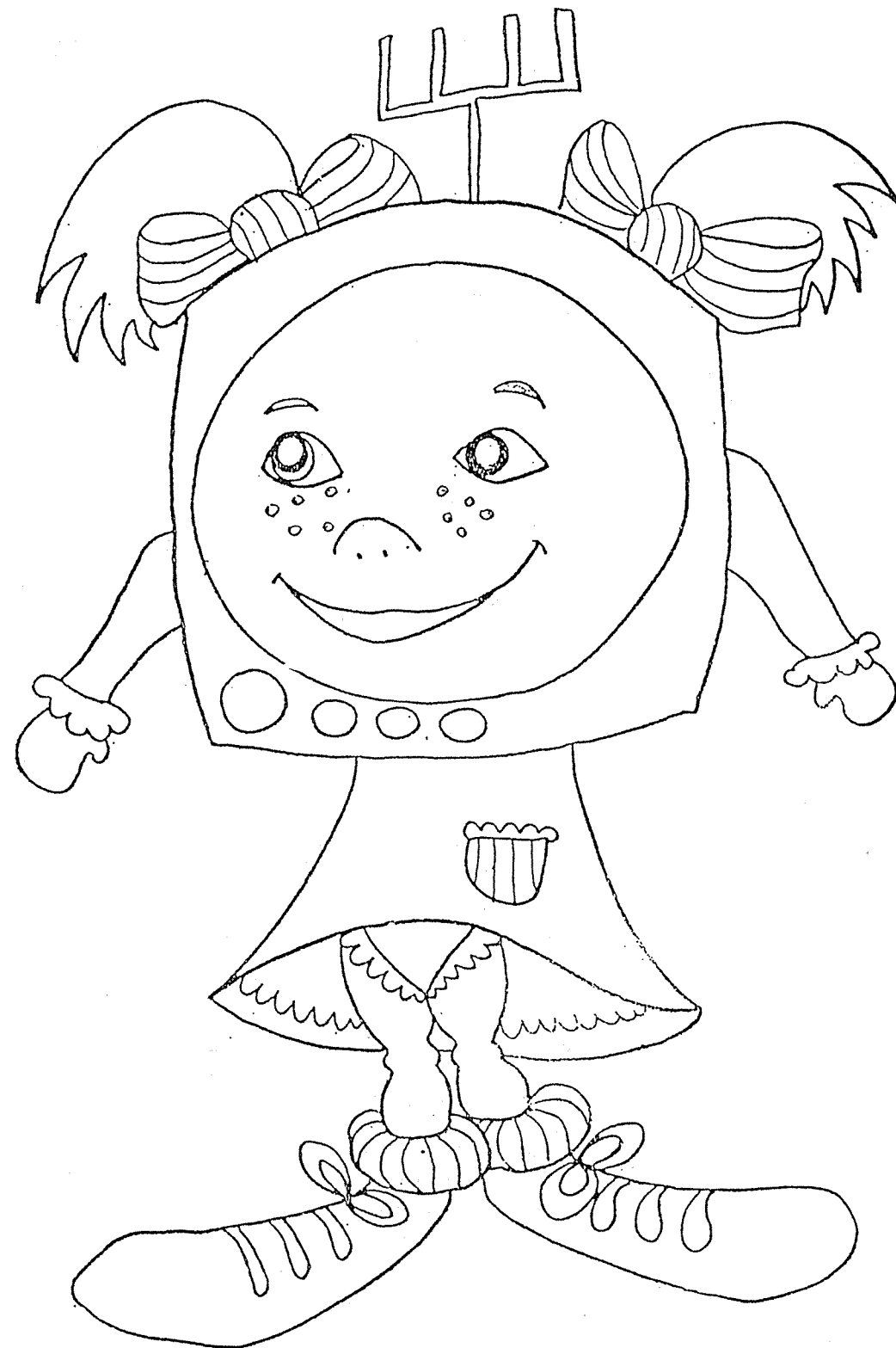
Bowls of fragrant pot-pourri are easy to make, and they're a wonderful way of bringing the garden's perfume into the house all year round. Their delicate lingering fragrance is far more pleasant than the smell of those ghastly chemical air fresheners.

Any scented flowers or leaves can be used to make pot-pourri. Fragrant flowers include roses, lavender, violets, broom, pinks, jasmine, honeysuckle and wallflowers. Plants with aromatic foliage include lemon verbena, lemon balm, eau-de-Cologne mint and pelargoniums with scented leaves. For extra colour add a few flowers of marigolds, pot marigolds, love-in-a-mist, cornflowers or sweet peas.

Pick the flowers and leaves early in the day when the weather's dry. Choose flowers that are nearly, but not quite fully open. Spread the flowers and foliage to dry outside on wire mesh that's fixed above the ground to let the air circulate thoroughly, or put them on trays in a very low oven with the door open.

When the material is dry and crisp to the touch, mix it together in a large bowl with some chopped citrus peel and about half a cup of powdered orris root to 'fix' the fragrance. Store it in an airtight container for a month or so, then put it in decorative bowls or jars around the house.





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Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES

Laraghbryan Cemetery:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has the following motion on the next agenda for the Celbridge area meeting of Kildare County Council: "That Kildare County Council take urgent remedial action to eliminate any further dumping at Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth, and remove household rubbish which is now causing the site to be infested with rats."

Cllr. Griffin is seeking from the Council a commitment to level the site, lay rat poison and to lock the gate to prevent further dumping. The present condition of the site is totally unacceptable and is disturbing for relatives of those who have members of their family buried in Laraghbryan Cemetery.

Cul-de-sac at Parklands:

Following a meeting with the County Engineer, Senan Griffin is happy to report that the County Engineer has no objection to the proposed cul-de-sac at Parklands. The realignment of the proposed link road will be surveyed by the engineering staff before a final decision is made. Deputy Bernard Durkan and Senan Griffin met with the residents' association and assured them of their support to have Parklands road a cul-de-sac.

Main Street plan:

The Main Street plan was discussed on Friday, May 17th 1996.

- (1) Agreement that the priority will remain with Parson Street Junction.
- (2) Fagan's Lane will be two-way without an exit onto the Main Street.
- (3) That Doctor's Lane be closed off at the Dublin Road.

(4) That the engineering staff further examine the drop-off and collection point for students at the Girls' Convent School.

Main Street lights:

Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. has expressed serious concern at the new system of traffic lights on the Main Street. Deputy Durkan has informed the County Engineer that the lights as presently programmed are a danger to the people and pedestrian users of the Main Street.

Bond Bridge:

Bernard Durkan and Senan Griffin attended the recent meeting regarding Bond Bridge and gave their support to have the listing of the bridge upgraded to No. 1 in the order of priority.

Intel / Hewlett Packard / Celbridge interchange:

At the recent Celbridge area meeting the County Engineer, Mr. John Carrick outlined the suggested position for a new interchange to accommodate Intel, Hewlett Packard and Celbridge.

Student Summer Job Scheme:

Any student keen to have a summer job should contact Deputy B. Durkan at 7043729 for information on the above scheme.

The Maynooth branch of Fine Gael meet on the third Tuesday of every month in the Glenroyal Hotel. Any new resident wishing to become a member should contact Deputy Bernard Durkan at 7043729 or Senan Griffin at 6285177.

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting on the 27th May.

“That the Council adopts the following policy in relation to Bond Bridge, Maynooth:

a) That Bond Bridge be treated as a project in its own right and not together with the Rathcoffey Road and further that Bond Bridge be included in the Top 3 of the priority list for Regional Development Funding.

b) Bearing in mind the following in relation to Development Levies for the New Bridge.

Account paid to 2/2/96	£286,533;
Still to be paid	£67,243;
Total	£353,776;
Amount spent in buttressing the Bridge	£120,900;
	£232,876;
Cost of New Bridge	£750,000;
Shortfall	£517,124.

N.B. Land zoned residential in the area and yet to be developed - 50 acres.

That Kildare County Council seeks approval from the Department of the Environment to take out the loan necessary to build the New Bridge forthwith and that this loan would be repaid from Special Development Levies on the 50 acres still to be developed.”

In addition the council have asked a contractor to carry out signage work i.e. “Slow” and “Caution” painted on the road. A continuous white line will also be painted on the centre of the road. This work should be completed by the end of May.

Parking By Laws

There are no parking by laws for Maynooth. Gardai representatives attended the Council meeting on the 10th May and they agreed to Councillor John McGinley’s request that they submit their proposals for double yellow lines to the Council before our next meeting on the 14th June. The Area Committee will then draft parking by laws for the town and the Gardai will enforce them.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

Our Annual Walk in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee was held on Sunday May 12th at 3.00 p.m.

The route for the walk was along Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank Michael Barry and Lee Mallaghan for opening Carton on the

day to the participants. The proceeds of the walk will be handed over to the Senior Citizens Committee by Minister Emmet Stagg during Maynooth Festival Week and we expect the final proceeds to be in excess of £1,500 this year. This will be a record amount for the walk and we thank all those who sponsored our walkers.

Bollards at Greenfields

Following complaints from local residents Minister Stagg has requested the Area Engineer to immediately put in place bollards on the footpath link between 861 and 1170 Greenfields to prevent motorists using the pedestrian area.

Congratulations to Cian McGinley

We would like to congratulate Cian McGinley on his achievement in representing Ireland at the European Tae Kwon Do Championships held in Italy recently.

Dumping at Greenfields.

Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have requested the Area Engineer to remove the large volume of rubbish which has been dumped in the Square at the back entrance to Greenfields.

Laraghbryan Cemetery.

The lack of response by Kildare County Council to the dumping near Laraghbryan Cemetery was condemned at a recent Branch Meeting by Minister Stagg.

Both Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley reported the problem to the Council and the Health Board in early April.

The Council have now pledged to clear up the area but the delay in doing so is simply not acceptable.

Parson Street

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the County Engineer has agreed that Council Officials will meet the committee of Parson Street Residents' Association in order to get their agreement to the proposed traffic calming measures for Parson Street. Cllr. John McGinley also asked the County Engineer to erect proper signage in the area, i.e. 30 M.P.H. and Hump backed bridge signs.

Doctor’s Lane Planning Application

A planning application has been submitted to Kildare County Council for 16 Apartments between Doctor’s Lane and Leinster Park. Cllr. John McGinley proposed at the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on the 10th of May that this application be rejected on the following grounds:

1. It is not a suitable location for apartments.
2. The proposed 3 storey blocks would over look the bungalows in Leinster Park.
3. The site already has planning permission for 4 bungalows.
4. The number of bed spaces will be far in excess of those permitted in the Maynooth Development Plan.

Maynooth Street Plan

The following was agreed at the Celbridge Area meeting on the 17th May.

1. Main Street/Mill Street will still be the main road.
2. Parson Street will still have priority over the College Road but realignment of Parson Street will take place. There won’t be a pedestrian crossing at the Parson Street/College Road junction.
3. Fagans Lane will be open to traffic in one direction only. Traffic will enter from Main Street and exit onto Pound Lane.
4. Public seating will not be located outside private houses.

Further investigation will be carried out on the provision of a mini traffic island at Main Street/Mill Street/ Parson Street junction and the closure of Doctor’s Lane at the Dublin Road end. Decisions will be made on these at our meeting on the 14th June. It is hoped that the work between Carton Avenue and the College entrance, including undergrounding overhead wires and paving of the footpaths, will take place this year.



Tony Smith Memorial Walk

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The A.G.M. of the above was held on Thursday the 18th of April in Gerry Brady’s office, Main Street, Maynooth. A well attended meeting (with standing room only for late comers!) heard reports of a successful year. Many new members have joined the Cumann in recent months.

The meeting was also attended by Cmmr. Paul Kelly, recently selected as a candidate for the party in the next General Election, to run with Deputy Charlie McCreevey. Paul addressed the meeting and outlined his views on the forthcoming campaign and strategy and assured the members of his availability to attend meetings and to deal with any problems or queries they might have.

Elected as officers of the Cumann for the coming year were the following:

President - Mrs. Eileen Kennedy; **Chairman** - Michael Caden; **Vice Chairman** - John Gillick; **Secretary** - Ruairi Newman; **Treasurers** - Conor McManus and Conor O’Dwyer; **Delegates to Comhairle Dáil** - Peter Finan and Michael Caden; **Membership Officer** - Conor O’Dwyer; **Youth Officer** - Anne Finan.

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Maynooth Post Primary school's under 14 Hurling Team qualified for the inaugural Kildare Hurling Final by defeating St. Farnans, Prosperous on a scoreline 4.8 to 0.0. played in St. Mary's Park on Friday 3rd May. Prosperous were no match for a Maynooth side determined to get a return crack at a Naas CBS Team, who defeated them in the under 14 North Leinster Final last year with a last minute goal.

Maynooth elected to play with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half, and early scores from play by Mickey Gleeson, Eoin Murray and an opportunist goal by corner forward Sean Brady enabled them to hold a 3-7 to no score half time lead.

While Prosperous tried hard for major scores in the second half, a resolute Maynooth defence led by captain Tommy Masterson and ably assisted by Alan "Nuller" Nolan and Joey Brennan held out for a convincing win.

Maynooth Team:
Mickey Mathews, Tommy Masterson, Michael Ryan, Joey Brennan, Aidan Doyle, Alan Nolan, Conor Diggins, Sean O'Flaherty, Mickey Gleeson, Aidan Molloy, Andrew Dalton, Sean Brady, Eoin Murray.

Subs used:
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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onwards. Children's under 12 years Tug-o-War

A Festival of Folk Dancing in the Square from
7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m.

Guinness Jazz Band - Glenroyal - 9.30p.m.

Monday 15th July

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band in the Square -
7.30p.m. - 9p.m.

Smithwicks' Music Night Leinster Arms

Guinness Table Quiz - Prize Money - £175
Caulfields - 9p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

Tuesday 16th July

Young Bands - Square 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m.

KARAOKE - G.A.A. 9.00p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

Wednesday 17th July

Accordion Band - The Square 7.30p.m. -
9.00p.m.

Irish Dancing - G.A.A. 8.30p.m.

Set Dancing - G.A.A.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

Thursday 18th July

The Wackadoo Drama Theatre Group
Parish Hall 8 - 10p.m. (Children's Variety Group)

Traditional Music in the Square 7.30p.m. - 9p.m.

Maynooth Old People's Committee Cabaret
Caulfields 9p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45 p.m. Harbour Field

Friday 19th July

Young Bands in Square 7.30 - 9p.m.
Miss Royal Canal - Glenroyal 9p.m.
Music - Leinster Arms - 9.30 p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. - Harbour Field

Saturday 20th July

Children's Teddy Bears Picnic
Fire Brigade Display
Face Painting - Baby Show
Harbour Field 3p.m. - 5.30p.m.

Adult Car Treasure Hunt - 4p.m. Town Centre Mall
Folk Dancing in the Square - 7.30 - 9p.m.

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Harp Lager Talent Competition

Roost - 9p.m.
Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

Sunday 21st July

Irish Music and Dancing in the Square 7.30p.m. -
9p.m.

Women's and Men's Guinness Soccer Final
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the season now nearing a close on the Senior and Schoolboy scene our Ladies have just commenced their season. Once again, we will be looking forward to our Ladies for a good showing during their campaign and in this respect we can be assured of some exciting fare during the season. With the bulk of last year's panel still available and the recruitment of new players during the close season it is certain that we will be up there fighting on all fronts in the quest for honours.

Old Trafford Trip

As mentioned in our last report, our trip to Old Trafford has come and gone and once more it was a great success. As with all games, a win for your favourite team is the main objective, but when the outcome is so clear-cut and decisive it makes it an added bonus.

Departing from Dun Laoghaire on Saturday, 27th April, on the new high-speed Sealink vessel with a party of 16 boys and 10 adults, it was no wonder that happy faces were to be seen all around us. Joining our party was the ever-genial Shay Weafer from the Manchester United Supporters' Club, who as always arranged match tickets, accommodation, etc., with his usual efficiency.

With the outward sea journey only taking 99 minutes, we had very little time to organise our usual sing-song and card games, but the return journey saw us put the record right. Our journey by coach through Wales was a joy to behold with the beautiful scenery making us feel as if we had never left home. A short stop at Conway for refreshments during the coach trip before we made the final part of our journey to Manchester and the home of League and Cup winners Manchester United. On arrival at our hotel the Lansdowne rooming arrangements were made and keys duly issued. When everyone settled it was quickly discovered that McDonald's was close by and a great exodus took place from the Lansdowne by our younger set under the supervision of some of the older group. With the young ones settled down for the night some of the night owls made the usual trip to the Irish Centre at Queens Road where we duly started an impromptu sing-song much to the enjoyment of the usual Saturday night regulars. At closing time it was back to the hotel for a few night caps before getting some shut-eye in preparation for the task in hand against Notts Forest next day. Sunday morning saw the usual shopping for presents to take home to Mams, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, etc. Some paid the obligatory call to Old Trafford to acquire the usual long list of mementos for the supporters back home. Shortly after lunch our coach took us to the ground in preparation for the big game. While most were Manchester United fans there were a few who secretly wished that the result would go against the Reds and therefore spoil the fun. By the time 5.45 arrived even the doubters were singing the praises of a wonderful team who ultimately did the double

and thereby silenced the knockers who had questioned the quality of a side who finally answered all the questions asked of them. Seeing Brendan Kelly and Tony McMahon wearing the Manchester United colours later in the evening must qualify them as honorary members of the Real United fan club.

Something Special

The atmosphere outside the ground gave one the feeling that something special was about to happen. The carnival atmosphere and good humour among the fans left our younger fans in total awe and made a lasting impression on their minds. The towering new stand seemed to reach to the heavens and when we later entered the fabulous new structure it made us feel as if we were there. The magnificent bronze bust of the late Sir Matt Busby, whom I once had the pleasure to meet personally, stood above the plaque of the Munich air crash victims outside the main entrance.

One felt that the great man was surveying all that was happening about him and I could almost hear him whisper in his soft Scottish brogue that "Everything is going to be all right, laddie".

Theatre of Dreams

Having bought our usual assortment of hats, scarves, etc., it was now time to enter the stadium, which is now rightly acclaimed as the "Theatre of Dreams". As our seats were located in the higher regions of the new stand it was going to be a new venture for us on this occasion and the excitement was evident among all sections of our party. On reaching our seats Johnny Thompson was heard to quip: "You'd need a parachute to get out of here." The view of the vast arena was unbelievable with a perfect view of all sections of the ground. The pre-match warm-up was met with a continuous chant of the players' names with the loudest cheer of all for

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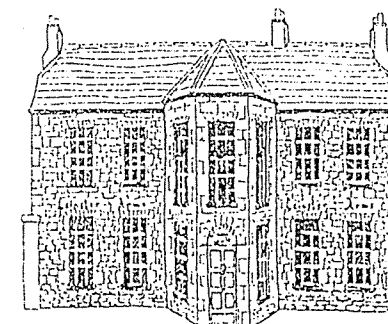
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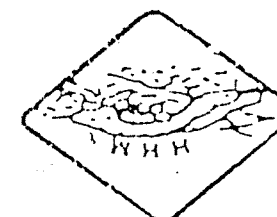
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the man now dubbed "The King", Eric Cantona. The game kicked off with the usual deafening roar, which was to build to an ever-increasing crescendo as the game progressed. Two goals for United just before the break eased the pressure for the more hardened supporters among us and greatly reduced the pulse rate among the older ones. Half-time arrived with the usual scurry for refreshments. Half-time would not be the same without the traditional cup of beef tea. Mattie Carroll provided the necessary with a tray of the famous brew. The second half brought some of the most inspired singing ever witnessed at Old Trafford and it was a great feeling to be part of it. With three second-half goals from Giggs, Beckham and Cantona, an unbreakable seal was put on a most wonderful experience. The feeling leaving the ground was one of great satisfaction, having been a witness to a game which effectively wrapped up the Premiership title. Spirits throughout the rest of the evening were of the highest order and after our evening meal we retired to "Dutty Nellie's" to partake of the local "craic". Being our last evening in Manchester, the revelry went into the early hours before retiring for a few hours' sleep. An early breakfast was had by those who were in the mood before departing for Holyhead and the return voyage to Dublin. The longer return boat journey lent for more sing-songs and craic with many talents being unearthed during the process. A smooth passage left everyone in good form and looking forward to that evening's game between Leeds and Newcastle. A Newcastle win meant that the celebrations would have to be put on hold for a while longer. Subsequent results will show that United achieved the double in style and we can take pride in being present to see part of that notable feat.

Worthy Ambassadors

The young members of our group behaved admirably during a packed itinerary and were worthy ambassadors of the club — a credit indeed to their families and themselves. Thanks once again to Shay Weafer and the Manchester United Supporters' Club. Thanks also to Mícheál Dempsey, who ensured that everything went smoothly and who ironed out a few minor hitches during the trip. John (Bolla) Fleming always ensured that the frolics were kept going with his never-ending repertoire of songs.

Babysitters

When it came to babysitting at night, Tom Dempsey, Eugene O'Neill and Tony McMahon could always be relied upon to provide a first-class service. Joey Dempsey and Mattie Carroll acted as scouts and sought out the various watering holes and were more than capable of advising us on the best local brews. Brendan Kelly acted as master of ceremonies during the sing-songs and always ensured that the tables were full, but admitted that there is no pint like a home pint. That master of the one-liners, Johnny Thompson, was his usual inimitable self throughout the trip. Having roomed with myself, he described the experience as like "trying to sleep at a rock concert". I'm sure there will be many abiding memories by the various individuals and perhaps some will be recalled in the near future. My most abiding memory was

that of the bust of Sir Matt Busby towering above the entrance. Having presided over the "Busby Babes" era of the 'fifties, he now seems to be guiding the new crop of Babes. Many thanks to Noel Brady for his generous donation to the kiddies' pool.

Some match results to date:

Premier Division:

Maynooth Town 2; Inchicore Rangers 1

Maynooth left it late before securing three valuable points in this League fixture. A very solid defence was the main asset of this win and nobody performed better than Keith Cooke, Fergal Barton and star young 'keeper Niall Naughton. Maynooth dominated the early exchanges with Joey Dempsey in commanding form. Easily winning the midfield battle, he set up several chances for his front line, who were thwarted by a sound Inchicore who also had a top-class 'keeper who brought off several top-class saves. Inchicore opened the scoring from the spot early in the second-half only for Martin McTernan to bring the home side level, also from the spot after Joey Dempsey had been tripped in the area. With time running out Paul Byrne sent a glancing header to the net following a Martin McTernan free kick.

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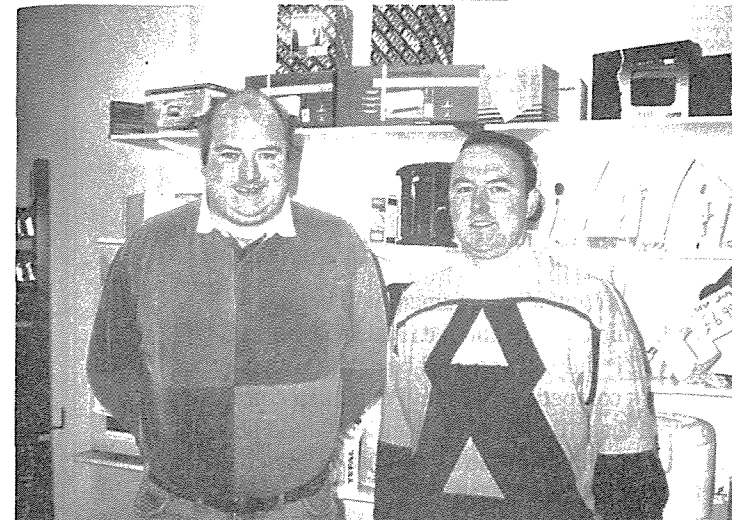
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Vincent Mulready photographed at Carton House
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Sports

D.D.S.L U/17 BI

Greenfort Utd. 1; Maynooth Town 3

An under-strength Maynooth side had to fight hard to keep pace with the leaders and were good value for this win. There were several heroes in this victory and the depth of talent within the squad was emphasised in no uncertain manner. Being short a number of regulars, the overall efficiency of the side was hardly affected at all. Maynooth found it hard to break down a stubborn home defence but Freddie Clarke made the vital breakthrough in the 70th minute when he beat a number of players before firing home the opening goal. Martin Byrne increased the lead shortly afterwards but Greenfort were not going to give in easily and came back to reduce the deficit. David Coughlan made the points safe when he netted a late penalty to ease the pressure.

Dublin Women's League — Premier Division 'B'

Maynooth Town 1; R.S.L. F.C. 0

Maynooth finally laid the RSL bogey to rest with this narrow home win. Having been beaten three times last season in League and Cup, Maynooth were in determined mood to reverse the trend. The very experienced South Dublin side made matters difficult for Maynooth and did not give in easily. With some players not available to Maynooth until later in the season due to age restrictions, this performance augurs well for the remainder of the season when the full panel becomes available.

Antoinette Mooney was in top form throughout this game with other notable performances from Finola Healy, Irene Kearney and Ginny Breslin. Bríd Ann O'Shea hustled and harried in relentless fashion and she got good support from the fleet-footed Maedbh Flood and Leanne Hughes. Maedbh Flood was just wide with a shot on the run after a left-wing break. Just on the stroke of half-time Leanne Hughes split the RSL defence with a pin-point pass into the path of the stylish Cáit Ledwith, who slotted the ball home for what proved the winner. Eileen McGrath bravely battled through the second-half despite a first-half injury which greatly impaired her mobility. 'Keeper Paula O'Shea dealt capably with anything that pierced the Maynooth defence and never looked in trouble while Laura Kearney unsettled the RSL defence with her bustling style of play.

The club was saddened recently by the untimely death of Kathleen Murphy. Her husband Michael was one of the founder members of the club. To Michael and his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

To all those interested, our A.G.M. has been fixed for Sunday, 9th June, at 11.00 a.m. in the I.C.A. Hall, The harbour. New members are especially welcome.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Maynooth are Féile Hurling Champions

The County Kildare Féile hurling championship was held in Clane over the weekend 11/12 May. The competition was run off on a "Blitz" basis. Maynooth emerged as winners, beating Coill Dubh in a closely contested final by the narrowest of margins.

On route to the final Maynooth beat the pre tournament favourites Celbridge, who themselves had accounted for Clane and Leixlip in earlier rounds. Coill Dubh beat Eire Og/Corrachoill in their opening match and met Naas in the Semi-final. Naas had already beaten Ardclough and Confey in earlier rounds. A major disappointment for the organisers was the late withdrawal of Rathangan, Kilcock and Moorefield.

The competition was played in almost perfect conditions and the Clane and Celbridge clubs are to be congratulated for the facilities laid on for the teams.

In the first semi-final (3.30 Saturday afternoon) Coill Dubh ran out easy winners, despite having been behind at half time following a spirited display by Naas. However the superior strength and physique of Coill Dubh, coupled with some fine individual performances, told in the end.

Second Semi-Final

The second semi-final (7.30 Saturday evening) had all the ingredients of a thriller - two neighbouring teams, Celbridge the pre-tournament favourites who had had two tough matches earlier in the day and Maynooth, who have made great strides in hurling in recent years. In addition the two teams had met a month earlier in a division one league match when Celbridge emerged one point winners after getting a goal in the dying seconds of the game.

And the match lived up to all expectations with the result in doubt to the final whistle. Both teams brought a large contingent of supporters to add to the tension of the occasion and the players delivered a tightly fought low scoring contest. The skill level in the game was high giving hope for the further development of hurling in Kildare. Both sets of backs were dominant throughout but two lapses by the Celbridge backs let Maynooth's Michael Gleeson in for a goal in the first half and a point in the second half. Maynooth's backs were excellent and held a very good Celbridge forward line scoreless for the game. While all of the Maynooth backs played extremely well Tommy Masterson, Sean O'Flaherty and Aidan Molloy excelled. At mid-field Mark Kavanagh and Michael Gleeson were nearly always in control and there were good attacking performances from Peter Guinan, Damien Travers and an outstanding display of skill from Morgan Sweeney.

Underdogs

On a beautiful afternoon for hurling, with the pitch in perfect condition, Maynooth again found themselves as underdogs against the traditionalists Coill Dubh. While not playing with the same intensity as the evening before, Maynooth

went into an early two point lead. Coill Dubh got a point and a goal to go into the lead, but Maynooth quickly responded with a Michael Gleeson point to reduce the arrears to one point. Coill Dubh scored another point before half-time to turn around with a two point lead. A further exchange of points in the frantic opening stages of the second half still left Maynooth with an uphill battle. The turning point came when Morgan Sweeney, ten minutes from time, lobbed a long range shot to the back of the Coill Dubh net, which was quickly followed by a Peter Guinnan point to give Maynooth a two point lead. From here on Coill Dubh laid siege on the Maynooth goal but the character and resilience of the Maynooth backs stood firm until conceding a sixty five in the dying seconds. Coill Dubh scored a point from the sixty-five but full time was blown on the puck-out leaving Maynooth winners by one point.

Team Performance

This was a marvellous team performance from Maynooth and much deserved congratulations must go to Kieran Diggins and the other mentors for the way this team was prepared. While again there were brilliant individual performances it was the team commitment on the day that made the difference. Maynooth now have the onerous responsibility of representing Kildare in the National Feile Finals in Waterford from 20 June to 23 June. An intensive regime of coaching is being put in place by the Maynooth club and a number of fund-raising events will take place over the coming weeks to ensure that Kildare is well represented in the Finals.

North Kildare U.13 Football League

Maynooth 3-6 Confey 3-5

In an entertaining game played in atrocious conditions in Confey Maynooth had a one point win over the home side. Indeed the scoreline does not do justice to Maynooth's performance as they dominated the second half but were guilty of some poor finishing in front of goals. Star of the game was mid-fielder Morgan Sweeney whose handling and ball control stood out in the greasy conditions. He was ably assisted by the hard working Pierre Ennis and between them they gave the forwards a good supply of the ball. Goals by David Comerford and David Redmond in the first ten minutes gave Maynooth a commanding lead. However two defensive lapses let Confey in for two goals and Maynooth's lead was down to one point by half time. Second half points by Morgan Sweeney and Fintan O'Donoghue and a great goal by Donal Houlihan put Maynooth on the road to victory. However Confey rallied in the last ten minute with a goal and a few points and Maynooth were relieved to hear the final whistle. Apart from those already mentioned Maynooth had good

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Team Alan Sweeney, Colin O'Neill, Peter Sheehan, Stephen Curran, Eric Roberts, Killian Carr, Jason Murtagh, Pierre Ennis, Dermot Canning, Donal Houlihan, Brian Downey, David Comerford, Fintan O'Donoghue, David Redmond. Sub. Fergal Molloy.

Celbridge 6-10 Maynooth 4-2

Maynooth U13 footballers were well beaten by a strong Celbridge team in this fourth round league match played in ideal conditions at the college grounds. Maynooth started off well and had a goal after three minutes by Paul Broughan. However as the game wore on the Celbridge Midfield pair started to dominate and most of the play flowed towards the Maynooth goals. Despite good defensive work by goalkeeper Fergus Devereaux and full backs Joseph Brennan and Peter Sheehan, Celbridge had gone twelve points clear at half time. In the second half Morgan Sweeney started to come more into the game and the forwards got a good supply of the ball. Goals by Brian Downey, Paul Broughan and Morgan Sweeney put a more respectable look on the score sheet. Apart from those already mentioned Killian Carr, Alan Baxter, Donal Houlihan, Fintan O'Donoghue and Tadhg O'Corcora had their moments.

Team and Scorers

Fergus Devereaux, Joseph Brennan, Peter Sheehan, Stephen Curran, Graham Quinn, Killian Carr, Jason Murtagh, Alan Baxter (0-1) Morgan Sweeney (1-0), Paul Broughan (2-0), Donal Houlihan, Brian Downey (1-0) Fintan O'Donoghue, Alan Sweeney, Tagh O'Corcora (0-1). Sub. Paul O'Rourke.

Under 14 Challenge Game

Lucan Sarsfield's 1-10 v. Maynooth 1-4

The first game of the season Maynooth found the going hard against a Lucan team who are topping their league. However in the second half Maynooth fared a lot better eventually losing by 6 points.

Team and Scorers: T. Masterson, J. Brennan, D. Travers, S. Pidgeon, M. Dolan, S. O'Flaherty, S. Devereaux, D. Campbell (1 pt), P. O'Sullivan, P. King, M. Kavanagh (1 pt), P. Ennis (2pts), P. O'Rourke, C. Flynn, M. Sweeney.

Subs: S. Brady 1 Goal, A. Molloy, J. Newton, B. Doyle, D. Lawlor, A. Baxter.

U-14 Féile

Maynooth 4-7 v. Ballyteague 5-5

In their first competitive game Maynooth started well by scoring 1-4 in the first 15 minutes. However conceding two goals before half-time left a lot to be done. In the second

half Maynooth played very well but try as they did time ran out before they could get the equalizer.

Team and Scorers: B. Doyle, D. Travers, T. Masterson, S. Pidgeon, M. Dolan, M. Gleeson (0-3), S. Devereaux (0-1), P.O'Sullivan, S. O'Flaherty, P. King, M. Kavanagh, P. Ennis (0-2), J. Brennan (0-1), S. Brady (3-0), A. Molloy.

Subs A. Baxter 1-0, J. Newton, G. Flynn, A. Brown.

U/14 League

Maynooth 5-11 v. Suncroft 1-2

Maynooth had an easy win over Suncroft yet it was not until 10 minutes to go that Maynooth sealed a good victory, half time score 1-7 to 1-2. Best for Maynooth M. Baxter (3-1 pt), S. Brady (1-2pts), P. Ennis (2 pts), M. Dolan (2 pts), M. Kavanagh (2 pts), M. Gleeson (1 pt.), D. Campbell (1 pt.), G. Quinn (1 goal). Also to play well, P. King, P. Sullivan.

First for Maynooth Camogie

Maynooth 1-2 v. Leixlip 1-1

Maynooth beat a strong Leixlip team by 1 point in the Junior Camogie League last week. Maynooth girls fielding for the first year in Junior Ranks deserved this narrow victory. Playing their best camogie in the first half Maynooth opened the scoring with an excellent point from a well struck free. Two minutes later Teresa Hession pointed for a two point lead at the interval. After the break Maynooth's full forward Patricia McCann drove the sliothar to the back of the net. Leixlip were now playing their best camogie of the match and scored a great goal with a strike from the right corner of the pitch. Two minutes later Leixlip added a further point. Leixlip continued to press forward but the Maynooth girls held firm right to the final whistle for an historic victory by the narrowest of margins.

Maynooth: Anne Marie Farrell, Roisin Feeney, Catherine Duff, Tracy Burke, Deirdre Cassidy, Michelle Gillick, Teresa Hession, Jackie Kinsella, Patricia McCann, Fiona Cassidy, Margaret Callaghan, Ann Comerford, Naomi Devereaux, Margaret Farrell, Geraldine O'Gorman, Aisling Kelly.

Joe Ryan Cup Football Tournament Final played in Sallins

Maynooth 4-7 v. Caragh 3-2

Maynooth had a very good win over Senior Team Caragh in Sallins Football tournament Final. M. Nevin had a great game at centre field and scored 2 goals and 2 points. It was only with 5 minutes to go that Caragh got 2 goals. **Best for Maynooth:** M. Nevin (2-2), H. Purcell (1-1), P. Garvey (2pts), J. Riordan (1 pt), E. Dunne (1 goal). Also to play well P. Ennis, P. Styne, D. Mahoney and D. Casey.

Senior Football League

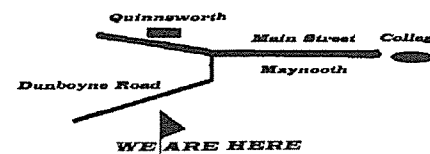
Maynooth 2-9 v. Monasterevin 12 pts

Maynooth had a very good win over Monasterevin in the Senior Football League played before a large attendance in

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Sports

St. Mary's Park. Maynooth played their best football in the first half and at half time were 2-4 to 5pts ahead, goals coming from M. Nevin and J. Riordan. The second half saw Monasterevin draw level it looked bad for Maynooth but they fought back to run out good winners. **Best for Maynooth:** J. Riordan (1-1), M. Nevin (1-1), M. Nugent (3pts), P. Garvey, H. Purcell, . E. Dunne, K Fagan (1 pt each). Also to play well M. Noone, D. Casey, P. Burke, D. Mahoney and P. Stynes.

Junior Football League Division 3C
Maynooth 1-7 v. Kilcock 2-7

Maynooth lost this match to lack of scoring power. Their forwards had plenty of ball but could not score. **Best for Maynooth were:** D. Naughton, (2pts), B. Desmond (1 goal), N. Horan, D. Moran, C. O'Grady, D. Myles, J. Murray (1 pt each). Also to play well, M. Byrne, D. Graham, V. Carthy.

Junior Football League Div 2
Maynooth 13 pts v. Clane 1-6pts

Maynooth had a very good win over Clane in this Junior Football league Match played in Maynooth. **Best for Maynooth:** M. Nugent (3pts), J. Gilligan (4pts), H. Purcell (2 pts), J. Edwards (4 pts).

Junior Football League Div 2
Maynooth 1-12 v Confey 3-10

Some bad defending by Maynooth let Confey in for 3 soft goals in this Junior League Match played in Confey. Maynooth tried hard but could not get the scores. **Best for Maynooth were:** D. Flaherty (1-1), S. Molloy (2 pts), M. Flaherty, M. Nugent, H. Purcell, R. Tobin, J. O'Toole, J. Edwards, L. O'Toole, D. Casey (1 pt each); G. Delaney had a good game in goals.

Lotto Result: 28/04/'96 - Jackpot £1050. Numbers 2-11-14. One winner: Aidan Synott, Moyglare Village, Maynooth.

Lotto Result: 5/05/'96 - Jackpot £300. Numbers 8-20-24 Winner: John Keegan, Castletown, Celbridge.

Lotto Result: 12/05/'96 - Jackpot £300 Numbers 1 - 11 - 18. No Winner. 5 X £10: Bernie Dempsey, Bernie O'Meara, Carmel Kelly, Michelle Carey, Ann Cunningham.

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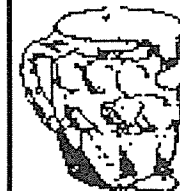
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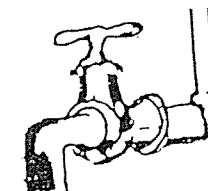
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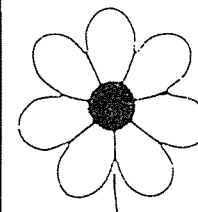
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Séan McTernan, Moyglare Village. Age 8, June 24th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, sisters Aoife, Aileen, Grannies and Grandad.

Mrs. M. McTernan, Laurence Avenue, June 24th. Best wishes from Martin and Rikki.

Tony McTernan, Silken Vale, June 7th.

Joan O'Brien, Newtown. Age 16 on June 1st, her sister Mrs. A. Kiernan, Celbridge June 2nd, her cousin Stephen Cummins, Kilcock, age 5 June 4th.

"Happy Birthday ANTONIO, from the Maynooth Newsletter Staff!"

SYMPATHIES

Sympathy to Tony Morgan, Carton Court, on the recent death of his wife Kay.

Deepest sympathy to Mollie Maxwell, 94 Kingsbry, Maynooth on the recent death of her brother George O'Rourke in Scotland.

Husband, Sons, Daughter, Father, Sisters, Brothers-in-law, Sisters-in-law, Aunts, Uncles, Relatives and Friends of Kathleen Murphy (née Rowley), Maynooth.

Wife, Sons, Sister, Brothers, Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends of Patrick (Pat) Nolan, Greenfield, Maynooth.

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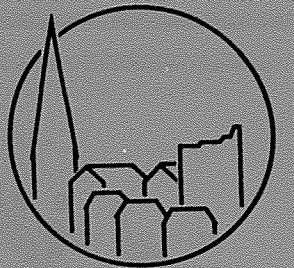
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A Young, Fast – Changing Town

Maynooth is one of the fastest changing towns in Ireland. In the last five years the population has increased by 50%, we've been by-passed by a new motorway, the centre of the town has been transformed and new apartment blocks and housing estates seem to spring up every month. In such a period of change it is all the more useful to get a picture of what kind of town we live in. Hence, the value of the comprehensive household survey carried out by students in the Geography Department in Maynooth College, the results of which were recently published.

Typical Resident

The survey results suggest that the typical Maynooth Resident in 1996 is young – almost 75% of the respondents were between 18 and 39. While students accounted for a good number of these, almost half the respondents were aged between 25 and 39. The typical Maynooth family consists of a couple with either no children or one young child. As regards employment, Maynooth is becoming a middle class dormitory town. Excluding students, almost 40% of respondents were in professional employment which is well above the national average. Most workers travel to Dublin every morning reflecting Maynooth's growing status as a dormitory town. Only 1 in 6 work in Maynooth.

Lack of Amenities

Lack of amenities was identified as the most unattractive feature of Maynooth. Councillors, T.D.'s, planners please note! The clear preference was for a swimming pool and / or sports centre. A cinema and a night club were also regarded as desirable.

Focus on Dublin

Apart from employment, our typical Maynooth resident is very focused on Dublin when it comes to shopping for anything other than their weekly food supplies. Clothes, furniture and electric goods tend to be bought in Dublin although Maynooth's pubs are favored by most residents going for a drink. All of this focus on Dublin means that over half of Maynooth's residents stated 'access to Dublin' as the main reason why they choose to live in Maynooth. Not very flattering for Maynooth.

Well Informed

And finally, Maynooth residents emerge from this survey as discerning and well-informed. Almost 70% are either frequent or occasional readers of the *Newsletter*!





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DIARY DATES

2nd July — Summer Project Registration — ICA Hall,
10.30 a.m.

13th July — Old Greenfield Residents' Association Bar-b-
Que.

Sunday 14th July — Summer Festival Opening — Guinness
Jazz Band — Glenroyal Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Monday 15th July — Guinness Table Quiz — Prize Money
£175 — Caulfields, 9.00 p.m.

Monday 15th July, 7.30-9.00 p.m. — The Square — Band
Recital (part of Festival).

Thursday 18th July — Maynooth Old People's Committee
— Caulfields — Cabaret Night.

Friday 19th July — Glenroyal Hotel — RCAG — hosting
the Royal Canal Queen Selection.

Saturday 20th July — Harp Lager Talent Competition —
Roost, 9.00 p.m.

Sunday 21st July — Irish Music and Dancing — Square,
7.30-9.00 p.m.

Sunday 21st July — Guinness Soccer Finals — Harbour
Field, 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 21st July — Guinness Barperson Presentation —
Roost 7.00 p.m.

EDITORIAL

Festival

It's Festival time! Congratulations again this year to the Festival Committee who have arranged a great programme of events starting on July 14th. While Maynooth may not quite be in the same league as Leixlip when it comes to our Summer Festival, it is still a major achievement to organise a full week of activities when it is all based on voluntary effort. The Inter-Estate football in the Harbour Field is sure to draw the crowds and, this year, our new Square provides the ideal setting for a series of musical events including Folk Dancing, Traditional Music sessions, Young Bands competition and a performance by St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band. As in other years the Festival is receiving generous sponsorship from Guinness. So make sure to chill out and join in from July 14th.

Kildare in Doldrums

Once again this year Kildare GAA supporters are left clicking their heels before the summer has really got started. Kildare suffered a very disappointing defeat by Laois in Croke Park on June 16th when many had tipped them to challenge for Leinster honours. Too many key players, of whom much was expected, failed to perform on the day and, once again thousands of loyal Kildare supporters left Croke Park having seen their team fail to live up to its potential. Maybe it's time a couple of Maynooth players were picked on the county team and given a chance to reverse a depressing trend.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Community Festival

The 1996 Maynooth Community Festival will take place from 14th-21st July. It is hoped to make full use of our new square this year. Events are being organised for each night of the Festival in the square from 7.30p.m. - 9p.m. Full details will be in the festival brochure which will be delivered to each house in Maynooth. Lots of events will take place in the hotel, club and pubs of Maynooth. We hope to see you all out enjoying yourself during the Festival as there will be something to do for everyone.

Summer Project

The Summer Project will also be taking place during the month of July (see details elsewhere in the Newsletter).

We wish you all a very enjoyable Festival and Summer Project in July.

Laraghbryan Cemetery

Following Cemetery Sunday on June 9th, the Executive of the Maynooth Community Council have been contacted by a number of people expressing their concern over the condition of the cemetery.

Therefore, it has been decided to organise a **Public Meeting** in early September following the holidays, to set about tackling this very serious and sensitive issue.

It will be in all your interests to keep a date in mind in early September and a date will be published in the August Newsletter.

COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

The Community Council Elections will take place in the Autumn. The number of council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters per council member. Nomination forms will be in August Newsletter and copies will also be available in the Community Council Offices.

All nomination forms should include signature of nominee signifying his/her acceptance of the nomination. Full report in August Newsletter.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

"The Maynooth Report"

The Maynooth Report, which is essentially two reports, was published by the Geography Department of St. Patrick's College at the end of May 1996. One report compared traffic patterns in the town of Maynooth in 1994 before the opening of the M4 and then in March 1996.

The second report is effectively a Community Study based on a questionnaire which was agreed between the survey's co-ordinator Dr. Sheila Waddington and the Community Council on whose behalf I was involved.

The questionnaire was completed on the 6th February 1996 by 539 households. Respondents gave their views on twenty four wide ranging questions and the information received is very interesting.

While these surveys were primarily undergraduate research exercises it is without doubt that the information obtained is of extreme value to the community as a whole. The regard with which any survey carried out under the control of the college means that as a community we should be grateful for their interest in doing such work in our town.

On your and on my own behalf, let me extend our thanks particularly to Dr. Sheila Waddington and to Post Graduate Students; Seamus Lafferty, Darragh McDonagh and Celine McHugh, together with all the other staff and students in the Geography Department who worked on this project. As time goes by you will find people will continue to refer to this survey proving how invaluable the exercise has been. Remember if you want to know what your community think on a wide range of topics you can obtain a copy of the Maynooth Report from the Geography Department at St. Patrick's College, priced at £5.

Traffic Lights Update

As I said last month we would monitor how the traffic lights at the main street/Straffan road junction were impacting on traffic movement. Since last month the final road markings have been completed and we now know how they are supposed to work. My own belief is that the traffic moved better without them but let's give them a chance.

On a more worrying note it has been pointed out to me that the pedestrian lights are causing concern because people are not waiting for the 'green man'. Remember when the lights are red for the traffic on Main Street they are green for traffic moving onto main street from the Straffan road. Therefore it is not safe to cross main street just because the traffic is stopped. Children particularly seem to think it is safe to cross. Perhaps drivers would take note and parents should remind their children about the safe cross code.

Maynooth Development Plan

As advised last month submissions were made by the end of May 1996 and they will be considered by the Celbridge area councillors in the near future.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The only thing that people can do at the moment is to continue to lobby your councillors so that they are aware of your views. The next step in the process after the councillors consider the submissions is that they will make the necessary amendments to the plans, before it is proposed to the full Kildare County Council in the next two months or later.

Remember people who have vested interests will continue to lobby so it is important that you and your organisations make your views known as this is the final stage in the process. The development of all the North Kildare towns is attracting a lot of attention both locally and nationally. Radio, televisions and the papers are also giving widespread coverage to the subject. The level of development proposed for North Kildare is similar to that which caused a similar type of response in Dublin in the 1980's.

In this column we have kept you informed of the issues but it is up to you to contact your Dáil representatives and your councillors to let your views be known. The decisions on rezoning are exclusively those of your councillors but they need to know what you think. It is our lives and future together with that of our children that will bear the results of these important decisions.

The Property Signs Boom

A number of people have asked me over the last few months

to make an appeal for them. They are annoyed at the number of signs particularly auctioneer signs that are placed on utility poles strategically throughout the town usually at the entrance to estates or at major junctions.

When a large number appear on the same pole they look unattractive, but what seems to annoy people is that even after a sale the signs are not always removed.

With the many other forms of advertising today it would be a first for Maynooth if we could reduce the use of these signs whose value is limited. Perhaps this could even help us to get points in the tidy towns competition.

Crime - Nobody is Immune

As the holiday period arrives and we take the annual two week break we should be conscious of crime. New people to the town may not know their neighbours. Nonetheless, you should let your neighbours know that you will be away and the name of the person who has a key to your house. Maynooth like all towns has its fair share of burglary. Therefore if your neighbour keeps an eye on your house you can return the favour for them.

Happy holidays.

Paul Croghan

Chairperson, Planning and Development Committee.

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Lone Parent	£90.00	£107.10	£124.10	£141.10	£17.00

Application forms are available from your Community Welfare Officer in your nearest Health Centre. Applications will be dealt with from 1st June until 30th September.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Citizens' Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Tel: 628 5477. Address: Main Street, Maynooth.

Maynooth Community Council Notes

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

At time of writing we are just about to start our annual house-to-house collection. We thank you for your interest and support.

We are reviving our Best Estate/Best Area/Best Shop Front Competition this year. Criteria and further information can be obtained from Community Council Office during the first week in July.

As judging will be taking place around this time we ask you all to make a special effort to keep Maynooth litter free.

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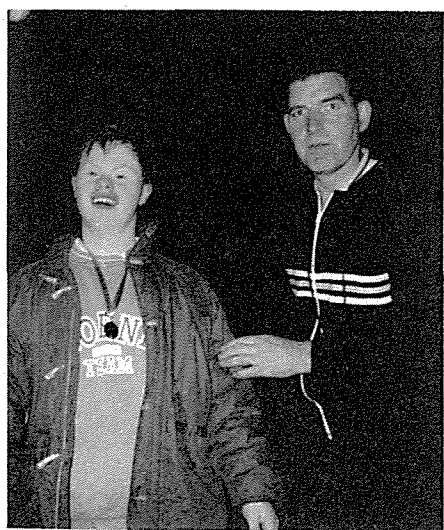
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

The last month has been a fairly hectic one in Community Games circles.

Swimming

Maynooth was well represented at this years swim in Athy on 8th June. Jim Fleming and his swimmers had plenty to cheer about on the day with Aaron McGrath winning his way to the All Ireland finals in Mosney and Alex Wall winning a silver medal in the freestyle competition.



James Mullan winner of U/17 Freestyle at Maynooth Community Games with Jim Fleming

Volleyball

Naas was the venue for the competition. The U.16 girls team played marvellously winning 2nd place in the county, thus arriving home with silver medals. We congratulate Bernie O'Shea and Matt Doran for bringing this team to such a high standard. The team was as follows: Aine Meally, Emer Smith, Thérésa Flood, Ciara Baxter, Margaret Callaghan, Emma Fleming, Brid-Ann O'Shea, Sharon Cummins, Karan Brady and Sharon McLoughlin.

Choir

Congratulations to the 5th & 6th Class girls of Presentation Convent School, Maynooth, who came second in the Community Games choir competition for County Kildare which was held in Clane on 24th May last.

The girls sang "Buachaill ón Eirne" and "Marianina" (an Italian folk song).

A special thank-you to all who supported the girls on the night.

Those participating were:-

Rachel Cunningham, Yvonne O'Shea, Gráinne McManus, Rebecca Doyle, Elizabeth Broderick, Eimear Quinn, Barbara Scanlon, Aven O'Keefe, Eleanor Creighton, Doireen Duignan, Martina Howley, Claire Browne, Anita Cody-Kenny, Niamh Byrne, Elaine Carruthers, Emma Higgins, Rebecca English, Catherine Gannon, Harriet Oliver and Clara Monaghan.

The committee are grateful to Miriam Mulhern, conductor, for the fine presentation on the evening. They certainly did us proud arriving home with silver medals.

Athletics

The athletics event took place on 25th May in the G.A.A. grounds. This was a huge success and a great afternoons fun for all. The success of the day is attributed to firstly the co-ordinators Mick & Marie Gleeson who give up so much of their time to this event each year, to the G.A.A. committee for the use of their grounds, and particularly to the hurling committee for re-arranging matches, and finally to a great working team of people who did registrations, recordings, judging, field events and tea making. We wish all our participants good luck at the county finals.

Area results as follows:-

Boys U.10 100 m.

1. Laurence Hutchinson
2. Mark Cooney
3. Keith Wong

Boys U.12 100m.

1. Brian O'Malley
2. Colin O'Neill
3. Dermot Canning

Boys U.14 100m.

1. Patrick King
2. Padraig O'Sullivan
3. James O'Neill

Boys U.16 100m.

1. Patrick King
2. Christopher Flynn
3. Eoghan Deegan

Boys U.8 60 m.

1. Adrian Harpur
2. Aidan Karen
3. Daniel McDonnell

Boys U.8 80m.

1. William Reynolds
2. Jerry Healy
3. Owen Curran.

Boys U.10 200 m.

1. Séan MacNamara
2. Mark Cooney
3. Lee Wong

Boys U.12 600m

1. David Comerford
2. Fergal Molloy
3. Dermot Canning

Boys U.16 1500 m.

1. David Campbell
2. Conor Diggins
3. Patrick King

Boys U.12. Long Puck

1. Mark Cummins
2. David Comerford
3. Alan Sweeney

Boys U.14 Shot Putt

1. Tommy Masterson
2. Joseph Fleming
3. Padraig O'Sullivan.

Boys U.14 800 m.

1. Patrick O'Rourke
2. Padraig O'Sullivan
3. Joseph Fleming

Boys U.13 Walk

1. Gary McMahon
2. Patrick Robinson
3. Joseph Fleming

Boys U.16 Discus

1. Christopher Flynn
2. Shane Devereux

Boys U.17 Marathon

1. Shane Devereux
2. Padraig O'Sullivan
3. Christopher Flynn

Fathers Race

1. Willie Healy
2. Joe Buckley



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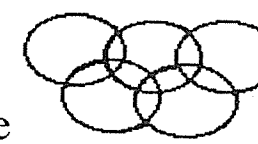
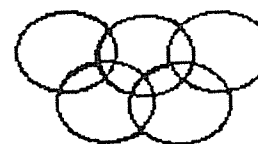
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1. Doreen Pollard
2. Mary MacNamara
3. Eithne Barry

Tiny Tots

1. Emma Brady
2. Michelle Doran
3. Theresa Doran

Tiny Tots 3-4

1. Clare MacNamara
2. Evonne Pollard
3. Aoife Quinn

Boys & Tiny Tots

1. Kevin Buckley
2. Brian Kerin
3. Stephen Buckley.

Girls U.8 60m.

1. Niamh Molloy
2. Grace Kennedy
3. Arek Ni Mhurchú

Girls U.10 100m.

1. Emma Collins
2. Clare Barry
3. Cianna Ennis

Girls U.12 100m.

1. Muire Ennis
2. Emma Higgins
3. Awut Ni Mhurchú

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2. Margaret Callaghan

Girls U.17 Marathon

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2. Brid-Ann O'Shea
3. Anthonine Rossiter

Mixed Fun Relay

- 1st. Team
Lynn Brennan
Joseph Fleming
Patrick Robinson
Séan MacNamara



U16 100m: - 1st Patrick King, 2nd Christopher Flynn, 3rd Eoghan Deegan



Girls U12 100m: - 1st Muire Ennis, 2nd Emma Higgins, 3rd Awut Ni Mhurchú

2nd Team

Shane Devereux
Fergal Devereux
Clare Barry
Donal Houlihan

3rd. Team

Padraig O'Sullivan
Gary McMahon
Mark Cooney
Muire Ennis

Hockey

Congratulations to all the Maynooth girls who qualified to represent Kildare in the Leinster finals in Carlow. These girls practised with great enthusiasm and were disappointed to learn that they could not compete for Kildare as Sallins and Athy could not field a team. Unfortunately most of the

team are unavailable for the Leinster finals in Carlow due to Gaeltacht courses, holidays etc.

Team as follows:-

Nuala Houlihan, Isabelle Fay, Sharon McLoughlin, Brid-Ann O'Shea, Joie Fay, Aishling Wall, Terese Flood, Caoimhe Tierney, Lisa Hassett, Eimear Hoare, Ciara Baxter, Laura Bruton and Meadhbh McManus.

Co-ordinator of the

Hockey: Margaret Houlihan.
A big "thank you" to Margaret and coach Dr. Mary Archer.

Tennis

Despite the wind and the rain Maynooth v Confey



U14 Shot Putt: - 1st Lynn Brennan, 2nd Anthonine Rossiter, 3rd Emma Fleming

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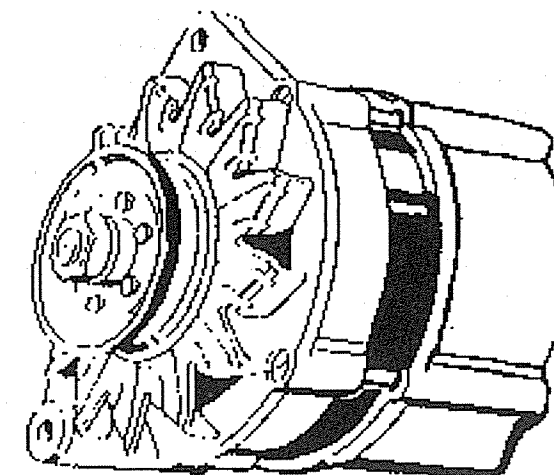
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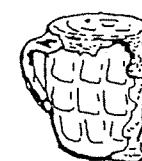
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was a very entertaining match, unfortunately Maynooth went down on the day. We wish Tom O'Sullivan and his team better luck next time.

Rounders
Two teams went forward to represent Maynooth - U.13 and U.15 girls. The U.15 girls won their way to the semi-finals stage while the U.13's made it to the finals, but were beaten on the day by a much stronger and experienced Crookstown team.

to Mary MacNamara for co-ordinating the Rounders this year and to all the parents who helped in the smooth running of these games.

Team as follows:-
Eileen Devanney, Elaine Mac Namara, Niamh Byrne, Orlaith Tobin, Emma Higgins, Lisa Corcoran, Awut Ni Mhurchú, Janice Dooley, Ann-Marie Campbell, Aoife Tracey, Rebecca Doyle.

*Kathleen Mullarkey,
Secretary*

The Committee are grateful

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our annual outing took place this year to Wicklow. The scenery was awesome as we basked in the sun filled coaches and negotiated the lake drive. Most of our group ventured on the boat trip on the lake in the evening. The tranquillity of the hour spent on the boat was far removed from the wind and the rain of previous days. Our nautical expert was a very pleasant young man called Jason, who gave us an insight into the history of Wicklow, from Blessington to Poulaphouca and all the interesting places in between. This was indeed the highlight of the day, and the few who did not chance the boat will never know the delight they missed. We completed our evening with dinner in the Club House Restaurant. It wasn't exactly the "Ritz", but the meal was enjoyable. We arrived home as we started out, courtesy of Barton's Transport, and we thank them once again for their generosity.



Tony and Kathleen Flynn (back), Dick Kearns (front) on the M. V. Blessington



*Something to smile about on the M.V. Blessington.
Summer outing '96 L-R: Ita McTernan, Josie Wicks and Angela Caffery etc.*

Home Security
We have just completed a survey on the security situation of our older people living alone. We found that people are now more security conscious. The majority of our Senior Citizens' homes are well secured. However, there is room for improvement and this work will be carried out over the summer months.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk
We don't have a final figure yet of the amount raised from the Tony Smith memorial walk, but it will top £1,500 this year. This information will be available at the presentation of the cheque on Thursday, July 18th, which is our Cabaret night in Caulfield's. This event each year is hosted by our committee and gives us the opportunity to say thank you to a community that is so generous to us. Everybody is welcome on the night, young and old alike. Tea and sandwiches will be provided by the committee and the music by Kevin & Jo, with special guest Mick McGarry.

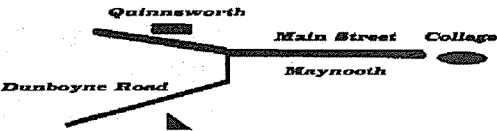
Summer Holidays
Our morning club is now closed for the summer break and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable holiday, wherever you may be. Our group of Senior Citizens will go on holidays around the end of August to either Kerdiffstown or Mornington, and that will draw another successful year to a close. September will see the re-opening of the club as we begin another year. Please God.

Finally, we were all saddened by the sudden death of John McCartan and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Having enjoyed his company on the outing just a few days beforehand, the shock was all the greater. May he rest in peace.

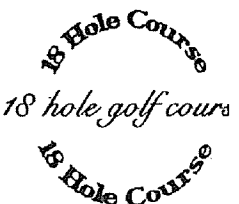
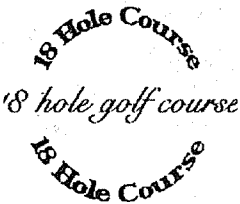
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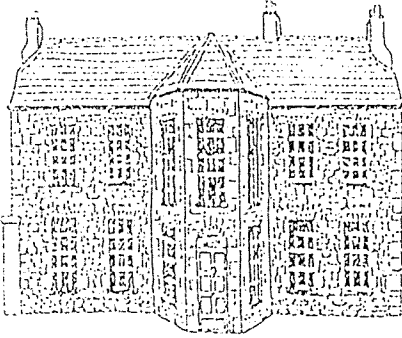


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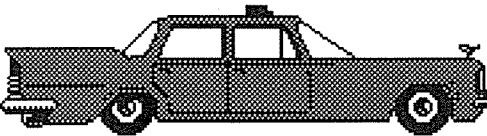
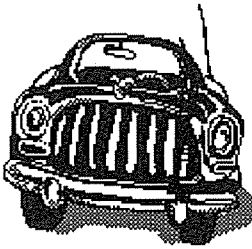


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MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

The June meeting of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association took place in the ICA Hall on Thursday, 6th June. Marion Souhan, our President, congratulated the ladies on their success in the Craft Spectacular which took place in the Kill G.A.A. Centre on May 22nd.

Craft Spectacular

The ladies from our Guild were in winning form at the Craft Spectacular. The winners were:

Soft Toys Section - 1st. Jo O'Connell
2nd. Mary O'Gorman

Mountmellick Embroidery - Bernadette Raftery.

It was Mary Flynn's lucky night as Mary won a lovely Brother sewing machine which was raffled among all who entered the competition.

"Return To The Hill" Trip

The trip to see "Return to the Hill" took place Wednesday, 29th May. Twenty-one ladies went by coach to the Regency Hotel in Drumcondra and all agreed it was a very good play. The ladies then enjoyed a meal in the restaurant. Both meal and play were excellent value.

McCarthy Cup

Kill G.A.A. Centre was the venue for the Federation Table Quiz on June 19th. Teams from all over Co. Kildare took part in the quiz, including two teams from our own Guild.

Osteoporosis Check Up

Rosemary Hanley, Secretary, got a great response from the ladies present who were interested in a scanner for detecting osteoporosis. A doctor from Irish Health Care, Blackrock Clinic, would come to our Guild and carry out this scanning at a cost of £25 per patient providing we had at least 25 ladies or more. Normal cost is £35.

Belfast Trip

Rosemary, Secretary, is hoping to organise a day trip to Belfast in September - details to be finalised at the September Guild meeting.

Quiz

Mary Flynn, our Contest Secretary, tested all our brains on a quiz based on Kildare. These quizzes always prove to be very popular and the winning team on this occasion was Betty Farrell, Betty Moore, Mary Deane and Maryse Killian.

Summer Holidays

The members of our Guild are officially on holidays from the end of June. There will be no meeting in July or August and the Crafts, Badminton and Calligraphy sessions will also end at this time.

Next Meeting

Our next Guild meeting will be on 5th September at 8p.m. The competition on the night is "Pot of Homemade Jam". There will be a draw for 2 part scholarships to An Grianan for 1997. Finally, I hope all our members and friends have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

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BAND BULLETIN

The heat wave last month hopefully augurs well for a repeat of last years Spanish weather but unfortunately we were without it last month for our proposed recital in the New Square. The rain held off all day but when our 'scouts' inspected the scene of the recital they were quite literally bowled over by the gale force wind blowing down the bridge and through the square. It would have been impossible to perform under these conditions so we reluctantly had to postpone the event until a later date. Apologies to our loyal supporters.

Community Festival

We will, however, be giving a recital in the Square on Monday 15th July as our contribution to the annual Community Festival and we hope to be blessed with some of the tropical weather from June. The music begins at 7.30p.m. and carries through to 9 o'clock p.m. and we look forward to seeing all our friends (and hopefully lots of visitors) there.

Cemetery Sunday

Sunday, June 16th marked another first for the Band when a small group played during the Mass for Cemetery Sunday in Laraghbryan. One of our staunchest supporters, Fr. Supple, was very keen to have the Band this year and we in turn were pleased and honoured to play for this special occasion, particularly when he mentioned during the Mass how so many of our ex members rest in Laraghbryan. We hope our presence helped increase the solemnity of Cemetery Sunday and we hope God willing, that this is the forerunner of many band visits to this special occasion in Maynooth.

Corpus Christi Procession

We were pleased that the procession took place this year following last years cancellation. The Corpus Christi Procession is one of the oldest religious events in Maynooth and one with which St. Mary's Band has always been associated. Although our park is small we look forward to maintaining this special Maynooth tradition of which fathers and grandfathers of current members have felt privileged to be a part of which fathers and grandfathers of current members have felt privileged to be a part. We hope there will always be a Corpus Christi Procession in Maynooth.

Feil na Gael

For many, many years St. Mary's Band have travelled all over the country taking part in this national festival of Hurling. However, in 1995 the parade was changed from Sunday to Saturday and as a result we found we were unable to field a full Band due to work commitments of a large number of members. It was particularly disappointing this

year when, having informed the organisers last March that we could not participate for the first time in fifteen years, we recently discovered that Maynooth club will be taking part this year. What a pity it could not have been arranged for Sunday. Apologies to our friends in the G.A.A. but maybe next year.

Engagements

Our summer engagements are now at their peak and requests for the Band should be addressed to Deirdre Stynes, Hon. Secretary, Moneycooley, Maynooth.

Classes

Our classes have ended for the summer holidays and we hope some of our enthusiastic students will graduate to instruments when they resume in September.

See you all here in August.

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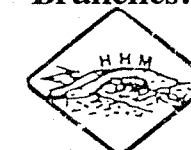
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Maynooth Royal Canal News

The temporary harbour carpark that was being used for the station is now closed.

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The canal will have to remain dammed on both sides of the bridge until the leak in the canal is rectified.

We are very pleased to announce that the Office of Public Works with the benefit of a special machine, will clear the canal of algae, fungi, weeds and anything growing on the canal bottom.

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

The Maynooth Planning Alliance made its submission on the Draft Development Plan on May 25th. Accompanying the detailed submission were the many petitions that residents of Maynooth had signed supporting the Maynooth Planning Alliance submission. We estimated at least 2,000 petitions were signed, this was a mammoth task to achieve in a very short period of time, it could not have been done without the help and support of the residents and residents' associations throughout Maynooth. We wish to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all who helped at such short notice.

Many Submissions

Since the deadline for submissions on May 25th we have been anxiously awaiting news of the date when the Maynooth Development Plan will go before the Celbridge Area Committee for a decision. As yet (June 17th) the Planning Department have been unable to give us a date as they have received so many submissions and petitions, they must all be considered prior to setting a date for the meeting. Any member of the public can contact the Planning Department of Kildare County Council by phone to enquire if a date has been decided.

As you may have noticed from the local newspapers, Development Plans for Kilcock, Clane and Celbridge are also being considered by the County Council at this time. The Maynooth Planning Alliance has looked at these plans in conjunction with representatives from groups concerned about excessive rezoning from each of these towns. When the proposed rezoning is looked at for all these areas a truly dramatic picture emerges, the face of north Kildare will change to a heavily urbanized area. It is in view of the scale of changes proposed that the Maynooth Planning Alliance has allied with these other groups to form the "North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning". We wish our councillors to look at the region as a whole and to plan with the overall picture in mind. We would like to see a balanced plan taking into account the need for residential development and the need for services generated by that development. We have limitations on the amount of water and the availability of sewage treatment. We must carefully balance these needs so that we do not limit the growth of industry within our region because we have used all our resources on residential development. We also want to see the green belts between our towns maintained. We hope that by working together we can bring the big picture into focus for ourselves and for those who will make the decisions that will decide the future shape of Maynooth and North Kildare. The Maynooth Planning Alliance can be contacted at: 1 Parklands Rise (Secretary).

Liz Stoll

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CARTON AVENUE ACTION GROUP

Massive Opposition to Re-zoning Confirmed

A massive 98% of all those asked are against the proposed rezoning of the lands adjacent to Carton Avenue. Over 4,000 Maynooth people signed a petition organised by the Carton Avenue Action Group condemning Kildare County Council's decision to rezone 128 acres of land adjacent to the historic lime walk avenue and calling on the council to reverse that decision.

The Carton Avenue Action Group is delighted with the result. It vindicates its belief that Maynooth residents are concerned to have the heritage of the town kept intact and its environment preserved as befits a Georgian town for future generations.

This particular rezoning affects all residents of Maynooth and not just sectional interests.

The main reasons why people are against the rezoning are set out in the accompanying letter to the County Secretary. Added to these is the fact that, ironically at the very time when the centre of the town is in the process of being refurbished so that its appearance will be in keeping with that of an eighteenth-century Georgian town, Kildare County Council have decided to destroy part of its environmental heritage. In doing so it is in direct opposition to its own stated policy regarding "Items for Preservation". This policy states: "In addition to the items themselves, it is an objective of the Council to preserve their environs and setting, and to prevent or exclude any development which would destroy or detract from their amenity value. It is also an object of the Council to preserve views and prospects of these items. All such views and prospects are considered by the Council to be of special amenity value and/or special interests." (Section 2.16.)

The results of the petition have shown that the aims of the Carton Action Avenue Group are supported by the vast majority of people living in the town. In the coming weeks the group intends to bring this fact to the attention of all Kildare County Councillors and relevant public representatives. We are confident that the wishes of such a huge number of people cannot be ignored and that our public representatives will respect these wishes and vote to reverse the decision to rezone these lands.

Enquiries: Margaret Clinche, P.R.O. (Phone: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — 045 434297).
Bridie O'Brien, Chairperson (Phone: 6286747).



Carton Avenue Action Group:- L-R: Gerry Durack, Margaret Clinche, Christina Sauls, Sheila Smyth, Bridie O'Brien, Matt Kennedy, Leo Mc Glynn, Lynn Whittaker, Mary Skelly.

Copy of letter from Carton Avenue Action Group Chairperson, Bridie O'Brien, to Mr. H. Lyons, County Secretary, Kildare County Council:

Dear Mr. Lyons,

Re: Amended Draft Development Plan for Maynooth.

I write as Chairperson of the Carton Avenue Action Group, which was formed at a public meeting held in Maynooth on March 20th. Our 10-member committee was elected at the meeting and our specific mandate was to campaign for the reversal of the rezoning of the lands adjacent to Carton Avenue. The rezoning includes 47 acres residential development, 24 acres light industrial development, 4 acres for educational purposes and 43 acres for amenity.

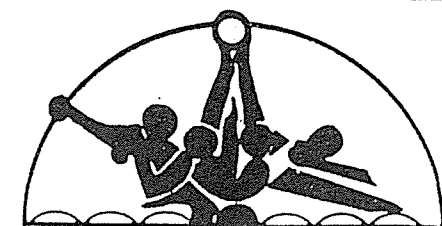
There is no doubt but that this rezoning is of major concern to the people of Maynooth and this is shown by the results of the petition we carried out.

I set out below the results of our petition which involved two processes, (a) door-to-door petition, (b) signatures collected at the Avenue, College and Quinnsworth Supermarket.

(a) Door-to-door petition:

1,901 houses signed the petition. This accounts for 76% of all households in Maynooth. (Of the households called to where there was somebody in, 98% agreed with the petition and signed.) The 2% who did not sign were made up of (i) people who never sign petitions, (ii) people who didn't care, (iii) people who agreed with the development. The door-to-

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door petitions have been delivered separately to you as individual objections to the rezoning at Carton Avenue. They total 1,901 houses and 3,015 signatures.

(b) Petitions signed at Carton Avenue, College and Supermarket:

1,163 signatures were collected objecting to the rezoning at these locations. 965 of these signatures are attached to my submission with more than one name and address per sheet. Individual objections collected at these locations contain 198 signatures and these have been delivered separately. Having reviewed the signatures collected at these locations and compared them with the individual door-to-door objections, 102 householders who were not in on our door-to-door calls actually signed under this process.

Overall result of the petition:

Combining (a) and (b) the overall result of our petition is 80% of all households in Maynooth object to the rezoning (2,003 houses) with total Maynooth individuals objecting being 3,378 (total individuals objecting including those outside Maynooth = 4,056, i.e. 4,178 less duplicates 122).

Result — of those contacted, 98% against the rezoning.

I would hope that you would agree that the result of our campaign has shown a massive objection to the re-zoning adjacent to Carton Avenue.

I would now like to set out for you why the people of Maynooth have so strongly rejected this rezoning.

(1) The rezoning of this land will obliterate the last, major green belt between Maynooth and Leixlip. It will destroy the environment of Carton Avenue — one of the very few passive amenities left to the people of the region. If no land remained for zoning in the town, this area should still be left untouched.

(2) Carton Avenue is an essential feature of the lay-out of Maynooth, stretching from the eastern end of the town to Carton Demesne. It forms part of an unbroken line from the estate to the gates of Maynooth College which is flanked by lime trees. A cruciform shape is completed by the continuation of the trees on Leinster and Mill Streets. Any interference with this line of trees will destroy forever the unique character and quality of the Main Street and of the town itself. The trees are already preserved and any building could irreparably damage their environment. Once this area is built upon there is no reversal.

(3) Maynooth historical character depends upon the preservation of amenities such as St. Patrick's College, the Geraldine Castle and Carton House. They are essential to the future heritage and tourism within the town and are linked by Carton Avenue.

(4) Carton House is the only large green area remaining in the Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip area. The house itself is still perfectly preserved along with its landscaped gardens and pastures. They are unique in Western Europe. The Castle and Carton are living testimony of the Anglo-Norman and Geraldine connection with Maynooth which is of central historical importance. This development will seriously diminish the demesne.

(5) The rezoning will detract from the development of the Royal Canal amenity adjacent to Carton Avenue.

(6) The area is entirely unsuitable for industry. This decision is particularly illogical. Industrial development will again increase the number of heavy vehicles in the heart of the town which the by-pass was intended to reduce. It will also raise air pollution levels beside the Presentation Convent primary school, adding further to the danger of asthma and respiratory diseases already noted in the Maynooth area. There is already sufficient land re-zoned for industry beside the by-pass interchange.

(7) For the older residents of Maynooth the walk along Carton Avenue is one feature that impacts on their quality of life. It is the only area of Maynooth which has not been developed beyond recognition. Surely the older residents of the town deserve some aspects of old Maynooth to be preserved.

In conclusion, I thank you for considering our submission and I would request that our committee would be given the opportunity of making an oral presentation to the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council to explain this submission to them.

I await hearing from you.

Bridie O'Brien, Chairperson.

Paddy Power

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 3rd - S. Tracey 69pts

Class 3 1st - M. Fitzsimons 58pts
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Paddy Nolan (Secretary)

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION, BOYS SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

Once again it has come to the end of the school year and we would like to wish the boys who have left the school this year all the best in the future. We would also like to congratulate the boys who made their First Holy Communion and those who were confirmed during the year. We held a party for both classes.

We hope all those who supported and those who attended the retirement function for Mr. O’Connell had a good night. We would like to thank all past members of the Parents Association who helped to sell tickets for the function.

Finally, we wish all the boys and their families a very happy summer holiday.

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We thank those who helped with the estate clean-up on June 29th.

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As far as we know traffic calming is a new idea to Kildare County Council and if the solution we are working on with the engineer is implemented it would be a first for the county. We would be delighted to hear of any traffic calming measures that have been implemented anywhere in the county.

Topics Discussed

What we think is a workable initial solution was agreed on at our last meeting on 13th June. Other topics discussed were:

- The logic of Parson Street being the access route to the motorway for all Newtown residents and what alternative routes could or should be used;
- The traffic calming measure should be in place before next winter when it is most needed;
- We should look for clarification of the implication for speeding in our street when Bond Bridge is re-aligned. On this point we are mindful of what has happened on the Straffan Road.
- Vandalism has not been a problem in the last few months and everybody expressed the wish that this would remain so;
- It must also be said that a couple of residents were anxious to suggest that the Joan Slade river should be filled in and the road pushed over to the College wall and away from our houses. Although this is not a committee policy we agreed to find out exactly how much this would cost. Other residents would like to see the river cleaned up and its amenity value maximised.

If the clean-up day has not passed (date to be decided at time of writing) don't forget that the skip will arrive and depart on the same day.

We would like to thank Sheila Waddington for posting us a copy of the Maynooth Report carried out by the Geography Department of the College, following a simple verbal request that we would be interested in seeing the results.

Finally, I would remind people in a hurry of the danger of speeding. Remember one can speed within the speed limit.

Kevin Freeney
P.S.R.A.

~ MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT JULY 1996 ~

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Wed 3rd July	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Marley Park £2.50 (bring packed lunch)
	7.30	MADE Centre	Film 50p
Thurs 4th July	9.30 - 3.00	Greenfield S/C	Swimming £3.50 St.Paul's Raheny (bring packed lunch & Swimming hat)
Fri 5th July	2.00 - 4.00	Boy's School	Soccer / College (runners - runner boots only)
WEEK 2			
Mon 8th July	2.00 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE Centre Pitch & Putt Club	Crafts 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls & Clubs if possible)
Tues 9th July	11.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Indoor Fun Factory £3.50 (packed lunch)
Wed 10th July	2.00 - 4.30 7.30	Boys School MADE Centre	Soccer/College Film 50p
Thurs 11th	2.00 - 4.00	MADE centre	Quiz 50p
Fri 12th	11.00 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Fort Lucan £4.00 (bring a packed lunch)
WEEK 3			
Mon 15 th	2.00 - 4.30	Boys School	Tennis / Olympic Handball
Tues 16th	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Zoo £3.50 (bring a packed lunch)
Wed 17th	2.00 - 4.00 7.30	MADE centre MADE centre	Crafts 50p Film 50p
Thurs 18th	2.00 - 4.30	MADE centre	Summer Fair
Fri 19th	9.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Walk in Wickla £2.50 (bring a packed lunch)
WEEK 4			
Mon 22nd July	2.00 -4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE centre Pitch & Putt Club	Bingo 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls & clubs if possible)
Tues 23rd	9.00 - 6.00	Greenfield S/C	Annamoe £6.00
Wed 24th	12.45 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Bowling Tallaght £3.50
Thurs 25th	2.00 - 5.00	Parish Hall	Disco Competition 50p

Features

FINE EVENING OF FINE ART!

Local artist and writer Vincent Doyle, hosted what was a very successful Fine Art Exhibition in Barberstown Castle on Thursday 27th June.

Junior Minister for Social Welfare, Bernard Durkan opened the exhibition which was attended by more than three hundred people from the arts, cultural and political world as well as a host of family and friends.

Vincent who lives in Pound Street was born and reared in Maynooth and started painting at an early age. He first became interested in art through his grandfather, a gardener in the College who also painted. This early interest in painting progressed and in the early 1970's Vincent studied at the National College of Art and Design.

He has been exhibiting for more than twenty years and has held exhibitions in St. Patrick's College, The Solomon Gallery and The Oriel Gallery to name but a few.



Vincent Doyle at work at his paintings

In this exhibition there were forty seven works on display, ranging from still lifes to life studies in pastels and pencil. Vincent works mainly with oil on canvas, painting local scenes, townlife and landscapes "old parts of Maynooth that are fast disappearing", such as Crew Hill, who many will remember was Old Maynooth Park. He has used friends and family as models and one of his paintings "The Dressmaker" is a study of his sister-in-law who is a seamstress.

The exhibition was sponsored by Barton's Transport,

Maynooth, whom Vincent is especially grateful to. The evening was memorable and one which Vincent will not be able to forget as the whole event was recorded on video by John Callaghan.

Vincent's work has been described as "utterly enchanting" and as having "a brilliant diversity of style" by Monica Corcoran, County Kildare Arts Officer. If you would like to own a work by an acclaimed contemporary artist, Vincent's works are for sale and the artist also takes commissions.

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Euro Winner Honoured

Maynooth College hosted a very special reception in honour of one its more famous scholars, Eurovision Song Contest winner Eimear Quinn.

The reception, which took place on Tuesday 4th June in Renehan Hall, was organised by Professor Séamus Smyth, Master of Maynooth College.

Invitations were sent out to Eimear's Second Year Music classmates and to the Maynooth Chamber Choir of which she is a member. More than forty people attended the event including staff from the Music Department to commend Eimear on her triumphant win and to wish her well in her future.

Master of Ceremonies, Professor Smyth, said that Eimear had not only represented Ireland in Oslo but the College as well. He said the collegiality which exists in Maynooth College is the envy of many universities in Ireland. The Eurovision win was he said, "a major achievement we all took pride in".

Eimear, who was joined by her parents and other family members, was in jovial form as she had just finished her exams earlier that day. When her lecturer Professor Gerard Gillen, Head of the Music Department stood up to speak about Eimear, it was this diligence in maintaining College commitments, involvement with other choirs and coping with her new found fame that he commended her for. He also praised her for her ability to balance professional and academic commitments and jokingly remarked about all the attention and publicity he had received since the Eurovision for "doing absolutely nothing".

The speeches ended with a presentation by the College to Eimear of a bronze Ogham plaque. The plaque was made locally at "The Turning" in Straffan and bears Eimear's name and the name of the song 'The Voice', with which she won the Eurovision Song Contest last May. Eimear's mother Siobhán was also presented with a bouquet of flowers.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all and the Maynooth Newsletter would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Eimear and to wish her well in her future.

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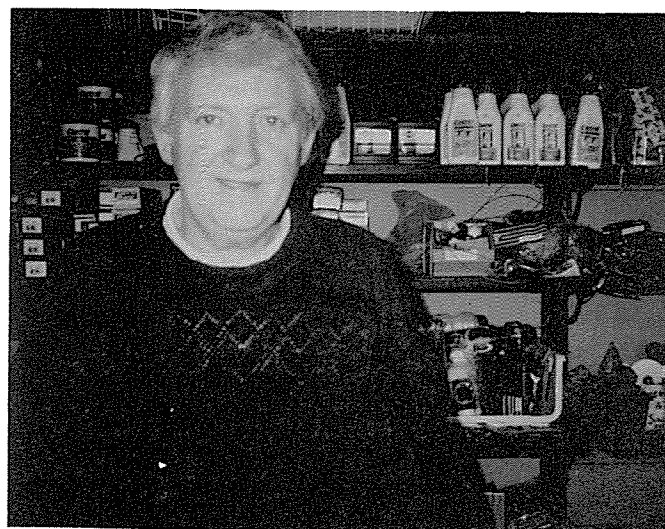
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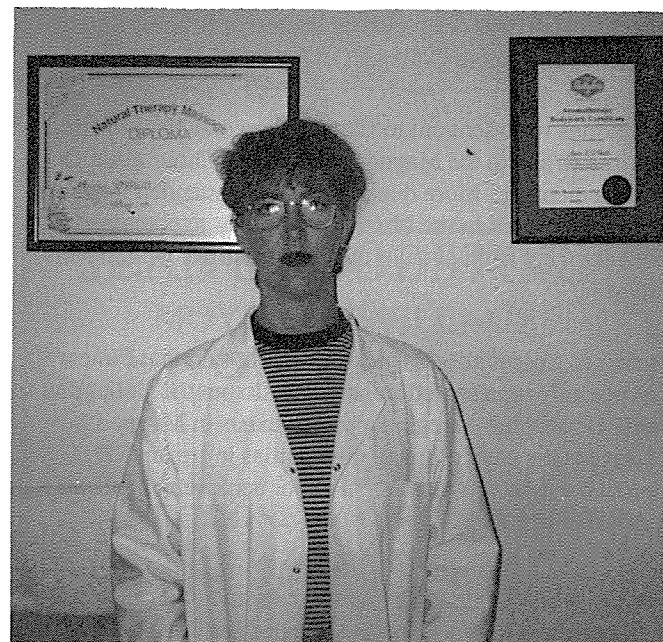
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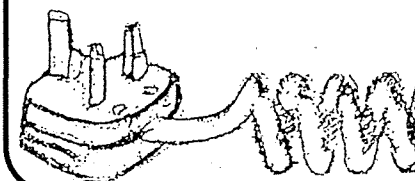
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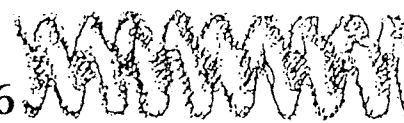
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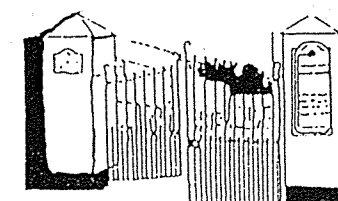
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"ALLEYCATS MEET THE SLICKERS"

On the evening of Wednesday, 29th May, in the Harbour Field, two football teams "came out of retirement" for a very special cause. The teams comprised of "The Alleycats" from the Main Street and "The Slickers" from the Glenroyal Centre and Hotel.



The Alleycats, Main Street



The Slickers, The Glenroyal Centre

The match was a charitable friendly in aid of baby Liam Prior, who at 16 weeks old is badly in need of a liver transplant. The imperative operation can only be performed in London, and aside from the distressing wait for a donor, Liam's parents are faced with a mighty fee including travel, doctors bills and childminding facilities for their other

children during their gruelling trip.

The footballers hoped to raise about £400 on the night of the match. There were 35 players in all, each of whom paid a £10 cover charge for the privilege of playing.

The players included Willy Dawson, Will Coonan, Eddie Kehoe and Eamon O'Flaherty on the Main St. Team, and Fintan McMahon, Ray Grehan, Declan Foley and Dr. Denis Gaffney on the Glenroyal team. The main organiser was Fintan McMahon.

The weather was kind to the players and the atmosphere was fun although at times there was evidence of the game being taken quite seriously.

Garda Cathal O'Grady scored two goals for the Alleycats and a very intense few moments were experienced by all during Vincent Carthy's goal for the Glenroyal Slickers.

The final result looked like a goal until the Alleycats scored on penalties. The triumphant Main Street team were presented with a Perpetual Cup sponsored by the Glenroyal Complex in the Hotel bar later that night. This cup it is hoped will be used in aid of future charity events.

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SCÉALTA ÓN nGAELSCOIL

'Samhradh, samhradh, baine na gamhna, thugamar féin an samhradh linn.' So runs the Irish song, in which the poet is happy to see the warmth and bounty of summer entering the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to appreciate the benefits of the season.

This mid-summer contentment was evident in those who saw a long-awaited project drawing close to fruition as they attended a meeting of parents of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich held in the G.A.A. clubáras recently. The meeting was convened to finalize the arrangements for the school's opening in September.

Enormous Support

In his report, the cathaoirleach, Colm O'Cearúil, stated that the scoil had received enormous support from Gaelscoileanna, the national organisation of Irish medium schools all over Ireland. At the annual conference of the organisation in Athlone, held last April, the Maigh Nuad delegates received messages of good will and support from other long-established scoileanna and wished the new scoil gach rath sa todhchaí. The cathaoirleach was happy to report that the coiste had received a complimentary set of text books and audio cassettes from Comhar na Múinteoirí Gaeilge. A set of educational C.D.s and tapes had been received from Gael-Linn, while a financial contribution to help defray the costs of the Gaelscoil opening day booklet had been received from Cumann na bhFiann and Glór na nGael. The cathaoirleach hastened to add that there was still some sponsorship space available in the leabhrán to Maynooth business groups or organisations who wished to be associated with this successful Gaelscoil.

In May, representatives from Maynooth attended the Ard-Fheis of Conradh na Gaeilge in Belfast. An invitation was extended to the Maynooth Gaelscoil to twin with a Belfast Gaelscoil. It is hoped that exchanges can be arranged with Belfast in the very near future.

Scoil Principal

The cathaoirleach was very pleased to report that the coiste had received sanction to appoint a scoil Principal. The position was advertised in June and candidates for the position will be interviewed in July. The cathaoirleach informed the parents that they will have the opportunity to meet the principal and the children of the other parents at the scoil open day in August. He wished to thank all the people who had helped to make the project a reality. Through their hard work, dedication and tenacity they had succeeded in founding a Gaelscoil in Maynooth.

The finance coiste report was given by Betty O'Hare, who

stated that to date the outlay had mostly been confined to stationery and ancillary office supplies. The money raised in fund raising events during the year had more than covered these costs. She stated that the Gaelscoil was now entering the stage when the financial burden would be greatest, i.e. the setting up of the classroom and the purchase of extra teaching aids. To this end the Cairde Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich agreed to co-opt extra members from the parent body and to convene an early meeting to intensify their fund raising activities.

The cathaoirleach of the Coiste Comhairleach, Noel O Raghallaigh, circulated copies of the draft policy document. There was broad agreement that the document contained all the points raised through the earlier workshops, designed to formulate the policy. The document was endorsed as scoil policy subject to some minor amendments.

Angela Brady displayed several samples of a scoil uniform. We hope that the people of Maynooth will be impressed by the smart choice of the parents, as seen on the streets of Maynooth autumn collection 1996.

Kevin Freaney displayed samples of a suitable crest. We believe that the choice made reflects the sense of identity the Gaelscoil has with its town of Maynooth.

Motto

The motto chosen for the Gaelscoil is 'Cothrom na Féinne' which means respect and fair play or balanced judgement. This encapsulates the value system inherent in the scoil ethos which is one of respect for oneself, each other, parents, language, community, culture, environment and opinion. We believe that by respecting ourselves we can in turn have greater respect for other languages, cultures and opinions. The manifestation of respect is to treat anybody or anything [the environment] fairly or with cothrom or balance. Cothrom na Féinne was the most highly regarded of all the traits of the Fianna, the mythological band of warriors who protected Ireland under Fionn Mac Cumhaill. The other Fianna traits were, glaine ár gcroí — purity of heart, neart ár ngéag — strength of limb, agus beart de réir ár mbriathar — to fulfil that which we say we will do. We hope that Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich will endeavour to instil some of these honourable traits in our young students.


The lengthy meeting concluded on a buoyant and optimistic note that the long meeting over the year had been fruitful agus go mbeidh Ghaelscoil Uí Fhiaich faoi bhláth sa bhFómhar.

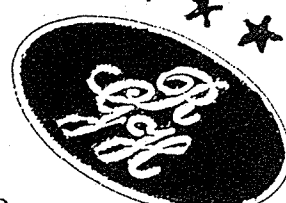
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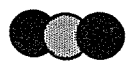





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The first phase of restoration work, on the roof and stonework of the main block of the house has been completed, the windows painted and the stonework cleaned. Parkland surrounding the house is also being acquired thus retrieving some of the original Demesne and enhancing the setting of this magnificent house.

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The Royal City Chinese Restaurant is owned and run by Celbridge Chef Alex To. Mr. To also owns a take-away in Celbridge.

The Royal City opened its gates to Maynooth business on February 1st 1996 and although the establishment has not received much publicity, word of mouth seems to have done the job, as business is doing very well, thank you!

This is not surprising, however as the staff are friendly and helpful, the ambience and decor are peaceful and inviting and the food is, to quote a famous chef, "simply delicious".

There is a take-away menu and a sit-down menu, including a salubrious wine-list. Both menus are well worth investigation.

The restaurant specializes in Cantonese and Szechuan Cuisine and their claim to have the best food and prices in Kildare is definitely vindicated.

Sarah O'Connor

CEMETERY SUNDAY AT LARAGHBRYAN

I always understood that Kildare County Council was responsible for the above cemetery, now I am told by others who also have loved ones interred there that this is not so.

My point is that the cemetery was a disgrace last Sunday. With the exception of the work done by remaining relatives, the rest was a wilderness. The new section is completely overgrown with weeds and grass, which could be easily mown, and the original section has lots of graves gone completely wild because there are no living relatives to clean them.

Wheely bins were provided in the original part, but I think they are rarely emptied. There are no such facilities in the new area. Surely with the hundreds of people who attend each year a committee could be formed who could look into who is responsible? Is there a caretaker or maintenance man?

Could the Community Council get something going, or the Tidy Towns group?

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Signed a local Senior Citizen (name with editor).

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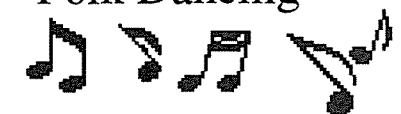
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THE NEW HEART OF MAYNOOTH

Now that the new square is firmly in place, we asked some people for their comments and opinions. The general consensus was that it is a great improvement on the "thing", but there are some reservations.

The so-called pergola seems to be the main offender. One commentator went so far as to say "it is fine except for 'The Gallows' in the middle".



Flood's House previously overshadowed by "The Thing"

Our enquiries led to many questions, for example – Is it finished? Are they going to put a roof on it? – What say did the residents of Maynooth have in its construction?

We can confirm that yes, it is finished, and no, the pergola will not be roofed, however, it may be crowned with draping plants or hanging lanterns.

Concern was expressed about the size of the square. Many people feel that the square may be too big, and that it could have been constructed to lessen the bottleneck effect of the sudden narrowing of the Straffan road as it meets the main street.

The other offender is the group of sculptures dotted around the square. Nobody seems too sure what they represent. Their artistic value seems unfortunately to be greatly in doubt. One person commented that the small monument to commemorate those who fought in the 1916 rising is out of proportion with the vastness of the overall finished product, although other opinions suggested that this was not necessarily a bad thing. While there are some who said it is wasted space, the square also has many fans. Comments from these varied from "fabulous" to "lovely and open" to pleasant, and of course, everyone agreed that it is much better than the old one. Although now Maynooth has been blessed with a new heart, there are still some gems for its future.

Is it destined for the same treatment as "the thing" i.e., to be decorated with graffiti posters, and designated the new hangout for undesirable elements in the community?

We at the **Newsletter** are praying this will not be the case, and that it will continue to be strong and clean for many years to come.



Enjoying the resting place in the Square L-R:- Carol Ann McNamara, Audrey Robinson and John Quigley

Sarah O'Connor

MAYNOOTH STUDENTS' UNION PUTS ACROSS CASE FOR CEASEFIRE IN WESTMINSTER

On Wednesday 5th June at 7pm in the conference room in Westminster, Former Maynooth Students' Union Vice-President Denis Clohessy spoke to an assembled gathering made up of members of parliament and the House of Lords as well as members of various Irish political parties on the issue of Maynooth students support for peace in Northern Ireland, as well as arguing for a resumption of the 1994 IRA ceasefire.

Also speaking on Wednesday evening was Chris Hudson, chairperson of the Peace-Train Organisation and Gary Kent, chairperson of New Dialogue.

The following day the peace campaigners met with a number of members of parliament and the House of Lords including Simon Hughes (Liberal Democrats), and Lord Billy Bleece, a former Trade Union activist, who added their names to condolence books for the families of those who lost their sons in the Canary Wharf bombing containing 10,000 signatures. These were later given to the Scotland Yard Liaison Officer who will pass them on to the families. The Liaison Officer, Mr. Cartwright, explained that the families were still too distraught to be able to be present themselves.

Further details from Denis Clohessy at (01) 4582138 or Maynooth Students' Union at Phone (01)7083669. Fax: (01) 6286035.

In his address Mr. Clohessy thanked his audience for the privilege of speaking.

He eloquently portrayed his involvement with the Maynooth College Peace Train from its inception in 1989 until the 1994 Ceasefire and to the present date.

He went on to voice the opinions of the generation who have grown up with the violence, from those directly affected, to the students of Maynooth and all over Britain and Ireland, who continue in their struggle for peace.

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SCOIL UÍ RIADA

Scoil Uí Riada was founded in 1986 by parents from Maynooth and Kilcock who wished to have their children educated through Irish. The school was named after Séan O Riada, a man who loved the Irish language and music. The dedication of the schools 7 teachers provides an excellent standard of education for the 180 pupils who attend. The children are also given the opportunity to participate in many sports, music and drama after school.

The school has grown and developed over the past ten years, and it is planned to build extra classrooms and a sports hall in the near future.

"Cairde Scoil Uí Riada" has worked over the years to fundraise and provide financial support for growth and improvement. During 1995/6 the "Cairde" held a number of fund raising events which were successful due to the goodwill and generosity of so many people in Maynooth and Kilcock. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank you' to the parents, the people of Maynooth and the Maynooth business community for your support and generosity during the year. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.



Aoife McDonagh, 18 Rockfield Green, Maynooth from Scoil Uí Riada, Kilcock, on her Communion Day.

Bunaíodh Scoil Uí Riada i 1986 chun freastal ar phobal Máigh Nuad agus Cill Choca. Ainmíodh é i ndiaidh Séan O Riada, ceoltóir agus fear go raibh grá agus meas iontach aige ar an dteanga.

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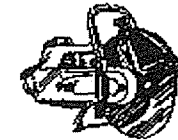
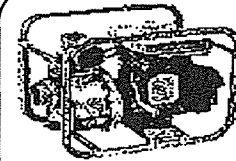
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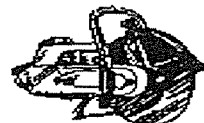


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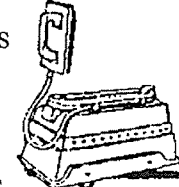
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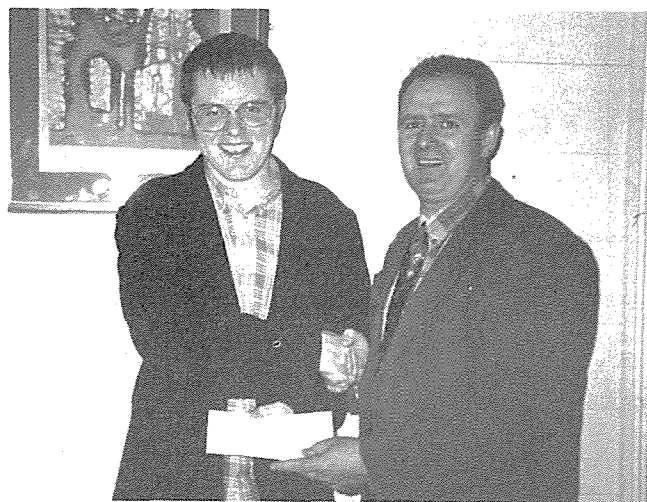
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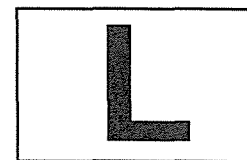
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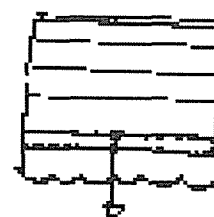
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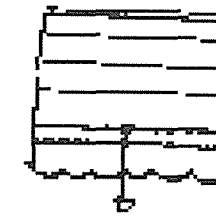
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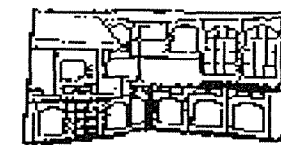
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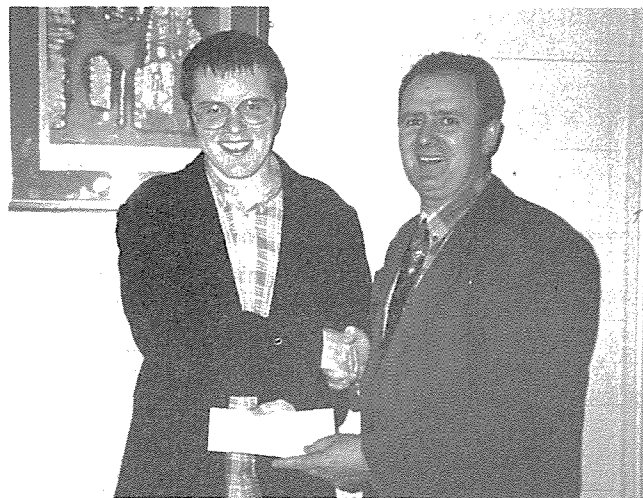
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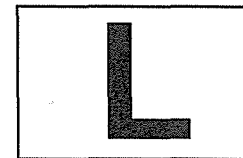
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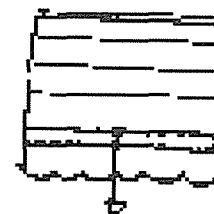
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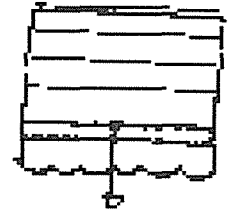
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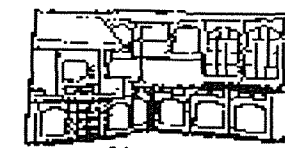
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Just arrived at a new dwelling place
What a lot there is to do
Fill up each room of empty space
With furniture and all things new.
There is a special room for Jane
And a room for our baby John
They can all play fun and games
When Ma and Pa are gone.

Walls need painting and curtains up
And carpets for the floor
A dog house for Sam the Pup
And a new gloss on each door.
But what about Samantha we say
The eldest child of the family
A teenager to spend her day
With dear Mum on bended knee.

Its not easy living in a new home
But an adventure all the same
Together we never feel alone
In our house without a name.
When we are settled in
It will bring us so much joy
To neglect our home be a sin
In the home that's in our cry.

A home is your palace is the truth
To relax after a tiring day
Blessed children to spend their youth
With good rearing it will pay.
May God protect our dwelling place
Protect us from any strife
The best home in the human race
Guided by a loving Husband and Wife.
Patrick Murray

OZONE, OZONE, OZONE, O

We came from a land where farming was various
In season, out season always precarious
We gaped in dismay as they plundered the soil
With gramoxone and barley and strange kinds of oil.

The bank man said corn was the farmers deliverance
So long as he mortgaged to fund the contrivance
One by one, I saw them all go in hock
A site here, a site there kept them out of the dock.

Then the powers that be called a halt to their houses
Saying people must go to the place with the services
Now the people are coming to the determined place
There's no room at the inn unless we move apace.

The people are coming, we cannot prevent
Let us open our arms and enjoy the event
The people are coming, abolish that frown
Wave goodbye to the village, say hallo' to the town.

And the bank man is chuffed for retrieving the loan
Growin' houses sure pays more than growin' that corn!

The Howlin would levy more tax on our stock
Ten percent, twelve percent where will he stop
To fuel the tanks of the Council's outh' digger
When Thirty Six million lies under his sniffer.

Three hundred acres of North Kildare loam
The finest of stuff for raisin' a home
Capital gains tax, Six million or more
The Minister he's got it wrong to be sure.

And the builder in Brady's enquires is this real?
I cannot plant houses in Ma Nuad's field
And thinks, will he ever again get the start
Or must he grow houses in some foreign part.

Three million per annum in Construction Tax
We'll give it to John Bull to bolster his act
Thirty million in total we can't bring it back
The pay-y-e worker, he'll take up the slack!

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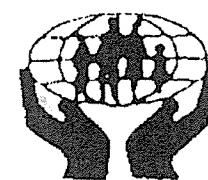
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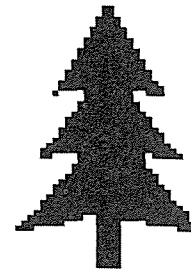
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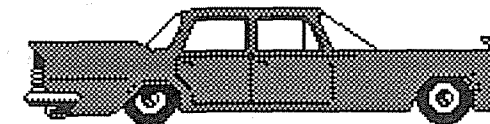
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VIDEO REVIEW

Crimson Tide (15)

When a rebel faction of the former Soviet Union Army take control of a nuclear missile base, the stage is set for the biggest world crisis since the Bay of Pigs. Enter the American nuclear submarine U.S.S. Alabama with her Captain Frank Ramsey (Gene Hackman) and Exec. Officer Ron Hunter (Denzel Washington) on full alert and you have what appears to be the ingredients of a standard "Let's Kick the Roosky's Butt" movie that's been done so many times before. Wrong!!

This film is really about two men with very different ideas as to the interpretation of orders. One (Washington) is a "by the book" officer; the other (Hackman) is the seasoned veteran, who's been there before and who relies more on instinct. Hackman and Washington are superb; the direction is tight and the screenplay is excellent and it all goes to make a very good film that's both entertaining and thought provoking. Think of Zhirinovski in Russia at the moment and it's not too hard to believe.....VERDICT EXCELLENT.

Murder In The First (15)

This film is based on a true story and is all the more harrowing for that reason. In 1938 Henri Young is imprisoned in Alcatraz for stealing five dollars. He is caught trying to escape and is thrown naked into a solitary confinement cell, which is no more than a five foot high concrete box with no window, no bed, no toilet, no nothing: for two years! In June 1941 he is released from solitary, an incoherent wreck of a man, and only hours later in the dining hall he sees the man he believes is responsible for his ordeal, and kills him in full view of everyone. Young (Kevin Bacon) is transferred to San Francisco City Jail to await trial for murder where he meets Public Defender Stamphill (Christian Slater) and suddenly it's Alcatraz and the penal system itself that is on trial. Good performances from Bacon and Slater, not to mention Gary Oldman as the nasty assistant chief warden, make this a terrific movie. VERDICT; HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Mortal Kombat (15)!

This started life as a best selling computer game and has now been made into a feature film. Christopher Lambert plays the part of the thunder- god Rayden, the leader of the three warriors who must compete in a host of deadly battles in order to save the world from eternal darkness (Yawn!) It's total rubbish of course and should be consigned to the nearest (or perhaps farthest) bin. The worrying thing, however, is whereas the film is not for viewing to under 15's, there is no such restriction on the computer game

which is just senseless and bloody violence from beginning to end. The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.....VERDICT; TRASH.

GARDA NEWS

Parking

With reference to parking in the town of Maynooth, especially the Main Street, it has come to the notice of the Gardaí that numerous people are continuing to ignore the new yellow lines and other various new parking restrictions which now apply to the town. These breaches of parking bye-laws are resulting in otherwise unnecessary traffic delays through the town. Off-the-street parking is now provided to cater for such needs. The Gardaí at Maynooth are asking for everybody's co-operation and assistance with relation to this matter and feel that compliance with same will result in much freer traffic movement through the town. Referring again to off-street parking facilities the Gardaí hope that the provision of same will lead to a discontinuation of parking on footpaths which are specifically designed for pedestrian use and again ask for co-operation in this area.

Business Watch

Business Watch is a new crime prevention scheme designed by An Garda Síochána. It is founded on the same principles as Neighbourhood Watch, that is the practice of both the Gardaí and the community coming together to prevent and reduce crime, the only difference being that the community which this scheme targets is the business community. The scheme starts from the basic premise that you and your neighbours in business can play a vital role in the fight to prevent the massive losses to the business community and society caused by crime. The initial steps to establishing this scheme in Maynooth have been undertaken. Forms have been distributed and it is now asked that concerned parties return these completed forms to the Garda Station as soon as possible. Any interested parties who have not received a form should contact the Garda Station where more information can be received on same.

Community Alert

The Gardaí at Maynooth are also glad to announce that a new community Alert Scheme has been launched for the Old Carton area. Full assistance and co-operation is guaranteed from the Gardaí at all times to ensure the success of this project. We wish to express best of luck and much success to all participating citizens in this area.

Thanking you for your support,
Maynooth Gardaí.

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Meals in Minutes

Some tips on buying

- Buy the freshest you can.
- Try to buy products in season.
- Use fresh herbs for more potent flavours.
- Use good quality virgin-oil or a mixture of equal parts of olive and sunflower oil.
- Use the same wine in cooking as you drink.
- Use sea salt as it brings out the flavour of the food.



Chicken & Leek Soup

1½ pts vegetable or chicken stock or water
25g¾ oz butter
2 sun-dried tomatoes in oil
4 spring onions
1 stalk celery
115g/4oz skinned boneless chicken breast
2 leeks
150ml¼ pt dry white wine
small bunch parsley
salt & pepper

1. Put the stock or water to heat.
2. Melt 1tbsp of oil from tomatoes with the butter in a large saucepan over a moderate heat. Snip in the spring onion and celery and cook for 2 or 3 minutes.
3. Shred the chicken into small strips and snip the tomatoes. Halve and rinse the leeks.
4. Add the chicken and tomatoes to the pan, increase the heat a little and sauté for a couple of minutes, stirring frequently.
5. Shake off excess moisture from leeks, add to pan.
6. Sauté the contents of the pan until the leeks have just wilted.
7. Pour in the boiling stock or water and the wine and simmer gently for about 5 minutes.
8. Season to taste, pour into warmed bowls and snip over some parsley to serve.

TIP : Success lies in the freshness of ingredients and the quick release of flavours rather than long simmering. Home-made stock or water, never a stock-cube.

Chicken with roasted root vegetables

10-12 chicken pieces, such as thighs or drumsticks
1tsp paprika
450g/1lb carrots
450g/1lb sweet potatoes
3 parsnips
2tbsp olive oil
300 ml½ pt chicken or vegetable stock
3 tomatoes, halved
50g/2oz dried white breadcrumbs
3tbsp chopped fresh parsley
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
seasoning
green vegetables, to serve

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Place chicken in a large roasting tin and sprinkle over the paprika and seasoning; set aside.
2. Cut the vegetables into sticks and place them in a large bowl. Drizzle over oil, season to taste and toss until evenly coated. Arrange them around the chicken pieces and bake for 45 minutes until the chicken is just tender and the vegetables are just cooked through. Pour in the stock and stir in the tomatoes.
3. Mix the breadcrumbs, parsley and garlic; sprinkle evenly over the chicken and vegetables. Return to the oven for 15-20 minutes until the breadcrumbs are golden brown. Serve hot with steamed green vegetables.



Quick Vanilla Ice Cream

Serves 8

400ml/14fl oz carton fresh custard sauce
300ml½ pint double cream, whipped
2tsp vanilla essence 50g/2oz caster sugar



1. Tip the custard sauce into a bowl, then carefully fold in the double cream, vanilla essence and caster sugar.
2. Transfer the mixture to a shallow plastic container and leave in the freezer for 2 to 3 hours until firm, then serve.

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Gardening Hints



Conserving water in the summer months

In July we can generally count on some very hot days. At this time of year the garden should, in theory, be a riot of colour as plants are still making rapid growth and will benefit from a feed of liquid fertilizer, commonly known as water. This source of water should be sought very carefully and "wise watering" should be practised.

Here are some tips on how to conserve water in the summer time without damaging your plants:

- Try to water in the evening after sunset to avoid evaporation and burning of plants;
- Try to recycle water, use that dishwater on the plants - the suds will not damage the plants, in fact it will even help to deter aphids from roses and other plants. However, do not use water that is laden with strong detergents.
- Use barrels to collect rainwater, which can then be used as an alternative to hose-pipe water.
- Leave grass cuttings on the lawn, this helps to retain moisture in the ground, but do make sure to remove all water stealing weeds.
- Don't be tempted to take out the sprinkler or hose-pipe.
- If you have a dishwasher give it a summer holiday and plunge your hands in the kitchen sink for a change as each cycle uses 104 pints of water.
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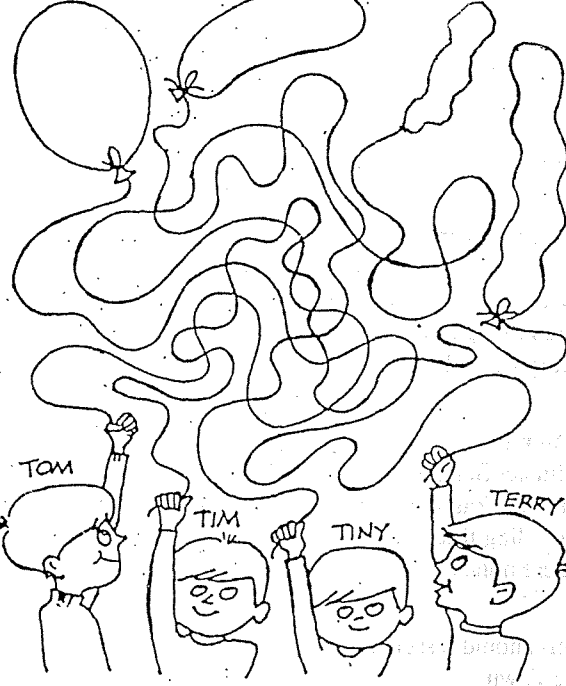
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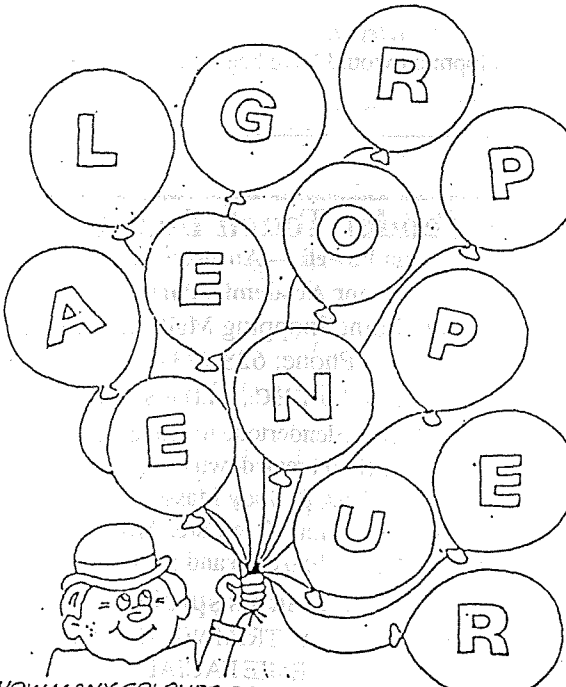
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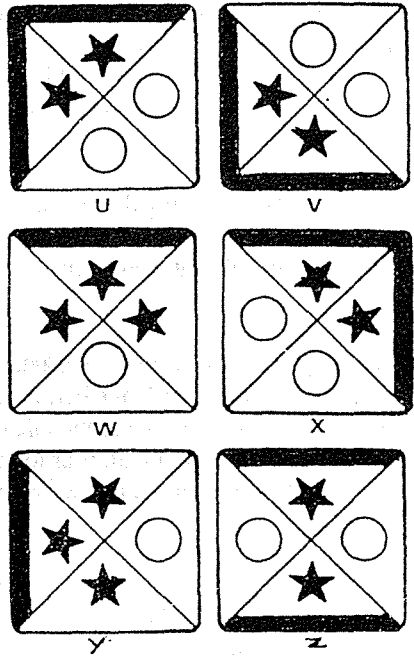
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Gardening Hints



Conserving water in the summer months

In July we can generally count on some very hot days. At this time of year the garden should, in theory, be a riot of colour as plants are still making rapid growth and will benefit from a feed of liquid fertilizer, commonly known as water. This source of water should be sought very carefully and "wise watering" should be practised.

Here are some tips on how to conserve water in the summer time without damaging your plants:

- Try to water in the evening after sunset to avoid evaporation and burning of plants;
- Try to recycle water, use that dishwater on the plants - the suds will not damage the plants, in fact it will even help to deter aphids from roses and other plants. However, do not use water that is laden with strong detergents.
- Use barrels to collect rainwater, which can then be used as an alternative to hose-pipe water.
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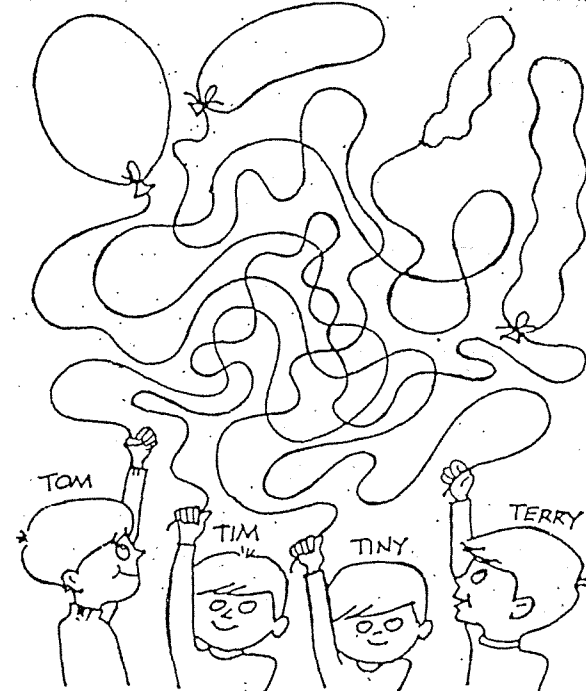
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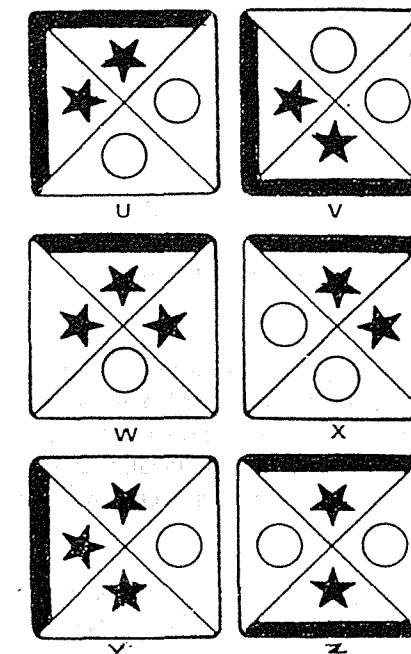
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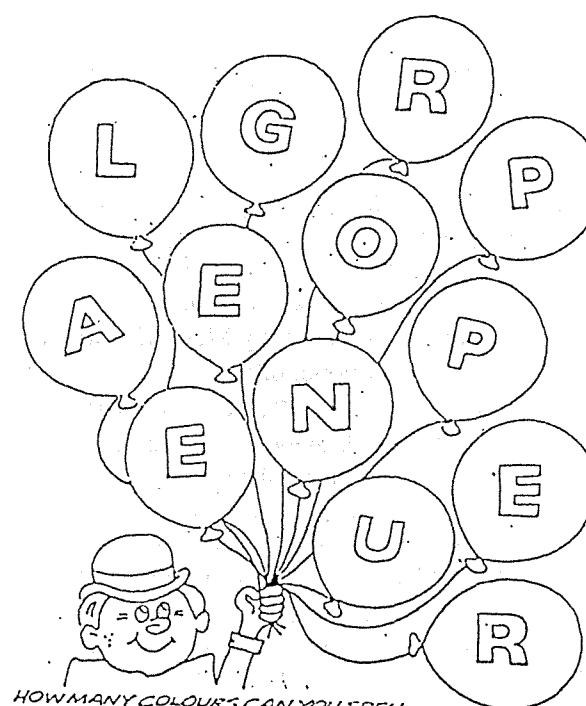


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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Meadowbrook/Link Road

Following a meeting with Meadowbrook Residents Association Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley agreed that the Residents Association proposal of another link road running parallel to the motorway and joining the Straffan Road with the Rathcoffey Road should be included as an objective in the development plan.

Cllr. John McGinley will be proposing this amendment when the Area Committee meet to discuss the submissions on the Amended Draft Plan. No date has been set yet for this meeting.

Dumping at Greenfields - Bollards at Greenfields

We would like to thank the new Area Engineer, Eilish Murray, for her prompt action in removing the pile of rubble at the back lane in Old Greenfields. In all, four lorry loads were removed and now that the area is clear we would hope that it would be kept clear.

We would like to thank Eilish for erecting the bollards at the back of houses 859 and 1170 Old Greenfields in order to prevent the footpath and green being used by cars.

Straffan Way Footpaths

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Area Engineer to carry out repairs to the damaged footpaths outside house Nos. 2, 18 and 19.

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley's motion:

"That Kildare County Council seeks approval from the Department of the Environment to take out the loan necessary to build the New Bridge forthwith and that this loan would be repaid from Special Development Levies on the 50 acres still to be developed for housing"

was discussed at the full Council meeting on the 27th May. The Councillors deferred making a decision in order to allow the County Manager time to consider whether or not there were any adverse implications for the council. Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley met the County Manager on the 14th June to outline the arguments supporting the motion. A decision will be made at the council meeting on the 24th of June.

Reinstatement of Telecom Eireann Manholes - Bond Bridge.

The Chief Executive of Telecom Eireann has advised Minister Emmet Stagg that he has arranged for a private

contractor to reinstate the Telecom Eireann manholes on Bond Bridge. This work should now be completed.

Leinster Park - 67A Bus

Following a meeting with residents of Leinster Park Minister Stagg contacted Dublin Bus about the sight line difficulties caused by Dublin Bus vehicles parking near the entrance to Leinster park for long periods.

The Manager of Dublin Bus has advised that the 67A was using this area as their terminus but that this will cease on 23rd June when the 67A terminus will revert to the Straffan Road.

Laraghbryan Cemetery

The Council have confirmed that the dumped material near the cemetery has now been removed. A lock has also been fitted to the cemetery gates to prevent any indiscriminated dumping in the future.

Litter Bins at Bus Stops

Minister Stagg has requested Dublin Bus in conjunction with Kildare County Council to examine the possibility of providing litter bins at bus stops throughout Maynooth where none exist at present.

This should lessen the amount of litter left in certain areas of the Town.

Planning Application Rejected

The refusal of planning permission for 16 apartments between Doctor's Lane and Leinster Park has been welcomed by Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley.

The development would have been totally out of character for the area.

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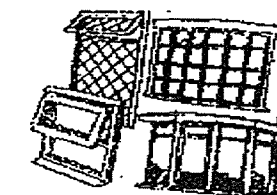
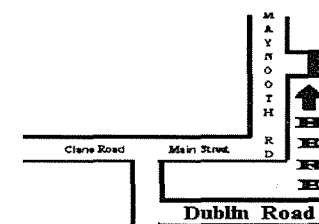
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FINE GAEL NOTES

1) Extra Gardai for Maynooth

Minister Bernard Durkan has made representations to the Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, to have extra Gardai, including a female Garda, allocated to the Maynooth Garda Station.

2) Educational Grants

The closing date for Higher Educational Grants, VEC scholarships, and ESF educational funding from K.C.C. is July 12th, 1996. Application forms are available from:

County Secretary's Office,
St. Mary's,
Naas.
Telephone: (045) 873823.

A limited number are available from Deputy Bernard Durkan, and Cllr. Senan Griffin.

3) Footpath at Rail Park

Following representations by Cllr. Senan Griffin to K.C.C., Rail Park residents will be delighted to have a new footpath constructed at the entrance to the estate.

4) Laraghbryan Cemetery

Fine Gael branch members expressed their delight at the speed with which K.C.C. attended to the problem of dumping of refuse at Laraghbryan Cemetery. It is now hoped that those who used the cover of darkness to dump their rubbish at Laraghbryan will now refrain from doing so, and show due respect for those who are buried in the cemetery.

5) Unfinished Estates

Maynooth still has a few estates which remain incomplete, e.g. Leinster Park, Doctor's Lane, Moyglare Meadows, Moyglare Village and Silken Vale. Cllr. Senan Griffin tabled a motion at a recent Celbridge Area meeting requesting that K.C.C. put in place a method or means whereby these estates that are incomplete, be properly finished to their planning permission conditions. As a result of this motion, Cllr. Griffin was informed as follows by K.C.C.:

"Some developers hold onto new estates for years - which of course they are legally entitled to do - and retain the responsibilities for maintenance of the roads and services. The reasons are not always apparent to the Council, but in some cases, it is obviously in the hope of some future extension of the estate, or the expectation of a substantial connection fee to services in the estate from an adjoining developer. Some have legal complications associated to the development company, and so on. We (KCC) cannot force developers, or even individuals to hand over their property, and indeed we do not have the people to pursue the handover

of such estates."

In a statement, Cllr. Senan Griffin expressed the opinion that estates like Moyglare Village, Moyglare Meadows, Leinster Park and Doctor's Lane are long overdue completion, and that some way must be found to exert pressure on the developers to correct the problems in these estates, with the eventual aim of handing over these estates to KCC. Cllr. Griffin vowed to continue his efforts to ensure that the above estates are properly completed.

6) Traffic Lights

Branch members have expressed disappointment to Minister Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin about the control sequence of traffic lights in the Main Street. The tail back is now worse than before the by-pass was built. As a result, both Minister Durkan and Cllr. Griffin have requested KCC engineers to re-examine the traffic flow and to alter the control sequence, so that the pressure on the Main Street may be eased.

7) Parson Street

Minister Durkan and Cllr. Griffin are continuing their efforts to get KCC (Roads Section) to ensure that Parson Street is made safe for the residents and pedestrians.

8) Naas Hospital

Minister Durkan thanked the Department of Health for the allocation of £19 million to upgrade the County Hospital in Naas. This allocation will provide Kildare with an up-to-date hospital facility, which has long been overdue.

9) Naas Courthouse

Minister Durkan recently announced a £2 million improvement for Naas Courthouse. Minister Durkan stated that the Courthouse was last upgraded in 1860 and that this allocation was required to carry out major renovations.



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The Festival Tournament

The Fifth Annual Festival Tournament takes place on Sunday, July 12th, at the Harbour Field at 3.30 p.m. There will be competitions for Boys and Girls U/14, U/18, Senior Men and Women. Sets of prizes will be provided. Thanks to everyone who has supported this event over the years both by their sponsorship and their support. It is also the number of people who attend who create the atmosphere and make it a success.

Special guest

We will be glad to have in our midst for this auspicious occasion a very congenial and good-spirited person of discerning good taste, who can be heard when they want to be and who can certainly pull their weight. It is someone who is never far from the action and who is making a great effort to attend. Yes, our special guest is you.

A verse: "A Grave Result"

It shall be noted
And ever quoted,
That you were with us on that rope;
Held fast in face of fading hope.
And when you let that dying roar,
We thought it was you urged us more.
But your death from victory did not take,
For we celebrated at your wake.

Sad note

We in tug-o'-war wish to extend our deepest sympathy to our fellow colleagues, Brendan Cawley and Michael O'Rourke, who were bereaved earlier this year.

Willie Healy

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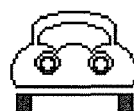
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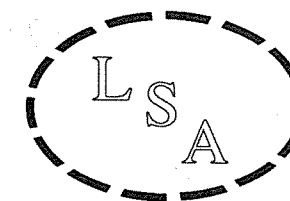


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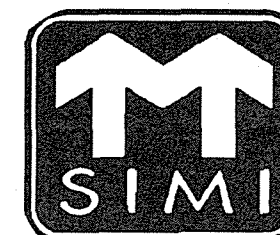
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

North Kildare U13 Football League

Sarsfields 7-11 V Maynooth 5-2

A bigger and stronger Sarsfields team adapted much better to the dreadful conditions in an entertaining game played in Newbridge. Maynooth defence were under pressure in the early stages of the game due to the dominance of the Sarsfield midfield pair. However in the second half Killian Carr and Morgan Sweeney (despite a hand injury) came more in to the game and the forward line began to trouble the Sarsfield defence. Full forward Patrick O'Rourke had a five star game scoring three goals and making another for David Redmond. Goalkeeper Fergus Devereaux playing at corner forward for the second half scored the other goal. The two points came from Donal Houlihan and Fintan O'Donoghue. Maynooth also had good performances from Graham Quinn who was very impressive at full back, Peter Sheehan, Joseph Brennan and Stephen Curran.

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Sub Stephen O'Malley.

North Kildare U13 Football League

Maynooth 3-2 V Naas 1-3

The opportunism of Alan Baxter, who scored all three goals, was the main difference between the sides as Maynooth recorded their second win in the competition. Naas started off briskly and were a goal and a point up after five minutes. However from then on Patrick O'Rourke and Morgan Sweeney started to get a grip at midfield but the forward line were guilty of some poor finishing. With ten minutes left, only two points separated the sides until Alan Baxter found the net for the third time.

Aiden Molloy made some good saves in goal, Graham Quinn and Peter Sheehan were solid in the full back line. Eric Roberts, Killian Carr, Donal Houlihan and Fintan O'Donoghue also played well.

Maynooth U/14 Football League

Maynooth 2-6 V Naas 3-9

Without a few first team members the Maynooth team played some of the best team football the management have seen from them all season. Only for a very poor scoring rate from the forwards the score may have been different. Maynooth team and scores: B. Doyle, S. Pidgeon, T. Masterson, G. Quinn, P. King, S. Devereaux, A. Molloy, D. Sheacan, M. Gleeson (1 goal and 3 points), M. Dolan, P. Ennis, P. O'Rourke, A. Baxter, S. Brady (1 goal and 3 points) S. Dunk.

Best for Maynooth: G. Quinn, S. Pidgeon, A. Baxter, S. Brad, M. Gleeson.

U 14 Football League

Celbridge 1-6 V Maynooth 3-8

Even though Maynooth won this game in Celbridge on 7th June it was a very poor performance. Maynooth led by a score line of 2-7 to no score at half time. Maynooth should have won by a greater score and in a tighter game may have lost. Maynooth missed chances from 14 yards out. There is training for the team on Saturday morning at 11.30 a.m. and on Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Scores: P. Ennis (1 goal 3 points), M. Kavanagh (3 points), M. Gleeson (1 goal 1 point), D. O'Sheacón (1 point), S. Brady (1 goal).

Best for Maynooth and men of the match M. Kavanagh, M. Dolan and D. Campbell.

U 14 Football League

Maynooth 6-10 V Round Towers 1-9

Maynooth captain Shane Devereaux took the chance of playing with a very strong wind, which played a major factor in producing an excellent match in what were difficult conditions. With the wind in their favour Maynooth built up a big lead in the first half (2-7 V 0-2). In the second half Round Towers led by a Man of the Match performance by their mid field who got back into the game before goals by S. Brady and M. Gleeson and a penalty save by Barry Doyle saved the home teams embarrassment.

Scores: J. Brennan (1 goal) S. Brady (2 Goals 2 points). D. Campbell (2 points), M. Kavanagh (3 points), D. O'Sheacon (1 point), A. Baxter (1 Goal 2 points) M. Gleeson (2 goals).

U 14 League

St. Lawrences 3-5 V Maynooth 2-6

In the first league game of the season the lads from Maynooth played their hearts out only to be beaten by an extremely poor referee.

Team and Scores: A. Molloy, S. Pidgeon, T. Masterson, P. O'Rourke, P. King (1 goal), S. O'Flaherty, S. Devereaux, P. O'Sullivan, D. Campbell (2 points), M. Kavanagh (3 points), M. Gleeson (1 goal), P. Ennis (1 point), E. Deegan, S. Brady, A. Baxter.

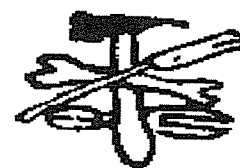
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Sports

Junior Football League Division 3C

Maynooth 1-5 V Rathcoffey 2-14

This was the worst display by Maynooth's 3rd team this season when they went down very badly to Rathcoffey.

Best for Maynooth: M. Kelly 2 pts, J. Murray, D. Graham, P. Murray, M. McTernan 1 pt each.

Junior Football League Div 2

Maynooth 11 pts V St. Kevins 1-4

Maynooth had a good win over St. Kevins in Stepelstown in this Junior Football League Match.

Best for Maynooth: S. Molloy, H. Nevin, J. Gillege, D. Flaherty, M. Flaherty.

Junior Football League Div 2

Maynooth 14 pts V Round Towers 1-9

Maynooth won this match in the second half with a great display. Round Towers led at half time by 1-8 to 6 pts. The second half started with S. Mallon and H. Purcell on top at midfield and this gave their forwards plenty of ball.

Best for Maynooth: S. Molloy 9pts, H. Purcell 2pts, J. Gilligan 2 pts, F. Agnew 1 pt. Others who played well E. Gallagher, D. Fleming, N. Reilly, G. Delany.

Senior Football League

Maynooth 11 pts V Rheban 3-13 pts

Maynooth's good run came to a sad end when they were well beaten by Rheban. Maynooth, down 4 pts at half time, got it back to two points 10 minutes into the second half but from this to the end of the game it was all Rheban:

Best for Maynooth on a bad night in Rheban. P. Garvey 7 pts, M. Nevin 1 pt, Hugh Purcell 2 pts, J. Riordan 1 pt. Also to play well. E. Dunne, P. Ennis and D. Mahoney.

Senior Football League

Maynooth 1-11pt V Eadestown 12pts.

In a very well contested match played in Maynooth, the home side got the better of Eadestown. Maynooth playing with the wind were 3 pts up after 10 minutes. Before Eadestown got their first score Maynooth were on top and by half time were ahead 1-8 to 3 pts. The second half saw Eadestown fight back and after 15 minutes of the second half Eadestown were only 2 pts down. At this stage Maynooth got one of three points and from this stage to the end Maynooth held on for a very good win.

Best for Maynooth: P. Garvey 5 pts, Johnny Nevin 1-1pt, K. Fagan 2 pts, E. Dunne 2 pts, also to play well were man of the match Mickey Noone, P. Ennis, D. Mahoney and M. Nugent.

Junior Football League Div 2.

Maynooth 2-7 V Celbridge 1-5

Maynooths Second Team had a very good win over the fancied Celbridge Team. Maynooth got off to a good start and after 10 minutes were 1-1 to 2pts ahead. Celbridge fought back and took a goal to leave the half time score Maynooth 2-3 to 1-3.

The second half was quite and try as they did Celbridge could not break down a very good Maynooth defence led by Kevin Dunne

Best for Maynooth: S. Molloy 1-2pts, J. Farrelly 1 goal, E. Gallagher 2pts, J. O'Toole, J. Gilligan, L. O'Toole 1pt each. Also to play well, G. Delaney, K. Dunne, D. Fleming, S. Kins.

Junior Football League Division 3C

Maynooth 5-5 V St. Kevins 2-5

This was a game in which Maynooth played their best football with 5 minutes to go. Down at this stage by 2-5 to 2-4 looked bad before D. Myles led the way with a goal in the 26th minute. O'Grady and Cusker added goals in the 28th and 30th minutes, and Maynooth ran out easy winners in the end.

Best for Maynooth: G. O'Grady 2 goals and Man of the Match D. Myles 2 goals, D. Cusker 1-1pt, J. Murray, M. Kelly, P. Byrne, C. Glynn 1 pt each. Also to play well G. Thompson, P. Murray, T. McTernan.

Senior Hurling League

Maynooth 1-3 V Eire Og C. 4-11

Maynooth never got into this game and some bad mistakes in defence let Eire Og take full points from the encounter.

Best for Maynooth: J. O'Brien 1-1 pt, Tom Coffey 2 pts, Fergus Scully, Sean Cusker, Johnny Nevin, Eamon Towney.

Maynooth G.A.A. Fixtures for July.

Inter Hurling Championship

- Maynooth V Confey in Ardclough on Sunday 30th June at 7.30 p.m.

Monday 1st July - Junior Football League 3C

- Maynooth V Caragh in Caragh at 8p.m.

Tuesday 2nd July - Senior Football League

- Maynooth V Rathangan in Rathangan at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd July-Senior Hurling League

- Maynooth V Athy in Athy at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 4th July-Junior Hurling League

- Maynooth V St. Bridgets in Kildare Town at 8 p.m.

Monday 8th July - Junior Football League 3C

- Maynooth V Cappagh in Cappagh at 8p.m.

Sunday 14th July - Inter Football Championship

- Maynooth V Robertstown or Eadestown in Clane at 3.30p.m.



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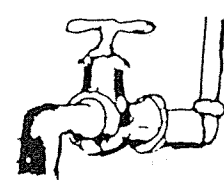
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Lotto Result 2-6-96. Numbers 9-19-23. Jackpot £350. 1 Winner: Ann Folan.

Lotto Result 9-6-96. Numbers 9-10-24. Jackpot £300. No Winner.
5 x £10: Tom Dempsey, Kathleen McDermott, Joan Cooney, Bernie c/o Domo, Paul Connelly.

Result of Maynooth G.A.A. Golf Classic in Aid of Club Development held in Kilcock Golf Club on Friday 7th June '96

1st Overall: Team R.A. Burke:- T. Sheehan, M. Hall, M.Dempsey, B. Dempsey.

2nd Overall: Team Derrinstown Stud:- T. Burns, T. Reilly, E. Foley, J. Burns.

3rd Overall: Team Moyglare Par 3:- F. Byrne, T. Collins, P. McGillaway, J. Fisher.

4th Overall: Team Casey Courts:- D. Casey, T. Fay, E. Fagan, E. Ledwith.

5th Overall: Team Dads Army:- M. Doran, D. Ward, M. Roche, E. Cunningham.

Society:

1st Overall: Team J. Noonan, J. Minnock, P. Bennett, T. O'Connor.

2nd Overall: Team M. Flynn, N. Kavanagh, M. Fahy, B. Lee.

3rd Overall: Team. T. Milner, R.Ravenhill, K. Fox, J. Hennessy.

4th Overall: Team. B. Kenny, M. O'Donnell, M.O'Neill, C. Delaney.

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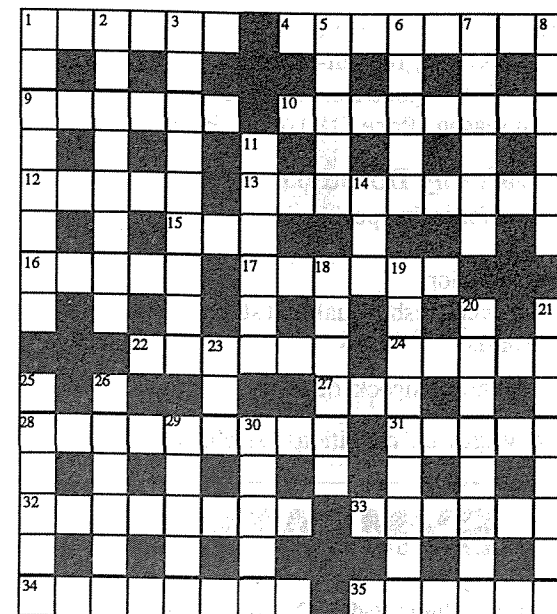
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Crossword No. 104



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, July 19, 1996.

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Across:

- 1 Nobility (6)
- 4 Perusing (8)
- 9 Awaken (6)
- 10 One who claims that we know only the material world (8)
- 12 Wild animal (5)
- 13 A person from our side of the world (9)
- 15 Age (3)
- 16 Made of the grain (5)
- 17 It's what a horse may eat from (6)
- 22 One-roomed flat (6)
- 24 Speedy contestant (5)
- 27 Small container for ashes (3)
- 28 Not one of the club (3-6)
- 31 Precise (5)
- 32 Type of aquatic tortoise (8)
- 33 Cord (6)
- 34 Occurred (8)
- 35 Diversion road (2-4)

Down:

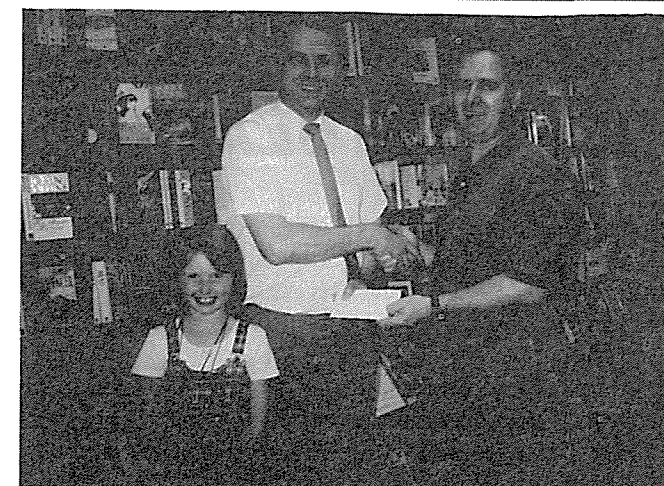
- 1 Circular motion (8)
- 2 Steer (8)
- 3 Respect (9)
- 5 Storms (5)
- 6 Put down on paper (5)
- 7 Mean (6)
- 8 Type of toboggan (2-4)

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- 11 Marshy places (6)
- 14 Label (3)
- 18 All life is contained by it (6)
- 19 Seriously (9)
- 20 It is manifested by a pain in the back (8)
- 21 Those who are "taken under the wing" (8)
- 23 Poor light and not clever (3)
- 25 Grab (6)
- 26 Take off the covering paper (6)
- 29 Dodge (5)
- 30 Salty water (5)

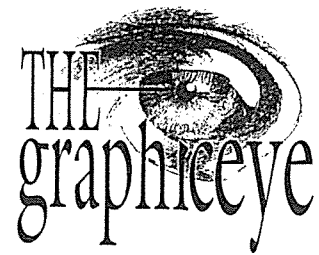
Solution to Crossword No. 103:

Across: 1, Trendy; 4, Scrabble; 9, Breast; 10, Gangster; 12, Lager; 13, Australia; 15, Ohm; 16, Tunny; 17, Pagoda; 22, Orient; 24, Split; 27, Tom; 28, Espionage; 31, Eager; 32, Oleander; 33, Ablaze; 34, Parmesan; 35, Cretin.
Down: 1, Tabulate; 2, Emerging; 3, Destroyer; 5, Crag; 6, Auger; 7, Bottle; 8, Earwax; 11, Sample; 14, Two; 18, Gutter; 19, Dismember; 20, Flagrant; 21, Sturgeon; 23, Inn; 25, Recoup; 26, Appear; 29, Ounce; 30, Arena.

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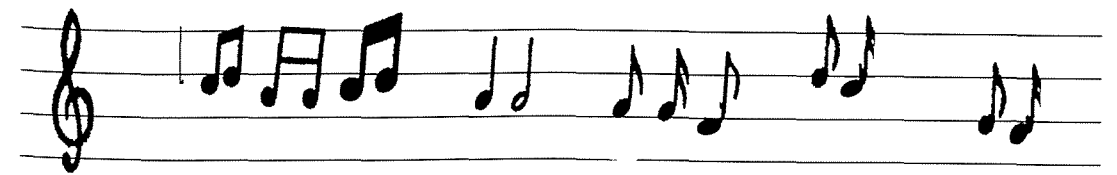
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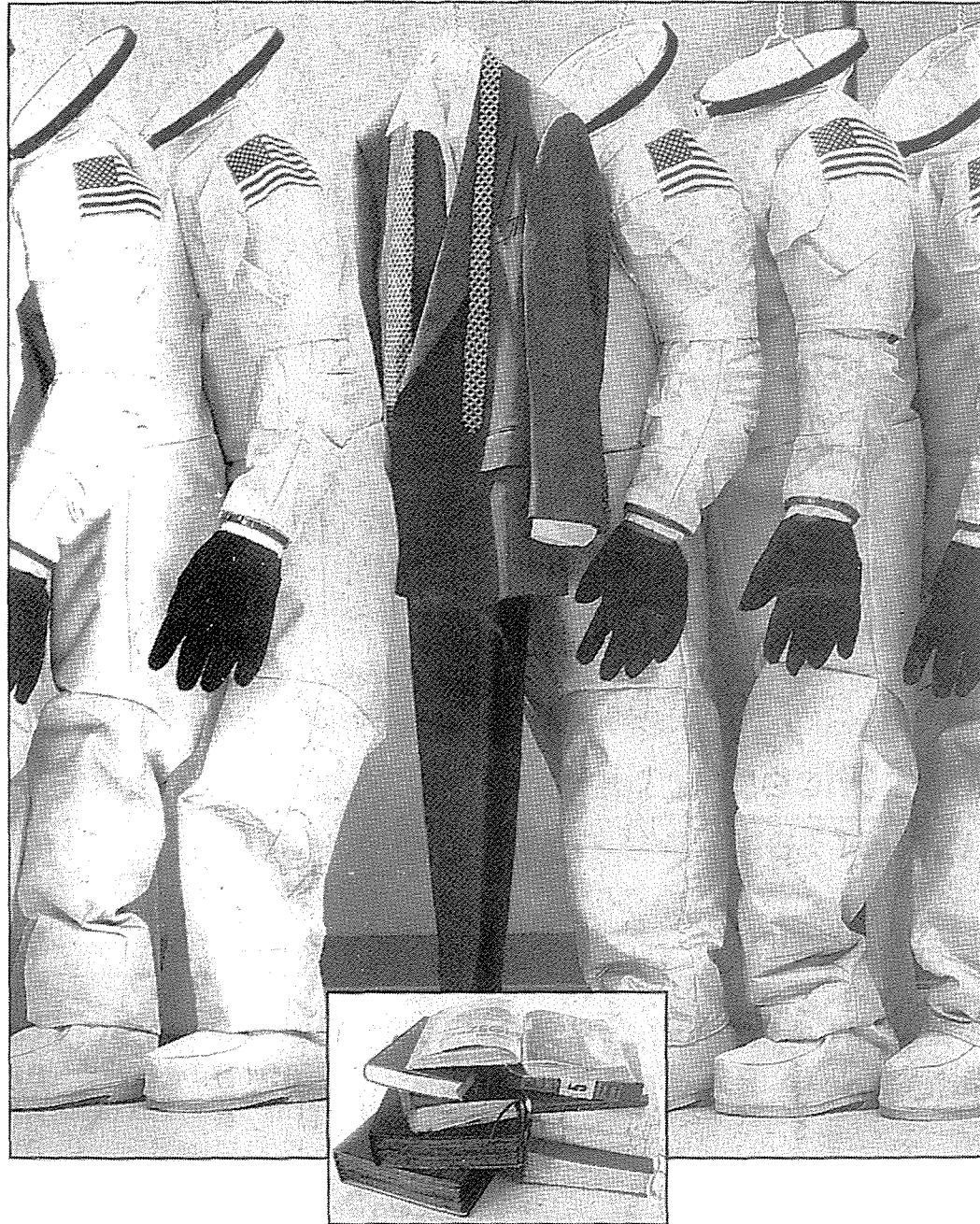
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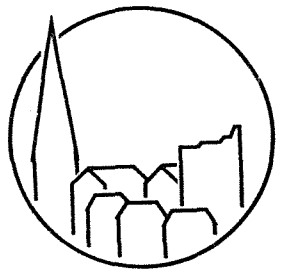
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Editorial

This month is due to mark the opening of the new Leisure Centre in the Glenroyal Hotel. The Centre will be a much needed addition to facilities in Maynooth. According to all reports the facilities in the new Centre will be first class and a high volume of applications to join have been received in the last couple of months.

The swimming pool, in particular, will be welcomed by swimmers who can now enjoy a swim without travelling to Palmerstown or further afield. Not to welcome the new Centre would be churlish but it does not address the continuing lack of public leisure facilities in Maynooth, a town rapidly approaching a population of 10,000 in size. It costs several hundred pounds for an individual to join the new Glenroyal Centre and the family rate, although without doubt good value, will be well beyond the budget of many families in Maynooth.

Maynooth Planning Alliance and other groups have highlighted this dearth of public facilities at a time when there appears to be huge pressure to allow the town grow further still over the next ten years. The creation of public space and the provision of public facilities, to which all members of the community have access, is a key to the success of any growing town. The complete failure to address these issues has at least something to do with the total planning failure in a number of areas on the periphery of Dublin. Maynooth is rapidly approaching a size where the type of facilities soon to be available in the Glenroyal Centre should be available to the whole community.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 7th November - ICA Hall 8p.m. - ICA Meeting.

Friday November 15th - St. Mary's Church of Ireland

at 8 p.m. - Guitar Recital by Karin Stüber and John Deykin

Friday 22nd November - GAA 9.30p.m. - Band Race Night.

Sunday November 24th - Maynooth Old Peoples

Committee - Sale of Work, for further information contact Josephine Moore.

Thursday 28th November - Post Primary 8p.m. - Tidy Towns AGM.

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Community Council Notes

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"In MAYNOOTH he wheels his barrow through the streets broad and narrow"

It must be said Mr. Eddie Sherry would certainly need to wheel, with extreme care, the new wheel-barrow which has recently been given into his care. You might well ask why? Well, believe it or not Kildare County Council have forked out, not £100, not £200 but a staggering £300 for a two-wheeled, wheel-barrow. It has to be the most expensive non-propelled conveyance of garbage in town.

How a company producing a wheel-barrow can justify charging, or Kildare County Council spending such an enormous amount of public money for a plastic wheel-barrow, defies basic common sense.

*Leo Armstrong
Old Greenfield, Maynooth.*

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Maynooth Directory 1997

We are now taking notes and advertisements for the Maynooth Directory 1997. This valuable directory of local businesses, clubs and general information will be available in early '97. As with the earlier editions it will be available to every home in the town. If you have a message for everyone in the town, the Maynooth Directory 1997 is the place to put it.

Maynooth Community Council defer Referendum

The Community Council Executive considered the holding of a Referendum in Maynooth to seek the views of the people on the proposals in the Maynooth Development Plan. However, as the Minister for the

Environment has requested Kildare County Councillors to review their strategy on the development plans it was decided that it would not be useful to hold a Referendum for the moment.

Monsignor Matthew O'Donnell

Maynooth Community Council has expressed sympathy on behalf of the people of the town to St. Patrick's College, on the death of its President, Monsignor Matthew O'Donnell. Monsignor O'Donnell spent over thirty years in Maynooth and was well known to the people of the town.

Community Council and Maynooth Chamber of Commerce meet

Following a request from the Chamber of Commerce a meeting took place on 21st October in the Glenroyal Hotel. The meeting was arranged to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Maynooth Community Festival

A meeting took place on 17th October to review this year's festival and to consider feedback from the people of the town on their views of the festival events. Many suggestions were made for new events to take place as part of the festival week which is planned for July '97. One of the major changes will be that the festival will have a general theme, which will hopefully further heighten interest in Festival week. The next meeting of the Festival Committee will take place in January '97.

Meeting with Hewlett Packard

As you will know Hewlett Packard are currently completing a new facility beside the M4 close to Leixlip. As a future important employer in the area they are very keen to take account of the views of the local communities. Maynooth Community Council executive will hold a meeting with Hewlett Packard in November. No doubt further meetings will take place in future.

Paul Croghan, PRO

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Now that the Minister for the Environment has requested the members of Kildare County Council to complete a framework for the County Development Plan before completing the plans for the individual towns, it means that the proposals for towns like Maynooth must now be reviewed.

Existing Landbank

As this issue is central to the need for additional land to be rezoned for residential use, we now need a definitive statement from Kildare County Council on what land remains. Whatever the figure is, it must be agreed by all the Councillors on the Celbridge Area Committee who will be deciding on the need to rezone additional land around Maynooth. In considering the further development of Maynooth as regards particularly the provision of Education, it is essential that issues like this are carefully researched.

Amenities

It is important that the whole issue of amenities do not lose out because of the fact that the Development Plan is now back at the drawing board. It also means that Councillors can now focus on the provision of a *fully integrated amenity plan* ensuring that the land use strategy provides for both active and passive amenities.

It must not be forgotten that for the majority of people in the town, the loss of pleasant walking routes, natural vistas and the reduction of traditional amenity areas will be the things that mostly have a negative impact on their future enjoyment of living in a town like Maynooth.

No matter how valuable development land around Maynooth is considered to be, it is essential that the most appropriately located land around the town is made available to those who want to purchase it for amenity use. We will be considering a suggestion that we propose to Councillors that

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land should be reserved for a Community Centre and a Sports Centre. All we need to do is look to the very good facility available to the people of Leixlip.

Update on the improvement of the Train Service to Maynooth.

Following a recent meeting of the Western Suburban Line Upgrade Group held on October 10th 1996, we were informed that the provision of the double line between Clonsilla and Maynooth is now being considered as part of an overall project that includes the provision to bring all Maynooth emanating trains through to Barrow Street which is south of Pearse Station.

However in the next year we can expect two new developments which will make travelling to and from Dublin by Train more pleasant.

Firstly, it is intended to run at least one evening service from Pearse Station.

Secondly, the Longford service will see the introduction of new Spanish built Railcars to replace the existing elderly Craven Carriages currently being used on this service.

Finally, you will be pleased to know that following a request from Iarnrod Eireann a customer focus group has been formed to represent the views of passengers who use this service.

Paul Croghan
Chairman
Planning & Development Committee

C.I.C. NOTES

Accommodation

Question: Who can get a Rent Allowance and how is it calculated?

Answer: A Rent Allowance is a means tested Supplement available to those who are in private rented accommodation. It is administered by the Community Welfare Officers in Health Centres. You will not normally qualify for a Rent allowance if you are working full-time, in full-time education or involved in a trade dispute (your adult dependent may). Students on Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme or the 3rd Level Allowance Scheme are allowed to retain their Rent allowance while studying full-time.

In deciding whether or not to pay a Supplement the Community Welfare Officer will take into account a number of factors - The size of your accommodation and if you are over accommodated, whether alternative arrangements can be made. If you have recently moved from your parental home and if so the reason why?, if you have moved from less expensive accommodation. If you are over accommodated you may be asked to find cheaper accommodation or to sublet.

The amount of Rent Allowance you will get will depend on your means. You will be asked to complete a claim form

and produce evidence of rent - Rent Book, Receipts for Bank Statements. Your landlord may be asked to complete a form stating how much rent you pay. (It may also ask for the landlord's registration number with the local authority, but as 90% of Landlords have not registered, this is a matter for the local authority to deal with, and the Community Welfare Officer cannot refuse a Supplement because the Landlord is not registered).

If you are in receipt of Long Term Unemployment Assistance (£64.50) for instance, this is £2.10 over the basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) which is £62.40. Supplementary Welfare Allowance £62.40 has £6 towards rent, so you have £8.10 towards the rent. If the rent is £40.00 a week, the most you will receive is £40.00 minus £8.10, or £31.90

Social welfare has a leaflet SW28 "Do you need help paying your rent or mortgage" and the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE) have a booklet "Everything you need to know to get a Supplementary Welfare Allowance".

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Tuesday: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Maynooth Library)

Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Dunboyne Community Centre)

Thursday: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (Leixlip Library)

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

At the time of writing the Committee are finalising a comprehensive proposal to FÁS covering the next 3 years for our Community Employment Project.

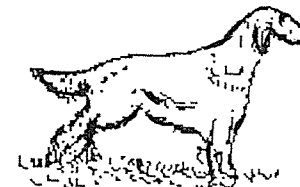
Our A.G.M. will be held on November 28th at 8.00 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School.

We will also be announcing Best Area, Best Shop Front Winners and prizes will be presented. All are welcome.

Sunday mornings - clean up continues - all welcome at Geraldine Hall, 9 o'clock.

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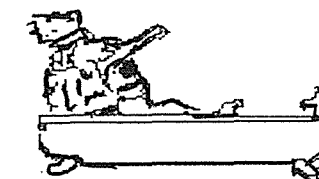
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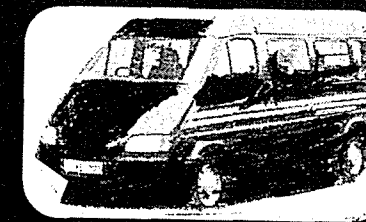
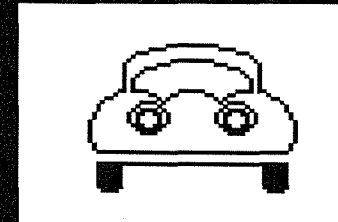
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BAND BULLETIN

They say that the seasons have gone haywire of late but nobody mentioned the Band's Calendar. The month of October is normally a time for putting our feet up after our Summer Programme and flag week-end and battering down the hatches for our winter round of rehearsals to prepare for next years programme. Lo and behold this year we have been hit by an astonishing avalanche of availability (Phew). Yes, they really came from all corners asking of the availability of the Band for engagements and as usual we do our utmost to accommodate all comers. Word of our competitive successes in 1996 must surely have got around.

G.A.A. Fans

Following our successful parade for the victorious Meath Team through Dunboyne we immediately received a request to play at the Co. Kildare Senior Hurling Championship Final in Newbridge two weeks later. It is many moons since this stadium heard the rousing music of Maynooth Band, but we acquitted ourselves to such an extent that our next invite was to no less a place than that holy of holies of the GAA namely Croke Park for the All-Ireland Ladies Senior Football Final. This to us was a major coup and we understand that we were a body recommended by again no less body than the Army Band. Good news certainly travels fast. It was a great honour to be present for this highly important occasion in the presence of President Mary Robinson, the President of the GAA and many other dignitaries. We feel a tremendous sense of pride representing the town of Maynooth at events like this and hope it is repaying the residents of the town for their continued support of the Band for many, many years.

Hospital Visitations

In between those two GAA engagements we paid another visit to Peamount Hospital where we play from time to time for the long term patients. It was good to see some familiar faces once again and even better to see the smiles and happiness which our music brought

to these less fortunate members of our society. They really enter into the spirit of the recital with some of the patients joining us to play a tin whistle or sing a song. From our own perspective it is one engagement for which we are not paid in monetary terms but we receive something in return which money can never buy. We hope to see you again in 1997.

Band Mass

Our annual Mass for deceased members is being offered at 11am on Sunday 3rd November and once again we hope to be joined by relatives and friends of all deceased members of the Band. This is one of the longest traditions of the Band and we try to make this event the most important engagement in the year because it is through the commitment of those who have gone before us that Maynooth Band exists today, and they in turn have given our current committee the strength and the will to ensure that there will always be a band in the town.

Mrs. Robinson - Part 2

It must be something of a record for Maynooth Band to play for the President of Ireland twice in the same year but yes, on Monday 4th November we have been asked to join with her at the official opening of the Lions Club Sheltered Housing Project on the Dunboyne Road. While it is a working and school day for most of our members we hope to have a Band worthy of the occasion on parade. We thank the Principals of the local schools, who are allowing players time off for this special occasion and hope it will be blessed by fine weather.

Classes

Our music classes have settled in by now and we have been fortunate in acquiring the services of a member of the Army Band as instructor for our Brass Classes. As a bonus he is also going to take brass players in our Senior Band to help improve things such as technique, tone, etc. and maybe take us to a higher level in some areas. There was a slight misunderstanding last month when some completely new children turned up on the enrolment night while our intention was just to

allocate existing class members to their respective instruments, new classes or times. We are indeed delighted to see that people actually do read the **Band Bulletin**. For the benefit of those wishing to join New classes we hope to be in a position to take on beginners after Christmas and will be advertising these classes in both the **Newsletter** and the local shops in December. Please keep an eye out for these notices and keep reading the Bulletin.

Race Night

Once again the sound of the hooves can be heard on the Moyglare Road, the cheering (or swearing) as they head past the winning post and the clink of the glasses celebrating a winner or drowning a loser as our **Annual Race Night** takes place in the GAA Centre on Friday 22nd November. The tapes go up on the first race at 9.30 pm and everyone is welcome to have a flutter, enjoy the craic and help a good cause. We would welcome sponsors of races or horses to contact Paddy Boyd, 6286 468 (work) or 6284 564 (home) or Deirdre Stynes 6286 443 (home) if you would like to be associated with this fund raising event. Our programme goes to print on 15th November and we hope to hear from sponsors as early as possible before that date.

That's about all our news for November, see you next month with details of our Christmas Programme.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our second term of the year begins on the 23rd November. During this term it is usual that we include Water Safety skills. When completed successfully the swimmers will receive certificates. Again I would like to remind you of outstanding fees for both this year and last year. These can be paid to any member of the committee.

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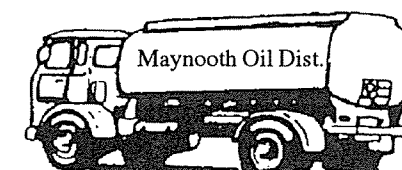
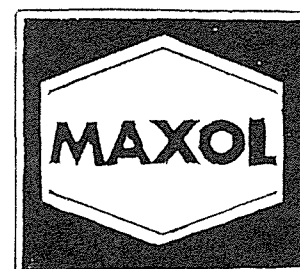
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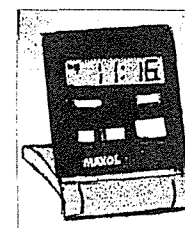
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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our Hallow'een party took place on Sunday, October 20th. We were joined on the day by our friends from Celbridge whose talent added to the enjoyment of the evening. Mass was celebrated by Fr. David Boylan in the new oratory of the Post Primary School and I thank Fr. Boylan, Tom Ashe and Liam Mooney for all their help in this regard. Congratulations to all who won prizes, too numerous to mention. Many thanks to Betty Farrell whose handywork produced three of the prizes.

Our sale of works will take place on Sunday, November 24th this year, [see advertisement on opposite page]. We will be selling tickets for our Monster Draw outside Quinnsdown on the two weekends prior to the 24th, that is the 14th, 15th and 16th and also the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of November. We have been doing this for many years now and I take this opportunity to thank the proprietors for this facility and Ollie Bright for his help and co-operation in this regard.

House Calls

Our Committee and helpers will be making the usual house calls and once again we appeal to your generosity. Many others at this time of year will be calling to your door also, so please make sure you know the caller and that they are genuine. We do not have children selling tickets or lines, nor do we leave bags for filling. Generally we have the same members collecting in their own areas each year and unless you are new in the area you will know them. All our committee members carry I.D. and our helpers carry authorisations. So, if in doubt, check it out!

Sale of Work

Meanwhile please remember the date, November 24th. This is the most important date on our calendar. The success of our "Sale of Work" determines the services we provide for our older people. Do come along for an enjoyable afternoon and at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Who knows, it may be worth your while.....and sure if it isn't you'll have made it worth ours.

Finally may I wish all our older people who have taken up residence on the Dunboyne Road, many years of happiness and contentment in their new homes.

Josephine Moore

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The October Guild Meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth on Thursday 3rd October. Our President, Marion welcomed us all.

Guild Activities

Crafts, as usual, in the I.C.A. Hall on Mondays at 8.00pm. Wednesday mornings are postponed for the time being.

Badminton in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 10.30am. "Effective Speaking" on Mondays in Leixlip, is going well.

Osteoporosis Check-Up

Our Osteoporosis check-up which was to have taken place on 2nd September was cancelled and is now taking place on Monday 11th November. Rosemary was delighted to tell us that the normal charge of £35.00 for the scan had been reduced to £20.00. Any members wishing to have the scan should contact Rosemary.

Night Out

Some of our ladies are heading to the Gaiety Theatre on November 13th to see the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society's production of "South Pacific".

Guild Competition

The winners of our October Competition "Photo Caption" were:-

- 1st Connie Harpur
- 2nd Jo O'Connell
- 3rd Teresa Corcoran

Self Defence

Two members of the Tae-Kwondo Self Defence Club came along to our Guild meeting and demonstrated a few basic moves on self defence. I think we all learned a few tips on how to defend ourselves should the need arise.

Christmas Night Out

Our Christmas Night Out this year is taking place in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 13th December. Any member who has not put their name down and who would like to go, please contact me as soon as possible.

The November Competition is "2lb Brown Loaf".

Our next Guild meeting will be held on 7th November at 8.00pm.

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The contents of the letter from Minister Howlin's office to the Secretary of Kildare County Council have now been published in the local press and reported on in last month's edition of the Maynooth Newsletter. Undoubtedly, this is the strongest statement to emerge from the Department of the Environment in recent years in connection with local planning procedures and a few points deserve repeating here.

Firstly, the Minister expressed concern that the adoption of a series of town and village plans in the absence of a coherent overall strategy was a recipe for planning chaos. This is a most welcome vindication of the position adopted by the Maynooth Planning Alliance throughout the past six months in voicing frequent concerns not just for the implications of such a blinkered strategy on the orderly development of Maynooth, but also the far reaching effects of such a short sighted approach on a regionalscale.

For infrastructural resources such as water supply, waste water treatment, social and educational facilities ignoring the 'big picture' was a flawed approach.

Secondly, the Minister has requested a hierarchical

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settlement pattern of the towns and villages where projected growth shall be accommodated. This is a major point which goes to the heart of the issues for Maynooth, since it requires allocation of a specific projected population increase to specific areas. This is what regional planning must emphasise and to pay lip service to this need will not satisfy the Minister's request.

Regional planning, by its nature, must be more of a 'top-down' process than local planning. This is inevitable since a wider consideration of how to utilise limited resources such as water, waste treatment capacity, roads etc. is necessary. A learning process is involved here, since due to the nature of local government in Ireland we have been left with a legacy of relatively small county-based units. These are increasingly inappropriate to handle large scale issues and projects in a more complex planning environment. Leitrim County Council for example administers a population less than three times the size of Maynooth.

To try and overcome some of the problems posed by relatively small local planning units, a number of regional authorities were established in 1994. Kildare together with Wicklow and Meath comprise the Mid-East Regional Authority, with its headquarters in Wicklow Town. It is this body which the Minister has

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directed Kildare County Councillors to concern themselves with in the preparation of a regional strategic plan for the development of the county as a whole, before embarking on further piecemeal planning exercises for individual towns.

The Mid East Region in March completed a report on the key issues and trends associated with development in this fringe region around Dublin City. They describe a region second only to the Dublin Region in terms of population density, and one whose growth threatens some crucial resources such as water supply. County Kildare emerges as the most urbanised and densely populated of the three counties, with approximately 37% of the population of the region.

Total population in the Mid-East Region is projected by the Authority to grow by 32,800 between 1996 and 2006. County Kildare's share of this could reasonably be expected to be 12-15,000 people. It is this figure which Maynooth Planning Alliance wish to draw to your attention. It is this figure which must be reconciled with the regional strategy presently being prepared for Kildare County Councillors. Seven members of Kildare County Council are represented on the body which produced this Regional Report: Councillors Dardis, Doyle, French, Hendy, Miley, O'Loughlin and Purcell.

15,000 extra people can be accommodated by rezoning residential land according to a number of criteria. Should, for example, pressure be taken in the next decade off north Kildare which has already shouldered a disproportionate share of immigration over the past decade? Should growth be directed more towards central Kildare which would help reverse the population decreases which still characterise southern parts of the county? Are there towns where moderate residential development would be welcomed and which do not suffer the congestion of modern Maynooth?

In any event, the justification for rezoning lands to cater for 50,000 extra people between Kilcock, Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth can now be seen to be a ludicrous exercise. Facilitating 12,000 extra people in Maynooth alone is surely no longer a runner for any political party, or are there still some political ostriches around?

The question of where we go from here must soon be addressed. If the past few months have thrown up anything, they have demonstrated that things will never be the same in planning towns such as Maynooth. What should our share of 15,000 people for the whole county over the next decade be? Residents of Maynooth await radically new proposals from their elected representatives for what is a radically new situation.

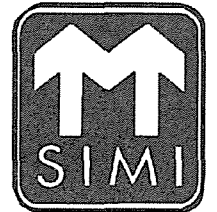


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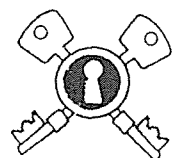
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Martin Wins on Countback

Edenderry was the venue for the Joe "DoDo" Murray memorial outing on Saturday 12th October. Played in windy damp conditions the course played long and tough for the 35 competitors. Two players managed to shoot 40pts with "Nick Faldo" lookalike, Martin Foy just pipping Gerry Mc Ternan on the back nine. Congrats Martin and well done on his second success of the year. The presentation was made by Marie Murray in Caulfields that night. We would like to thank our sponsors, Jerrimac-Overall, Micky Scanlon - Longest drive and Martin Doyle - nearest the pin.

Recent Lotto Winners of £25: John Murray x2, Séan O'Connell x2, and Terry Moore

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	3rd	Ray Delemere	34pts.
Class 2:	1st	Willie Moore	34pts.
	2nd	Paddy Dunne	33pts. (Back 9)
	3rd	Joe Greene	33pts.
Class 3:	1st	Owen Byrne	38pts.
	2nd	Séan Moore	32pts.
	3rd	Séan O'Connell	31pts.

Front 9:	Terry Moore	19pts.
Back 9:	Séan Tracey	17pts.

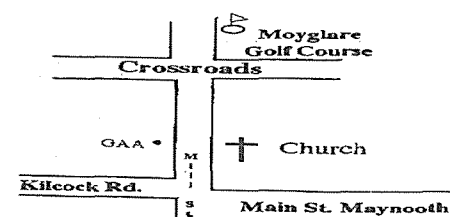
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MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The Mother and Toddler Group continues to meet every Wednesday, during school term. The venue is the M.A.D.E. Centre which is situated beside the secondary school on the Moyglare Road. That's just a short walk from the Main Street, up past the Catholic Church and the Parish Hall. The Mother and Toddler Group is a great way for parents at home with small children to meet other parents in the same situation.

The Group is run by the parents themselves and the adults all 'muck-in' to organise the tea, coffee, and games. There is a charge of £1.00 per adult which includes refreshments for parents and children.

Please note that the Group is not a Crèche: you cannot drop off your child and go elsewhere. Each parent is responsible for their own child while attending the group.

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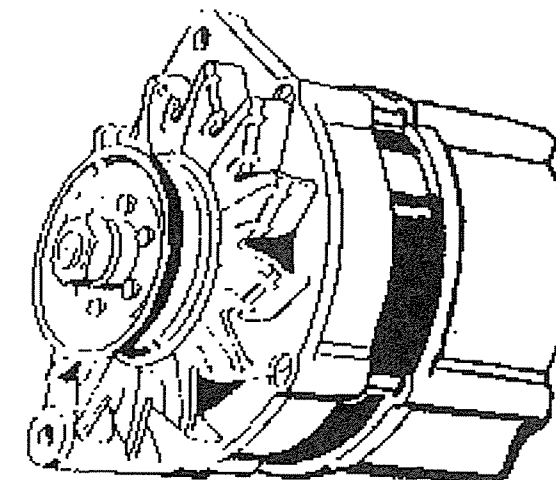
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We are in the process of making an application for a new project and we have submitted a Project Plan for 1997. The work on the Canal is ongoing and is progressing well. The virus which caused the fish kill has cleared and no more kills have been reported. If anyone notices any further fish kills please inform our supervisor, Mr. Thomas Flatley.

We are sorry to lose Claire McGettrick our administrator, she is transferring to Maynooth Post Primary School. She has been a tremendous help in the past 12 months. We are looking for a replacement for her and the requirements are eligibility for C.E., office skills and computer literacy. All applications can be made to our office - telephone 01 - 6290980.

Did you know?

The Canal bridges were usually named after directors of the Royal Canal Company.

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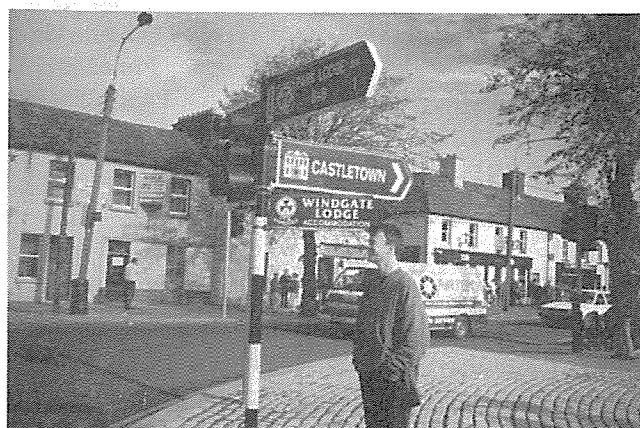
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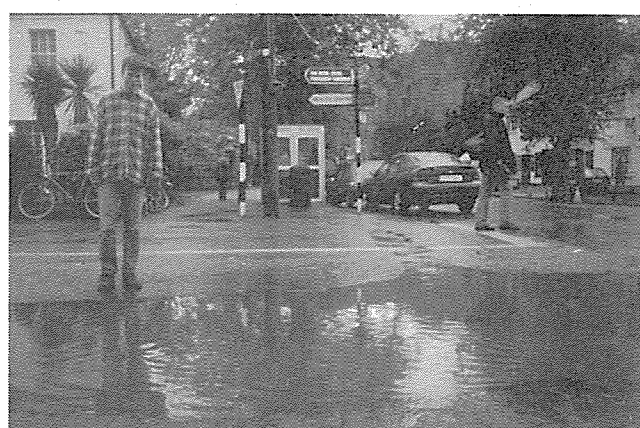
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OBSTACLES

Sometimes it's hard finding your way in life, especially with so many obstacles blocking your path. Our roving reporter Harrington, found this out while on the prowl for stories around Maynooth.....



What a resting place!



"mmm, I think I'll wait for the ferry"

Residents Associations

PARKLANDS RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood Watch.

Parklands in conjunction with Castlebridge and Rail Park Road Residents launched a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme on October 10th at the Glenroyal Hotel.

The Neighbourhood Watch survey carried out in Parklands showed a tremendous desire to actively participate in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with more than 70 people replying that they wished to assist in the running of the scheme.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme now has 13 street co-ordinators and an overall area co-ordinator. A meeting will be organized in the near future to organize the distribution of information packs and to inform everyone who their street co-ordinator is. Thank you very much to all the people who turned up at the public meeting and to garda Martin Cane who organised the meeting and who will be our liaison with the police.

Party Night Nov. 2nd 8.30 Glenroyal Hotel.

The Resident's Association has organized a party so that the residents of the newest estate in Maynooth can have a night out together and get to know one another. The party was originally intended to be purely Fancy Dress and many are keen to come in Fancy Dress, however the more reserved residents of Parklands have made it clear that they wouldn't be seen dead in Fancy Dress and in response to this the social Committee wants to let everyone know that **it is no longer necessary to wear Fancy Dress** to come to the party so - come on!

Castlebridge Residents are welcome too.

TICKETS available from Liz Stoll 1 Parklands Rise.
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Development Plans.

The intervention of the Minister for the environment in the Development planning process for Kildare is unprecedented. The Minister's request that the regional overview be considered, before any more Town Plans are passed, and that a strategic Development Plan for the county be used as a basis for the allocation of population targets to individual towns, bearing in mind the limitations posed by water requirements, sewerage treatment and existing infrastructure, all makes a lot of sense.

However since this intervention by a minister is so unusual we do not know how it will affect the planning process. Will councillors interpret it in different ways? It remains to be seen what effect the ministers intervention will have on the plans for individual towns such as Maynooth so for now we must listen, watch and wait!

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PARSON STREET RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

As requested by Kildare County Council we submitted our comments on their proposal for traffic calming on 20th September 1996. To date (18/10/96) we have had no reply. We were disappointed again when, in spite of objections from the councillors and this committee, the engineer came back to the next meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee with no new proposals and insisted that their original unsatisfactory plan should go ahead.

The councillors told them to implement instead the measures proposed by this committee. These had been passed at a general meeting of residents and outlined to councillors and Kildare County Council in a report dated 17/6/96.

This, on the face of it, is good news but we now have to seek assurances from our councillors that what is done will comply with our proposal.

In all our discussions and correspondence with the engineer

we have always insisted that ramps are the only thing that will slow down traffic. His reaction has always been negative and always for different reasons. Our sketch of 17/6/96 did not involve ramps although a lengthy section of the report did. Our plan could incorporate ramps at a later date when we can overcome the various objections which Kildare County Council has put to them.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At the time of writing an Autumn Estate clean up is being organised for Saturday 2nd November. On going discussions are taking place with Kildare County Council, Bórd Gáis and ESB on various matters outstanding. Telecom Eireann have been approached for additional phone boxes in Greenfield S.C. See you at the Clean Up.

Richard Farrell, P.R.O.

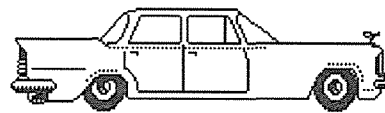
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Features

MAYNOOTH AND 1916

Last month, to mark this year's 80th anniversary of the Easter Rising, we published the first half of an interview given by the late Joseph Buckley, son of Domhnall Ua Buachalla, to Mary Cullen, Historian, in the late 1960's. Domhnall Ua Buachalla (1865-1963) was the leader of the Maynooth 1916 men.

We now publish the second extract covering the experiences of the Maynooth men during the Rising.

"At the time of the 1916 Rising there was a great deal of confusion when Eoin McNeill countermanded the orders for mobilisation. Domhnall Ua Buachalla went into Dublin on Easter Sunday to find out what was happening. There he met either Thomas McDonagh or Eamon Ceannt who told him the Rising was going ahead on Easter Monday. He went home and mobilised the rest of the group on Monday morning, fifteen in all: Domhnall Ua Buachalla, Patrick Colgan, Patrick Kirwan, Matt Maguire, Tom Mangan, Patrick Weafer, Jack Graves, Jack Maguire, Tim Tyrell, Joseph Ledwidge, Oliver Ryan, Tom Harris, Tony Byrne, Ted O'Kelly and Liam O'Regan.

They went first to the shop and collected the guns and ammunition. Everyone had a shotgun and Ua Buachalla had a rifle. They marched down the street to the College to get absolution before going to Dublin. On the way they met two or three of the R.I.C., including the sergeant. He stopped them but Ua Buachalla drew a revolver and said "You don't count with us any more" and they proceeded to the College where they met the President. He tried to persuade them not to go but finally, when they made it clear they were determined, he gave them absolution.

They walked towards Dublin along the canal. They came by Clonsilla, waded across the canal in their clothes and eventually reached Glasnevin cemetery where they slept. At about 8 or 9 a.m. they came out onto the road and marched in formation into the city on Tuesday morning. They met nobody and when they reached the G.P.O. they were greeted with a mighty cheer. Pearse met them at the door and was delighted to see Ua Buachalla. They were brought inside and given food. Pearse sent Ua Buachalla to Parliament Street. The City Hall was about to be attacked and covering fire was needed. Ua Buachalla was one of the few to have a rifle. He and some others crossed the Halfpenny Bridge and got on top of the Royal Exchange buildings in Parliament Street. Here they stayed for a day and a night. Then they returned to the G.P.O., and Ua Buachalla was next sent by Pearse to the tower at Clery's where they could have a vantage point to fire at members of an Officers Training Corps in Trinity College who were firing from the roofs of the College. At the end of the week they were back in the G.P.O. when the surrender and evacuation came.

Ua Buachalla appears to have been vague about the exact

sequence of events at this stage. He found himself walking along Moore Street without his rifle and he passed by all the others who were being arrested. He decided to try to get to Broadstone Station and get a goods train home to Maynooth. But he was so tired he fell asleep standing up propped between a telegraph pole and a wall. The next morning he was walking along Dominick Street when he was seen by a soldier who shot at him. The bullet passed through the padding of his jacket. He was not hurt but he was captured and taken with his comrades to England by boat.

Two of the Maynooth group escaped arrest and made it home safely, Pat Weafer and Joseph Ledwidge. The others spent some time in prison, first in England and then in Frongoch Camp in North Wales."

We hope that the above extracts will have been of interest to many, and indeed we would welcome further contributions from other members of the community who may have further information on this unique and heroic passage from our local history.

Michael Quinn
75th Anniversary Committee

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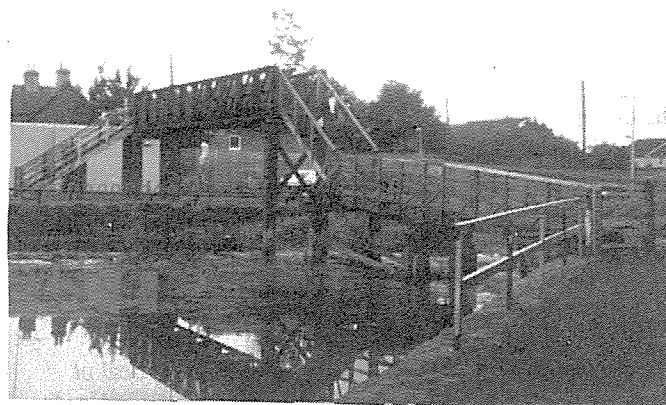
Features

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS?

As commuters on C.I.E.'s frequent train journeys to and from Maynooth will know, the bridge at the Harbour is in a sorry state of disrepair. The RCAG have been busy improving the area surrounding the harbour and down as far as Bond Bridge, however with regard to the harbour foot bridge, they have run into difficulties.

The flat blue bridge was removed during the Summer months to allow canal traffic to flow smoothly. This has caused some consternation for pedestrians with buggies/bicycles and those who are wheelchair bound. The factors preventing redevelopment of this eyesore are many.

- The bridge is owned by C.I.E. and despite its rotting condition they are apparently unwilling to move on the issue.
- In spite of the many commuting students - including at least one blind student - the College seems hesitant to aid funding for the building of a new bridge.
- The inland waterways of Ireland are being transferred from the responsibility of the O.P.W. to the Minister For Arts and Culture, Michael D. Higgins. This transaction is in process at the moment and it remains to be seen what changes will be made.
- The plans for a new bridge were to be submitted by the Postgraduate Engineering and Architectural Students of Trinity and Bolton St. Colleges, as a thesis project this year. However the submissions were held up and will be delayed for another year.



*The Harbour Footbridge
- on its last legs!*

So despite the fact that the bridge is currently rotting away - no action can be taken for the time being. Perhaps when the bridge finally falls into the canal, attention will be given to this black spot on our Harbour. Meanwhile, water appears to be leaking from the canal possibly into a river that runs directly under the canal. Most of the swans seem to have fled due to disruptions early in the Summer when the canal was being cleaned. There are plans however, to redevelop the little Island in the Harbour planting it with shrubs and plants for the dual purpose of improving its ease on our eyes - and in the hope that more swans will return.

COLLEGE NEWS

St. Patrick's College Bomb Scare

At lunchtime on Wednesday 9th. October, a hoax phone call was taken by the receptionists in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The caller, a male with an unidentifiable accent, threatened that a parcel would go off somewhere on campus within the next 15 minutes.

There followed a frantic effort to evacuate 4,000 students and staff. The campus was searched thoroughly but to no avail.

The Gardaí are taking their continuing inquiries very seriously, although the bomb disposal unit were not called in, and it seems to have been merely a disruption tactic.

President of College

The President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth has passed away unexpectedly in Co. Mayo. Matthew O'Donnell was 64 and has held the post for the previous two years.

President O'Donnell taught in the College for 34 years and had been Vice President since 1980.

Condolences to his mother Mrs. Mary O'Donnell

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Features

DANNY CARTHY - The Man, Not The Boy!

"Music is my life, my love". These are the words of a man passionate about music, the words of Danny Carthy. Many of you will remember Danny as the vocalist with Fiddler's Green who tickled our ears many times with his melodious ballads.

After years of gigging and touring around the country, Danny decided a change was necessary. In October 1995, he went into studio with the result that he has now just released an album entitled "Danny Carthy - The Man Not The Boy".

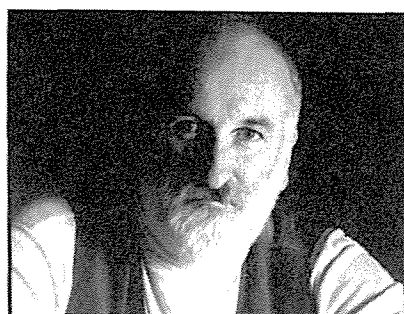
Childhood Love of Music and Words

However all this is years away from the Hills of Donegal where as a boy Danny lived. Born in Bundoran in 1947 Danny grew up in a family tradition of music. His father played numerous instruments including the accordion and the tin whistle.

At the age of fourteen the family moved to Ballytore, Co. Kildare, where for three years Danny thumbed the thirty two mile journey everyday to school in Carlow. This dedication to the books and an interest in literature manifested itself in the poems he started to write. At the same time he sustained his interest in music by singing in choirs and, like father, like son: playing the tin whistle.

When he finished school Danny got an opportunity to go into Ordnance Surveying. In 1966 his work brought him back to his homeland when he went on fieldwork to Donegal. It was on a night out in the town that Danny got his first chance to go on stage when he performed a Cliff Richard favourite of the time 'Living Doll'. It was this performance that got the ball rolling and by 1968 Danny had discovered his fondness for ballads. He performed with 'Margo' and 'The Keynotes' and at the first ever 'Mary From Dungloe Festival', singing well known songs such as 'Seven Drunken Nights' and 'Whiskey In The Jar'.

Still at the day job, Danny went to work in Dublin. It was at this time he formed his first group 'The Molly Maguires'. However 'The Mollies' success was short-lived, in fact, the group fell apart



even before they got started. As Danny recalls, after strenuous rehearsals they had their first gig in the Teachers Club, Parnell Square, but in need of little coaxing their lead vocalist consumed a little too much 'uisce beatha' and collapsed on stage before they could strum a chord of 'I've been A Wild Rover'.

Gigging with the Fiddlers

Yet success lay around the corner and in 1971 together with Maynooth's Noel Brady, Danny formed another group the infamous 'Fiddler's Green'. They played many gigs but in the latter half of the 1970's they disbanded only to regroup again in 1980. They held a residency in the Garda Boat Club at Islandbridge and at The Embankment, Tallaght, not to mention gigging locally and at various venues around the country.

While all this touring was taking place, Danny continued working with the Ordnance Survey Department. However, in 1985 as the number of venues increased, Danny went professional. Fiddler's Green remained popular with all age groups who heard their blend of folk, traditional and ballad music. Whether they were entertaining an audience in the Roost or five hundred students in the S.U. Bar - a night's craic was guaranteed, as was laryngitis. The group played their last gig on New Years Eve 1995, but by this stage Danny was already in the studio recording 'The Man Not The Boy'.

The New Album

According to Danny it was while touring Germany in 1995 with Fiddler's Green, that Danny first thought of recording an album. He saw a change in the music business, "Times were changing and I decided I had to change with them", and realised the importance of exposing his own music which would reach an audience that he would never have been able to do otherwise. 'I always had an interest in the writings of Pearse, Yeats

and Longfellow, a love of words and the stories they tell" and with this Danny has recorded ten tracks, six of which are his own original work.

Danny's songs deal with various issues, such as 'Stand Look Around You' which is a song about the environment. Another 'Little Balls of Twine' deals with the life of a salesman whom Danny heard on a radio documentary, describing his life travelling around Ireland, selling his wares. Indeed another song 'Carlingford' a song about taking time out, which Danny composed out at Pikesbridge, has been recorded by Sandy Kelly and features on a four track EP with Johnny Cash.

Turn on, tune in, and buy!

Danny's album has just been released. Tune into your radio station as the album will be receiving extensive air play in the near future and listen out for tracks such as 'Whatever You Say, Say Nothing'. Written by Tommy Sands of the 'Sands Family' fame, it was recommended to Danny by a friend and he says he had a great feeling about it from the start, "I liked the cleverness of the lyrics and I loved the air".

Danny will also be making T.V. appearances and touring around the country in the New Year promoting his new album. He is already getting great promotion from his friends and colleagues in the Entertainment Industry, if the press release by Derek Davis included with the album, is anything to go by: "It is a fine piece of work that has passion and fun, good music and nostalgia; a good companion on a long journey or an album to lift the spirits after a tough day".

One way to ensure you can enjoy this record is to go out and buy a copy of it. It is available in all record shops and luckily for all the locals of Maynooth, Danny has made copies of his album available for purchase in all Donovan's Retail shops. It's different, it's new and remember as Christmas is coming, it will make a lovely present. "If this album succeeds" says Danny "and people like what they hear, I have another batch of songs written, for another album waiting to be released".

So remember, watch out for the cheeky face of a young boy on the cover, when you're buying 'Danny Carthy - The Man Not the Boy'.



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Features

JUST DO IT!

This is what senior student, Leo Armstrong says to would-be mature students. If you are contemplating a return to education, now is the time to do it not tomorrow, not yesterday, not years ago.

The Early Years

Mr. Armstrong was born in the Sacred Heart Convent in Blackrock, Co. Cork. He was an orphan and growing up in the 'Forties and Fifties in the farming community of Aughrim, Co. Wicklow, he was not considered worth educating to second level, let alone University standard. However, Mr. Armstrong having a determined streak, refused to follow a life of farm labouring as was in store for his fellow orphans. Instead he emigrated to England, where, as a young man of 15 he worked in a textile mill by day and took a London City and Guilds Course in Management by night. He worked himself up to Assistant Manager by the age of 24.

Over the years Mr. Armstrong discovered that he had a taste for politics, but lacked, however, the confidence in his own knowledge of the social and economic history of Ireland. He returned to this country having married an Irish girl, and after several years of working at various professions, he decided his true profession lay in the field of politics. He put himself forward as an Independent Candidate in 1983 and again in the last General Election in 1992 in the Constituencies of S/W Donegal and his childhood county of Wicklow.

Back to the Books

However, Mr. Armstrong still felt that there was a wide gap in his education, and so, in the early 1990's, he applied to the colleges, U.C.D., Trinity and Maynooth. Having received offers from both U.C.D. and Maynooth, he decided to opt for the more rural community spirit of Maynooth. Here he studied Economics, Sociology and History. He has graduated recently and is now studying for his Higher Diploma in Education (H.Dip.). Next year, he aspires to

M.A. level and after that, the world is his oyster!

Mr. Armstrong's story is not all that unusual, however, the factor which is peculiar to all mature students, of whatever age, is sheer courage. Younger students have a much more relaxed attitude to college education, as nowadays it is so much more readily available to them. The older generation, who have mostly been working for years - whether in the home or outside - have a different attitude. To them it is a means of furthering themselves, it is a step up in the world, and the sense of pride and achievement gained from this experience is worth all the struggle to get there. Furthermore, Mr. Armstrong believes that age is actually an advantage in studying for a degree. With half a lifetime behind him, he found the subjects he studied much easier to relate to, and found that it put a sense of perspective on his life's experiences. Hopefully this story will encourage other mature students to follow their dream - and like the ad says - just do it!

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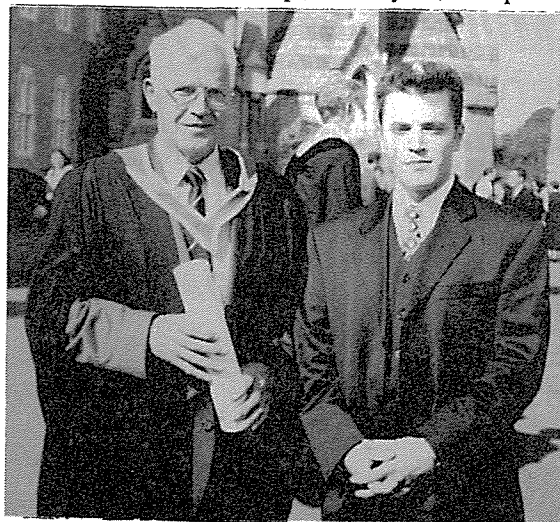
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*Leo Armstrong pictured with his son Neil
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MOTORWAY MADNESS

"That night I dreamt of nuns like huge black crows.....giant sized rosary beads..."

It first happened just before Christmas last year. I was driving home to Maynooth from Dublin. It was late, maybe about 2 am. Four hundred yards from the Maynooth turn-off I glanced in my rear view mirror expecting to see an empty road and I was both surprised and annoyed to see two large headlights no more than four yards behind me. I slowed down to encourage this demon driver to pass me out but, instead, the large black car pulled out and moved dangerously alongside with no more than a couple of feet between the cars. The turn-off approached so I indicated left and as I did so I looked to the right expecting to see a car full of joyriders preparing to run me off the road. The face of a young boy about five years old stared from the passenger window, looking directly into my eyes. We retained eye contact for maybe two seconds until the face was whisked away as the cars separated and I veered left and entered the slip road from the motorway. Ten seconds ago I had been scared, now I felt a more primeval fear. It was late. I was tired. But I was sure. The face of the young boy in the darkness had been me. The eyes that had stared across at me were from the past, from a thirty year old school photograph on my parent's mantelpiece. First day at school, the trauma, the tears. He'd stared across, not at me, but through me. There had been no flicker of recognition.

I stopped the car and rolled down the window. A blast of frosty air made me shiver and within a minute I was beginning to doubt what I'd seen. It was late. I was tired and, anyway, I wasn't that distinctive looking as a kid. It could be any kid. I drove home slowly, memories flooding back. That night I dreamt of nuns like huge black crows swishing between the rows of desks in junior infants, giant sized rosary beads clattering at their sides.

I'd virtually forgotten the whole thing when one evening in early spring, I was again shadowed by a large black car on the motorway. This time I tried to drive away from it because as soon as I saw those large headlights in the rear view mirror a chill ran through me. Effortlessly it pulled alongside. I was two hundred yards from the turn-off. I stared straight ahead, not daring to look across. The engine whined noisily as I raced for the turn. At the last second, almost against my will, I looked across. As I did so the figure in the passenger seat of the other car turned towards me, his head back, laughing. In an instant the laugh disappeared and like the young boy he stared through me, as if at something shocking in the distance. The cars shot apart as I careered up the slip road. I screeched to a halt. This time there was no mistake. That was me in that other car. I was about twenty, thin face, long hair, leather jacket. I remember that jacket. I'd just left College but I'd no idea what the future might hold. It was all ahead of me. I had plenty to laugh about.

Obviously I didn't tell anyone about any of this. I'd always been fairly interested in the supernatural and over the following months, I read a few books on out of body experiences, ghosts and time travel. I began to rationalise my experiences on the motorway. There was some weird space - time flip out there which gave me a glimpse into the past.

For a few months I positively looked forward to another encounter. But nothing happened, until last night, All-Souls night. Maybe sub-consciously I'd stayed late visiting friends in Dublin. As I approached Maynooth at 2 am the motorway was deserted. But as before, as if from another dimension, the headlights appeared in my rear view mirror. I slowed down, excited, expectant. As before it pulled alongside. I looked across. The figure in the passenger seat was small, hunched up, staring straight ahead. From the side his head was skull like and he seemed to be gripping the dashboard with two white bony hands. Slowly he turned. There were shadows in his face, his cheek bones stood out, his mouth was sunken. He looked across at me with his rheumy blue eyes and smiled. It was a smile of infinite sadness.



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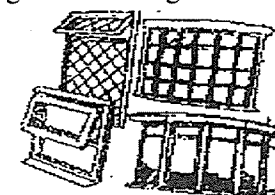
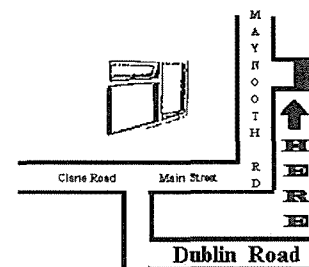
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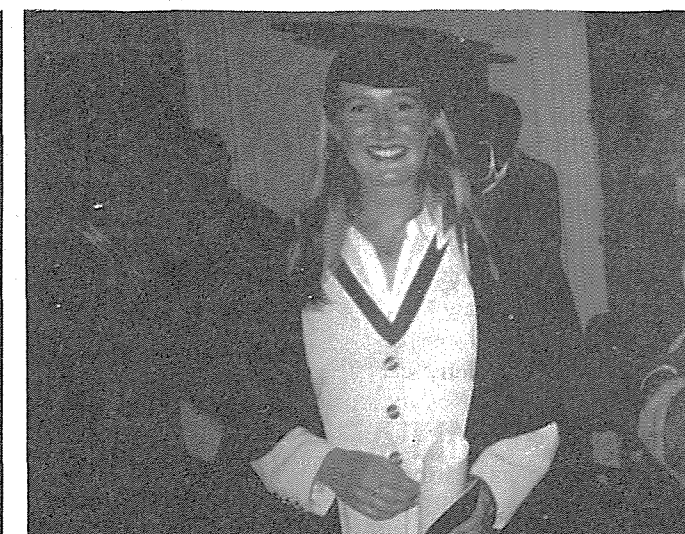
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Features

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Features

NORTH KILDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT

Native American Indian Visits Celbridge Project School

Gary White Deer, a native American Choctaw Indian, recently visited the North Kildare National School Project in Celbridge and fascinated children and teachers at the school with stories of the history of the Choctaw Nation, their culture and traditions and their connections with Ireland dating back to the Great Irish Famine.



Choctaw Indian, Gary White Deer

Gary, who was involved in the commemoration of the Great Irish Famine in the 1840's, took time out from his schedule to visit the Celbridge project school. His visit went down a treat with children and teachers alike.

"Through our Religious Education Core Curriculum we try to promote tolerance and understanding of other people's views, ideas and beliefs and to develop in the children a knowledge of differing cultural and religious traditions" said Anne Finn, a teacher at the school. "Gary's visit was a unique opportunity to expose children to a native American Indian and for them to learn about the traditions and beliefs of the Choctaw people", she added.

Gary entertained children of 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes with the Indian stories of the Coyote and the mystical Blue Thunderbird. He also taught them to do the Rabbit Dance.

Gary also explained the links between the Choctaw Nation and Ireland.

In the winter of 1831 Choctaw men, women and children were forcibly removed from their home lands in Mississippi to reservations in Oklahoma. It was a journey of some 500 miles during which they lost almost half of their people. Oklahoma was at the time a wild and remote region and it was no easy task for the Choctaw to settle there. Against this background it was all the more remarkable that the Choctaw Indians sought to help the starving people of Ireland during our great famine some ten years later, but this they did, collecting \$170 in 1847 for famine relief in this country.

'I thought he was very interesting and very funny and I loved the Rabbit Dance', said Jana O'Grady a pupil at the school.

For further information contact Rita Galvin or Anne Finn at the N.K.N.S.P. at (01) 6274388 (until 3:15p.m.), or Gary Doyle, Public Relations Officer at (01) 6288915 (evenings).

SCOIL UI RIADA

Na gardaí oga as Scoil Uí Riada: Daithi O'Garbhi, Sean Kellegher, Gillian Fleming, Wayne O'Broin, Sean O'Cuinn agus Johnathan O hEachtghairn.



Na gardaí óga!

Recently, six vigilant Maynooth pupils from Scoil Uí Riada spotted some property that had been dumped from a

stolen car in Greenfield Shopping Centre car park. The items included a handbag and a child's car seat. They reported this find, through an adult, to the Gardai which resulted in the property being returned to its rightful owners. Civic duty is alive and well in Scoil Uí Riada, "moll an oige agus tiocfaidh siad"!

AIB agus Scoil Uí Riada:

To help us mark the 10th Anniversary of our founding in September 1986, AIB's Maynooth branch arranged for our ranganna cuig agus sé to visit the AIB Bankcentre's dealing room on Tuesday 22nd October. This was a school tour with a difference and ensured that the pupils returned full of financial advice for their hard pressed parents.

AIB's Maynooth branch has been associated with the school since 1986 and has also agreed to donate £750 to our development fund.

"Go raibh mile maith agat" to AIB and local manager, Fintan Nixon.

Leabharlann Maigh Nuad agus Scoil Uí Riada:

To help upgrade the Library's modest stock of books as Gaeilge for children, we will shortly be donating a selection of suitable books. We hope that this gesture will mark in a practical way the Library's Children's Book Festival of 21/25 October and help promote Irish amongst Maynooth's young library users.

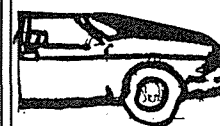
We also sent a team to compete in the Quiz during the Book Festival. Ar eirigh leo go maith?

PICTURES OF THE PAST

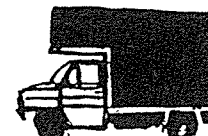
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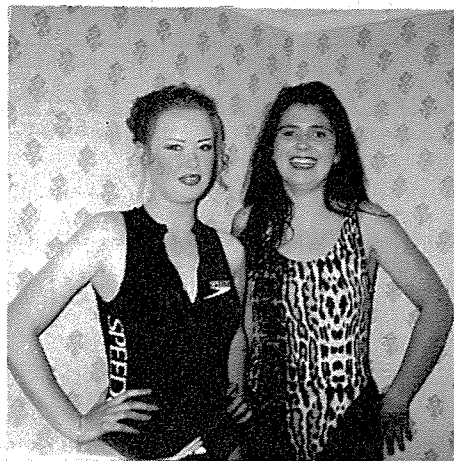
On Thursday the 17th October Gael Scoil Uí Fhiaich hosted its first annual Fashion Show/Auction. The following Boutiques/Fashion Houses exhibited their wares: Tinkerbell Childrens Boutique, Centre Point Mall, Main St. Head To Toe, Maynooth Shopping Centre, Unit 10. The Attic Swop Shop, Mill St. Maynooth. Sports Locker, Unit 5, Maynooth Shopping Centre. Gillian Anne, 53 Silken Vale, Maynooth. Libra Designs, Olympic Sports, Glen Royal Shopping Centre. Dawsons Menswear, Main St. Maynooth.

The Show was compered by Brenda Hyland and the auctioneer was Gerry Brady, Main St. Maynooth. 28 children took part including all the children from the Gael Scoil. Over sixty Models participated and they were all coached by Brenda Hyland, former Rose of Tralee, a Garda who in her spare time is a model and a beauty consultant.

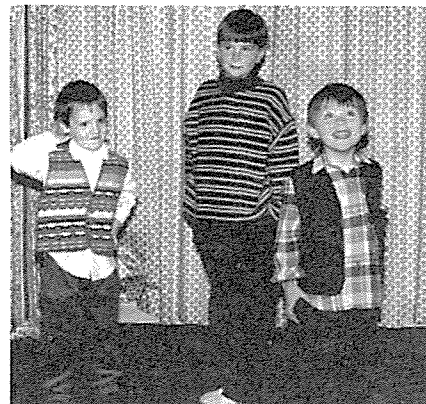
Fashion Show in aid of Gael Scoil Uí Fhiaich



Breda Donovan



L-R: Margo Leyton, Alma Mackey



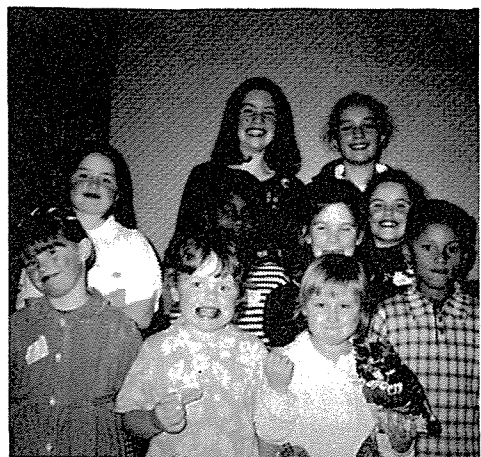
Eoin O'Melia, Conor Fitzpatrick & Cormac Clinton; all modeling from Tinker Bell.

All the models were from the business community in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. We would like to thank Maynooth Community Council, especially Derek Lowry, Freda Kelleher, Norah McDermot and all the Fás staff involved in producing an excellent brochure.

Thanks are also extended to Aidín Ní Chonnachtaín, the teacher in our Gaelscoil for all her help. The parents of the children. The exhibitors. The business community. The Glen Royal Hotel. The models, Gerry Brady, Brenda Hyland and lovely daughter Jennifer who also modelled. Colm O'Cearuil, the Fear An Tí, Gerry Fitzpatrick who all gave their time voluntarily.

Finally all who helped in anyway to make the night the success that it was and all who attended on the night. Watch this spot for forthcoming events

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Some of the pupils from Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich



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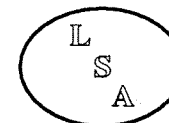
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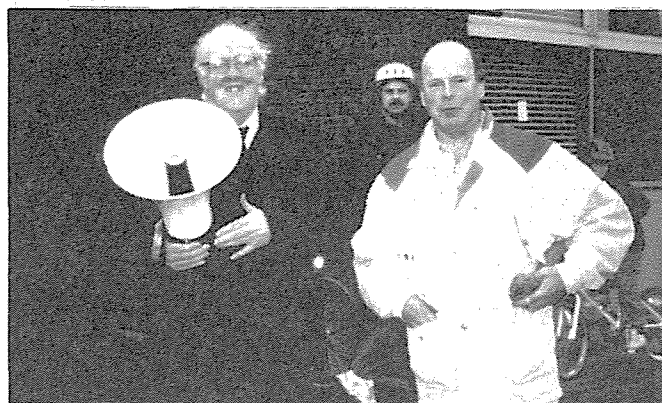
On Sunday 13th October St. Mary's Boys' National School, Maynooth sponsored cycle took place. There was a huge turnout of young cyclists for this very popular event. Mr O'Connor, teachers and many parents were at the school to organise, control and generally sort out any problems.



Getting ready to roll - just some of the young cyclists!

The young cyclists presented their sponsorship cards for stamping, a prerequisite for entry. Halfway through the cycle the cards were stamped again.

Mr O'Connor with his loudhailer marshalled the cyclists and divided them into the six mile cycle and the ten mile cycle, the parents having been dispatched with their red flags to their various check points, to control the traffic.



Mr. O'Connor with his loudhailer

The weather was ideal for cycling and the rain gratefully held off.

It was great to see the number of fathers that participated, giving their children encouragement along the route. Mothers were also present.

After an hour or so the cyclists made their appearance and once again had their cards stamped, then on to the crisps and drinks.

A great day was had by all. The boys sponsored cycle was a day to be proud of.

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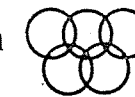
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The Internet Cafe, behind the Mobile Phone Centre, and indeed, run by the same company, should be open in the next few weeks. Watch this space!

We were sorry to see that Keeley's Corner on Main St, has packed up and left. No news yet on a replacement.

VIDEO REVIEW

TOY STORY (P.G.)

This is the first full-length computer-animated film. It is a surprisingly eerie offering, especially the part where the toys are trapped in the bedroom of a rather nasty kid called Sid, who has some really scary looking toys of his own. The main (toy) characters, Woody and Buzz, (voiced by Tom Hanks and Tim Allen) are really very likeable as a sort of Roy Rogers and Dan Dare duo, and are all the time getting into various funny situations. In these days of high-tech gadgetry and computer games this is a film that the kids will absolutely love. Director John Lasseter makes an extremely good job of keeping you in suspense and laughing at the great one-liners in the script. This is very definitely one to see and see again. Just right for a wet, chilly Sunday evening.

Verdict: Highly recommended.

CITY HALL (15's)

John Pappas (Al Pacino) is the strong, decent, hardworking mayor of New York. The plot involves a shoot-out between a cop and a hoodlum in which a six-year-old is killed by a stray bullet. The criminal's boss tries to play down the tragedy to keep the spotlight off his Mafia family and divert the media attention to the cop, via a bit of muck spreading. While investigating both the shooting and the allegations against the police, the mayor's right-hand man, Kevin Calhoun (John Cusack) reveals a trail of bribery and corruption at City Hall that may (or may not) lead right to the mayor himself. This is a highly polished and very slick drama, though at the end you'll think you've seen it all before.

Verdict: Worth a look.

CASINO (18's)

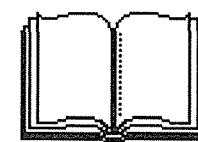
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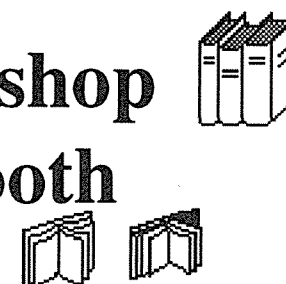
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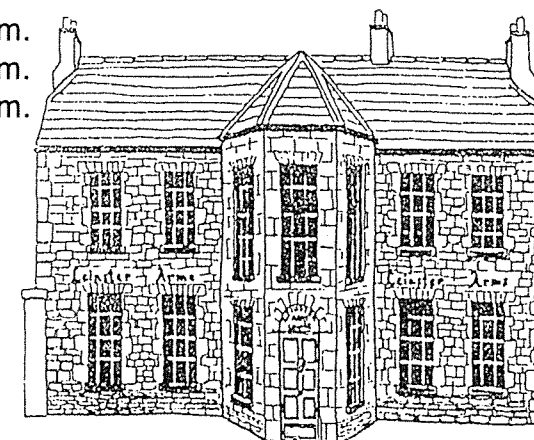
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FINE GAEL NOTES

1. Congratulations to Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Mary French who were selected by Fine Gael to contest the next general election for the Kildare North Constituency. We wish them well.
2. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare Co. Council to apply to the National Roads Authority to have the bridge on the Straffan Road at the Maynooth interchange widened. This process is to be carried out so that through traffic can overtake cars/trucks turning onto the motorway.
3. Cllr. Griffin has placed the following motion for the next Celbridge Area Meeting. "That K.C.C. clean up the Silt, Trees/Debris on the river Slade from Meadowbrook to Parson St". This will alleviate flash flooding which has happened in the past and also make the river safer around the Meadowbrook area.
4. Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin expressed concern that the N.R.A. have recently put a 'hold' on the monies allocated for the improvement of by passed towns. It now seems that this money will not be forthcoming this year and will result in a delay in completing the footpaths on the Main Street.
- Dep. Durkan and Cllr. Griffin call on the N.R.A. to make this money available so that the deplorable flooding now taking place at Fagans Lane (Bartons corner) and at Phil Bradys can be eliminated. This situation is unacceptable and K.C.C. should now insist in making the footpaths safe for all pedestrians.
5. The branch would like to thank all those who contributed to the National Collection held at the end of September.

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley's motion, that special development levies be set at such level on the land zoned residential since 1985 but not developed, was again discussed at the Area Meeting on the 11th October.

The County Engineer's Report which was ready on the 29th July was still not circulated to the Councillors.

Cllr. McGinley demanded to see the Report without success - such is democracy at County Council level.

Adoption of a proper policy is now at a critical stage as two separate planning applications have been lodged. One for 154 houses and another for 52 houses.

The County Engineer and the County Secretary have now agreed to produce a Report with new special development levies proposed for our next meeting on the 8th November. Fifteen years ago the levies were at £1,000. Increasing them to £2,500 per house, which is a lot less than house price inflation since then, would be enough to build the bridge.

Parson Street Traffic Calming

At the Celbridge Area Meeting of Kildare County Council on the 11th October Cllr. John McGinley expressed extreme annoyance at the officials' inaction on this very important issue. It is now nearly a year since he first raised it and despite getting agreement from his fellow Councillors that £25,000 should be spent no work has been carried out to date.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out at the meeting that the Engineer's proposals are unacceptable and that he should proceed immediately to carry out work along the lines of that proposed by the Residents Association in their letter of the 17/6/96. All of the other Councillors agreed and the work will have to be carried out before the end of the year - probably in November.

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Greenfield Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to clear the blocked shores at the bottom of Maynooth Park and at houses No's 8 to 14 Laurence Avenue.

Old Greenfield Estate

Builders Cabin

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to remove this cabin and to landscape the damaged section of green.

Provision of Litter Bins

Following representation by Cllr. John McGinley the Council have now agreed on the location of the bins. The Residents Association can get the bins and bill the Council.

Flooding on Footpath

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out the necessary repairs to the footpath outside Brady's Pub in order to stop the serious flooding there at present.

Bus Stop Congestion

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to get C.I.E. to do something about the serious traffic jams that their buses are causing at present. Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D. has requested Dublin Bus to move the existing Bus Stop outside the T.S.B. Eastwards to outside of McCormack's Chemist. Minister Stagg has also asked Dublin Bus to remind bus drivers of the duty to pull into the bays provided for them along Main Street.

New Lights in Public Car Park

Following representations from Cllr. McGinley on the disgraceful delay in getting these lights operating Kildare County Council have assured him that the lights will be working before the end of October.

Leinster Street

Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D. has asked the County Engineer to prepare plans for the restoration of the footpaths and the planting of new trees in Leinster Street.



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ivies
window box
potting or tub and basket
compost.

Method:

Half fill the window box with
compost.
Arrange the heathers and
ivies in the window box, ivies
to the front, heathers to the
back.
Plant the bulbs in groups.
Fill to the top with compost.
Water and place in position.

Tip: Make sure your window
box has drainage holes.

Vegetables

Plant Rhubarb. Lift parsnips
after frost. Draw out a rough
plan of present crops and
arrange next season's in rotation.
Cover rhubarb and seakale with
strawy manure.

HANGING BASKET

You will need:

Trays of winter pansies
ivy
crocus bulbs
basket
liner or moss / potting or
tub and basket compost

Method:

Line the basket with the liner
or the moss.
Half fill the basket with
compost.
Plant half the pansies
through the holes in the
basket.
Plant the crocus bulbs.
Fill to the top with compost
and plant the rest of the
pansies and the ivy.

AUTUMN/WINTER PATIO POT

You will need:

narrow growing Cordyline
dwarf conifer or evergreen
shrub
tray of winter pansies
10 dwarf tulips
evergreen fern, winter
heather or euonymus
timber, plastic or terracotta
pot
potting or tub and basket
compost.

Lawn and Order

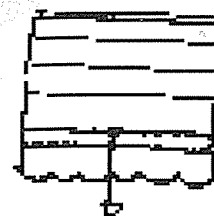
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should be wiped over with a
well soaked oily rag. If your
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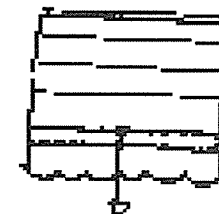
Method:

Make sure drainage is good.
Fill the pot with compost to
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Place the shrubs in position,
putting the tallest towards the
back, the ivy to the front.
Arrange the bulbs in groups
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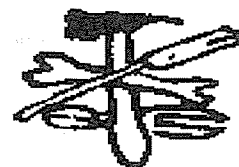
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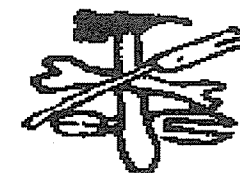
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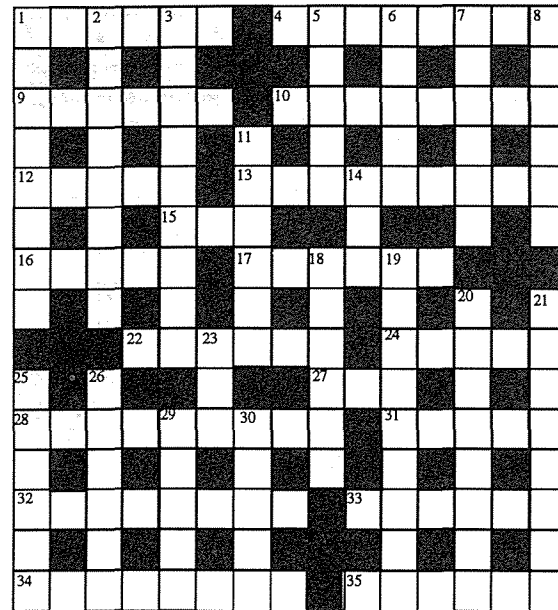


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Crossword No. 108



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Across:

1. A computer rest! (6)
4. A level tract of land (8)
9. Good balance (6)
10. To measure a circle (8)
12. A dead language, though Dan Quale may not agree (5)
13. Pessimists deal in these (9)
15. A deviation, on a straight line maybe (3)
16. It's very important in a sense (5)
17. On the Moors and.... (6)
22. Concerned with the stars (6)
24. Had Jack filled it? (5)
27. Sounds of disgust (3)
28. They used a CID Person against them (9)
31. They were lucky to have this person (5)
32. This is usually connected with narcotics (8)
33. An envelope or a capital (6)
34. No escape from these (8)
35. Skilled (6)

Down:

1. Languid, no energy (8)
2. Status, importance (8)
3. Regulates (9)
5. Frightening (6)
6. You may have to do it eventually (5)

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7. They come from and live locally (6)
8. Those accused were burned at the stake (6)
11. To hold the ship (6)
14. A tap is suitable (3)
18. Refer to (6)
19. Not in any particular way (9)
20. His home is 33 across (8)
21. A tan in Paris, some hope (8)
23. They aid the teachers to strike, in short (3)
25. Harmony (6)
26. Prison without trial (6)
29. A holy man in Italy (6)
30. You can't fiddle without it (6)

Solution to Crossword No. 107.

Across: 1. Archer; 4. Arachnid; 9. Reamed; 10. Stringer;
12. Noise; 13. Abrogated; 15. Nod; 16. Event; 17. Fasten;
22. Slayer; 24. Crave; 27. Are; 28. Evolution; 31. Naive;
32. Bassinet; 33. Grouse; 34. Relegate; 35. Scales;

Down: 1. Arranged; 2. Clarinet; 3. Elemental; 5. Rotor;
6. Cling; 7. Negate; 8. Deride; 11. Gadfly; 18. Strand;
19. Eccentric; 20. Habitual; 21. Referees; 25. Member;
26. Dorsal; 29. Using; 30. Inept.

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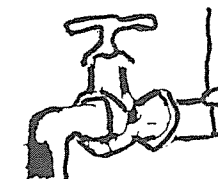
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North Kildare U.13 Football League Maynooth 9-5 Vs Allenwood 3-7

Maynooth had a good win in this league game played in blustery conditions in Allenwood. After a slow start in which they found it hard to shake off a tenacious Allenwood side, Maynooth got on top towards the end of the first half and led at half time by ten points playing against the breeze. Two early second half goals brought Allenwood back into the match, but once Maynooth realised they were in danger they stepped up a gear and in the end ran out easy winners. Despite the impressive score line they were guilty of some sloppy passing and very poor finishing.

Peter Sheehan, Stephen Curran and Joseph Brennan played well at the back, Killian Carr and Patrick O'Rourke dominated mid-field, while up front Morgan Sweeney, Paul Broughan and Aiden Molloy (in the second half) did most damage.

Scorers, Morgan Sweeney 4-0, Patrick O'Rourke 3-2, Aiden Molloy 1-1, Finbar O'Gorman 1-0, Killian Carr 0-1, Paul Broughan 0-1.

Minor 'B' Football Championship. Maynooth 2-9 Vs Ellistown 1-9.

Maynooth minor team have reached the final of their Championship with a very good win over Ellistown. It was a goal with minutes to go that sealed victory for Maynooth. They now go on to play Rheban in the final which could be fixed for Sunday 3rd November: Hope to see you all supporting our Minors in the final.

U.15 Football League:

Maynooth 3-6 Vs Rathcoffey/Straffan 1-1.

Maynooth got the u.15 Football League off to a good start with a good win over Rathcoffey/Straffan. Maynooth were far too strong for the combined team and hopefully will keep up the good work in this league.

Darts: Winner of Turkey on Saturday 12th October was Cathal O' Grady; second was Tommy Fay. Knock out is on every Saturday night at 9.30 pm, all welcome.

Handball: Our new handball alley is now open and if you wish to play or help out you can do so by contacting any member of our committee.

Lotto Result: 6/10/96 Jackpot £300 - Numbers 3-13-19. No winner - 5 x £10 Mark & Linda Kelly, Catherine Holmes, Bill Costello, Breda O'Toole and Patrick Kavanagh.

Lotto Result: 13/10/96 Jackpot £350 - Numbers 7-23-24. Bridie O'Toole, Jim Treacy, Three Pin Plug, E. Coughlin and Grainne McArdle.

Annual General Meeting will be held in Club House on Sunday 8th December at 11.00 am.

Junior 'C' Football Championship Semi-Final. Maynooth 5pts Vs Kilcock 1-11pts.

Maynooth were well beaten by Kilcock in the Semi-Final of Championship. Maynooth had to start this game short a number of players due to injury. Maynooth started well and were 2 pts up after 5 minutes. Then in the 20th minute Kilcock got their goal to leave the half time score - Kilcock 1-6 pts to Maynooth 3pts. The second half started with Kilcock on top at mid field and their forwards had plenty of ball and so ran out good winners.

Best for Maynooth:- Paul Byrne 2pts, Johnny Murray 1pt, Martin McTernan 1pt, Niall Naughton 1pt. Also to play well, Danny Grahen, Gerry Thompson, Dermot Myles. This team still has a chance of winning their League. They play Carbury in the Final (to be fixed).

HURLING NOTES

Maynooth fail to convert chances

Bord na N-óg U/12 Hurling Semi-Final

Date: 22/09/96 Celbridge 3-0 Maynooth 1-0

It was a case of missed opportunities for Maynooth at Clane which led to their defeat against a strongly motivated Celbridge outfit. It should also be borne in mind that Maynooth manager Richie Walsh had to plan without two of his leading players Pierre Ennis and Alan Sweeney. Celbridge had the better of the exchanges in the first half and as early as the fifth minute took the lead when the Maynooth defense failed to clear their lines and the sliotar ended up in the net. Maynooth tried to recover from this setback but poor finishing together with good defensive play by Celbridge failed to produce any further scores during the remainder of the first half.

Maynooth fought bravely at the beginning of the second half and created a number of scoring opportunities but their finishing was poor. Against the run of play Celbridge scored a further goal in the tenth minute. The Maynooth players did not lie down however and following good play by Kevin Gannon and Fergal Molloy, Andrew Higgins got inside the Celbridge defence and slammed the sliotar to the net. Maynooth had further chances to reduce the deficit but failed to hit the target. Celbridge ensured victory five minutes from the end when they scored their third goal. While Maynooth manager Richie Walsh will be disappointed with the result he can have no complaints with the spirit and determination showed by his players in the game. Best for Maynooth were Jamie O'Neill, Brendan Coffey, Kevin Gannon, James Mullarkey, Fergal Molloy and David Comerford.

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Gallant Maynooth succumb to Celbridge goal rush.

**Bord na N-óg U/14 Hurling League Final
Celbridge 4-4 Maynooth 2-7**

Before a respectable attendance played in very blustery conditions at Clane on Saturday 28/9/96 Maynooth went under to Celbridge in a thrilling final. In truth this match encapsulated all the finer aspects of hurling, tremendous striking, effective hooking and blocking and some fine individual displays and scores. Celbridge got off to a dream start in the second minute when they scored a goal after the Maynooth full back line got into a tangle. In the fourth minute Morgan Sweeney got Maynooth's first point after a 65 from Tommy Masterson was only partially cleared by the Celbridge defence. Maynooth began to take control at midfield but were off-target with a number of good scoring opportunities. However midway through the first half Maynooth had their second point through Mikey Gleeson after a foul on Damien Travers. Peter Guinan scored a further point for Maynooth 2 minutes later following a long delivery from Mikey Gleeson into the Celbridge defence. Minutes later Maynooth were rocked back on their heels when Celbridge broke quickly upfield and hesitancy in the Maynooth defence ended with the sliotar nestling in the back of the net. Maynooth however responded almost immediately and a fine solo run from Mikey Gleeson ended in a free which he converted himself. The same player pointed a free minutes later after Morgan Sweeney was fouled. The first half scoring was completed in the 27th minute when Mikey Gleeson had a superb point from play leaving the half time score:

penalised for 'too many steps'. In order to try and stem the tide Maynooth netminder Mark Kavanagh was moved to midfield and Tommy Masterson to the half forward line. Maynooth showed great character at this stage and reduced the deficit in the 25th minute when Robert Hammond pounced on a loose ball in the Celbridge square and slammed the sliotar to the net. Celbridge responded with a pointed free a minute later with Mikey Gleeson following a fine solo run scored a goal for Maynooth leaving a goal between the sides. The losers finished the stronger but were unable to reduce the deficit further leaving the final score Celbridge 4-4, Maynooth 2-7.

Best for Maynooth were Mark Kavanagh, Tommy Masterson, Chris Flynn, Peter Sheehan, Morgan Sweeney, Damien Travers and a superb individual display by Mikey Gleeson.

Team and Scores:

Mark Kavanagh, Padraic Nevin, Tommy Masterson, Joe Brennan, Aidan Molloy, Sean O'Flaherty, Chris Flynn, Mikey Gleeson (1-5), Peter Sheehan (0-1), Morgan Sweeney (0-1), Damien Travis, Peter Guinan (0-1), Robert Hammond (1-0), Sean Brady, Kevin Gannon. Subs: Pierre Ennis, for Padraic Nevin, Stephen Kelly for Kevin Gannon. Not used: John Kinsella, Brendan Coffey, Thomas Flatley, Shane Devereux, Colin Cushen, Fergal Molloy, Eoin Murray, James Mullarkey and Donal McCarthy.

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Celbridge 2-0 Maynooth 0-6

At half time Maynooth manager Kieran Diggins introduced Pierre Ennis to the fray thus releasing Peter Sheenan to wing back and Aidan Molloy to corner back. Two minutes into the second half Maynooth took the lead when Mikey Gleeson pointed a free following a foul on Morgan Sweeney. Celbridge equalised in the tenth minute with a pointed free. Maynooth created a great scoring chance a minute later when greater interplay between Morgan Sweeney and Mikey Gleeson ended with the latter hitting a stunning shot which seemed destined for the net but a Celbridge defender got his stick to the sliotar and deflected it out for a 65. Celbridge regained the lead in the fifteenth minute when the Maynooth defence failed to pick up a loose attacker and he scored a fine point. The winners began to take control at this stage and scored a goal in the 20th minute followed by a further goal. Two minutes later, Tommy Masterson was harshly

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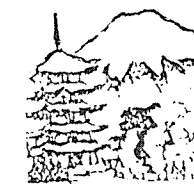
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Sports

Loss of Brazilian player

The Club was saddened recently with the departure of our Brazilian centre forward to his native country. Adolar flew out on Monday 14th October having spent the last two seasons playing with the club. At a club function to mark his farewell a large gathering of club members, friends and members of his religious community bid him farewell and wished him well for the future. Now returned to Parana, Brazil, to complete his studies and further his education in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood in two years time. A very skillful player and prolific goalscorer he will be a hard act to follow. Apart from his footballing qualities Adolar had the happy knack of mixing easily and left behind a host of friends who will miss him dearly.

Charismatic and Admirable

Chairman Michael Dempsey made number of presentations on behalf of the club which will be taking pride of place in Adolar's future. A club jersey carrying his name on the back and sporting the number ten of another great Brazilian footballer Pele was accepted with great humility. Also presented was a framed team photograph autographed by players and club members. Captain Fergal Barton on handing over the photograph wished him well and hoped that he would continue his football activities and impart some of his skills to the less gifted. Noel Dempsey made a presentation of a Rep. of Ireland jersey to remind him of his adopted country while closing the presentations Michael Dempsey made a presentation of a Rep. of Ireland Tie to be worn on formal occasions. The Chairman made the point that during his stay in Ireland his presence lent an aura of charisma on match days and at the after match refreshment session in Bradys. Even those outside the club got to know him and admired his ability to communicate so ably with everyone.

While we are sorry to lose him we wish him well in the future and can rest assured that our loss will be to the benefit of his beloved country. His

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family awaits him in Parana and they can rejoice in the knowledge that their offspring and sibling was a wonderful ambassador who brought a lot of joy and pleasure to those who had the privilege to make his acquaintance. Adolar returned the compliment of a framed club team photograph and at his last training session handed over his football boots in the hope that his scoring habits will rub off onto another striker.

Latest match results to date make promising reading with our Saturday team holding their own in the League with some promising newcomers to the ranks. Saturday cup competitions have yet to begin and it is hoped that a good run will be forthcoming. Our Sunday team now top the Premier Division League and remain unbeaten in that competition. A Leinster junior cup defeat away in Portarlinton after extra time and a narrow win in the F.A.I. Junior Cup make up our cup exploits to date. Our schoolboys teams are competing in their respective league and cup competitions with pride of place going to our under 13 side who defeated the much acclaimed St. Patrick's Ath. after a titanic struggle.

Premier Div. Sun.

Cashel Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 3

This was the victory which pushed Maynooth to the top of the table. Poor conditions made good football difficult, but Maynooth adapted well and were good value for their win. A long Maynooth clearance found Donncha McCarrick in space and he laid on a perfect pass for James Delargy who blasted the ball to the roof of the net from the edge of the penalty area. Barry Desmond had to be alert in the Maynooth goal on a number of occasions when Cashel moved forward. Cashel got on terms just before half time to set up a nail biting second half. Maynooth battled hard throughout the second half which saw Federico Bros, seal the points with a

glancing header following a Joe O'Riordan cross and a cheeky piece of opportunism following a pass by Owen Maloney.

Best for Maynooth were Joe O'Riordan, Barry Desmond and Ger Thompson.

Leinster Junior Cup

Gracefield 0 Maynooth Town 0
Gracefield won 4-1 on penalties.

Maynooth were on top for most of this game but paid the price for a lack of penetration up front. Playing against a very physical side who received three yellow cards in the opening minutes. Maynooth were knocked out of their usual rhythm. Normal time failed to produce a goal despite a lot of pressure, and extra time had almost elapsed when the Gracefield left full handled on the line, but despite strong claims from Maynooth for a penalty the referee allowed play to continue. The penalty shoot-out saw the home side advance to the next round and clash with Walsh Island Shamrocks. Best for Maynooth were Michael Murphy, Paul Byrne and Fergal Barton.

F.A.I. Junior Cup

Mark's Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth overcame their disappointment at the Leinster Junior Cup exit with this battling performance despite atrocious conditions. Being level at one all at the interval and the prospect of facing the strong wind and rain in the second half it did not look good for Maynooth. Federico Bros cancelled out Marks opening goal two minutes after the home side had opened the scoring. A superb second half rear guard performance in which Keith Cooke and Paul Byrne were outstanding kept Maynooth's hopes alive and justice was done thirteen minutes from time when Joe O'Riordan volleyed the winner following a Keith Cooke cross. Best for Maynooth were Keith Cooke, Paul Byrne and Joey Dempsey.

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Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth showed distinct signs of inexperience at vital stages of this game and paid the price. Never able to dominate the exchanges it was Maynooth's dogged resistance in defence which kept the visitors in the game for much of the ninety minutes. Castle scored in the 14th minute when Maynooth were caught in possession and gladly availed of the opportunity.

Maynooth got on terms in the 39th minute when Joe O'Riordan headed home following a well worked short corner between Colm Carroll and Robert Thompson. Federico Bros had a number of chances in the second half but found the home keeper in top form. Two further goals by Castle put the game beyond Maynooth's reach. Best performers for Maynooth were Simon Williams and John O'Neill.

Maynooth Town 2

Anner Utd. 0

The defensive tactics of Anner Utd. caused Maynooth a lot of problems early in the game and a packed midfield left little room for open attacking play. After a long period of pressure Maynooth opened the scoring with a Joe O'Riordan goal following a Federico Bros pass. Alan Millett and Owen Moloney were linking up well down Maynooth's right and it was from this source that the clinching goal came via a Federico Bros goal off a defender.

Best for Maynooth were Owen Maloney, Alan Millett and Barry Desmond.

Maynooth Town 1

Bakerville 5

Table toppers Bakerville showed their class despite a good showing from an under strength home side. Short a number of regulars and unable to maintain their momentum after a bright opening which saw Andy Dunne score following an Enda Carr pass. Maynooth battled hard but were unable to stem the Bakerville tide in the latter stages of the game.

Best for Maynooth were Paul O'Sullivan, Andy Dunne and Derek Dolan.

D.D.S.L. U/13

Maynooth Town 1

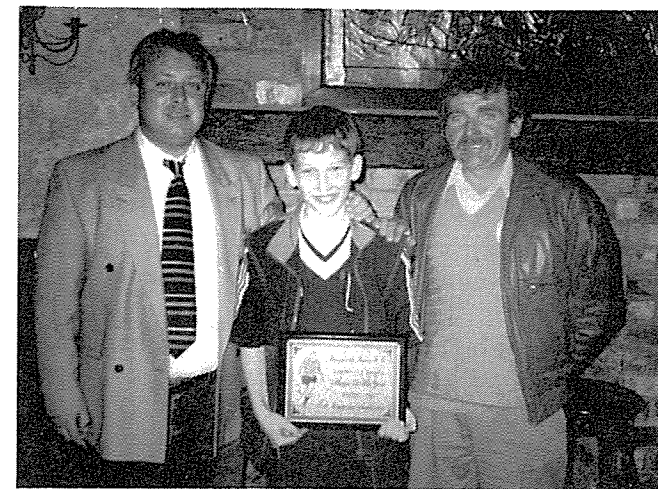
Tolka Rovers 1

This was a well deserved point for Maynooth against very strong opposition. Maynooth went in search of an early goal but a strong Tolka defense kept Maynooth at bay for long periods. Tolka had a number of good chances themselves but found Stephen Healy in top form between the Maynooth posts.

Tolka took the lead 10 minutes into the second half and Maynooth's defense were then asked serious questions. The answers were quickly forthcoming with Dean and Martin

Conway pulling out all the stops in a sterling display. Maynooth equalised with 10 minutes remaining when Gary McMahon headed home a Dean Conway corner.

Best for Maynooth were Stephen Healy, Dean and Martin Conway, Bobby Kelly and Padraig Doherty who was recently crowned player of the year for season 95/96.



U/13 Player of the Year Padraig Doherty with team managers, Tony Mc Mahon & Eugene O'Neill

D.D.S.L. U/10

Maynooth Town 2

Cloverhill Boys 0

Paddy Broughan gave a superb performance in goal when keeping his side to a good win over Cloverhill. Making good saves at vital stages of the game he inspired Maynooth who were good value for this important victory. S. Doogan and D. O'Haire were the home scorers in this two nil win.

Best were D. Gahan and D. Bambrick with D. Sweeney and C. Walsh also prominent.

D.D.S.L. U/10

Maynooth Town 2

Tymon Bawn 0

Tymon gave Maynooth a fright in the opening minutes when hitting the bar but this only served to inspire Maynooth to raise their game. David O'Haire was having a good game in defence for Maynooth with Liam Walsh giving good support.

Niall Doogan opened the scoring for Maynooth to cap a fine performance. Declan Bambrick and Sean Doogan tackled hard all through the game with Sean Doogan sealing victory with Maynooth's second goal.

Best for Maynooth were David Canny, David O'Haire and Declan Bambrick.

D.D.S.L. S.F.A.I. Cup U/15

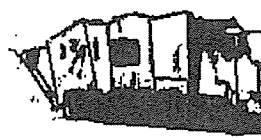
Knocklyon 4

Maynooth Town 0

Maynooth were well in this game until 10 minutes before the

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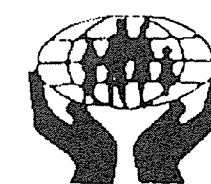


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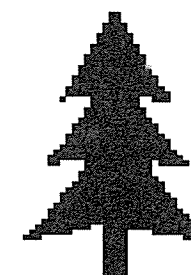
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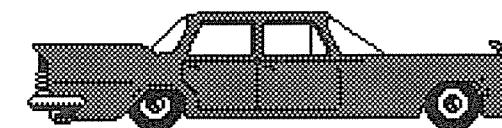
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interval when slack marking in the defence allowed Knocklyon through for the opening goal. Knocklyon grabbed a second goal just on the half-time whistle. Maynooth tried hard to get into the game in the second half but were unable to overcome Knocklyons defence. Knocklyon scored twice more in the second half before Maynooth missed a penalty which might have given them a chance.

Best for Maynooth were P. O'Sullivan, C. Cahill and B. Doyle.

D.D.S.L. U/12 Cup
Maynooth Town 3 St. Patrick's Ath. 2

This will probably rank as the best result of the schoolboy season so far. Given very little chance against the renowned "Saints" Maynooth were in no mood to be classed as second raters. Saints opened the scoring in the 15th minute but Maynooth struck back quickly to equalise with a crisp goal from David Greally. The "Saints" went in front once more just before the interval with Maynooth looking to have a big fight on their hands. In the second half Wayne Byrne took control of the game for Maynooth and put on a superlative display of direct running and shooting. It was after a strong run that he was taken down in the penalty area for Brian Downey to equalise from the spot. "Saints" tried to take over the game once more but found David Redmond in unbeatable form in the home goal. Wayne Byrne proved to be Maynooth's match winner when going on another weaving run before smashing the ball into the top corner of the net for the decisive score. Maynooth had many stars but none shone brighter than Wayne Byrne, David Redmond, Brian Downey and Alan Brennan.

F.A.I. Youth's Cup
Maynooth Town 5 MRFC 1

The greater all round strength of Maynooth was the telling factor in this emphatic victory over MRFC. Freddie Clarke put Maynooth ahead in the first half only for MRFC to draw level before the break. Maynooth increased the tempo in the second half with Jay Miley in inspired form. Pakie Carroll was in top form in goal and never looked like conceding a second goal. Freddie Clarke got his second during his second goal with David Coughlan, Alan Doyle and Aidan O'Brien completing the scoring.

Best for Maynooth were Jay Miley, Pakie Carroll and Aidan O'Brien.

D.D.S.L. U/10
Valeview 2 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth conceded a soft early goal to give the lead to Valeview and looked to be in deep trouble when going two down before half time. Maynooth might have gone further behind but for fine goalkeeping by Paddy Bronghan. David

Canny scored twice in the closing fifteen minutes to grab a share of the points for Maynooth.

Best for Maynooth were Paddy Broughan, David Canny and David Bambrick.

D.D.S.L. U/10
Mount Merrion 1 Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth showed great strength in defence when securing a hard earned away point against their South Dublin rivals. David Canny was again on target when opening the scoring in the first half. Maynooth should have made the game safe but missed a number of good scoring chances which proved costly when Mount Merrion scored a late equaliser following a well taken corner.

Best for Maynooth were Niall Doogan, Daire Sweeney and Cian Walsh.

The Club would like to express its appreciation to Barton's Transport for the sponsorship of warm-up tops for the coming season. With the advent of bad weather, keeping warm before games commence is of great importance to players young and old.

U/13 Team

Our player of the year award for season 95/96 was belatedly held recently. Chairman Michael Dempsey presented the award to Padraig Doherty at the teams Annual party.

Padraig has progressed through the last four years and is a worthy recipient. Another outstanding season at left back during which his commitment and exemplary behaviour was an example to all and he was a very popular winner among his team mates.

The new season is now in full swing and results have been encouraging to date. Support at home and away games has been most gratifying and we hope this support will receive due reward before the seasons end. Seamus Grant who provides transport for the team has shown a distinct interest in the team and is always first to look at the weeks fixtures.

Prize winners in our draw in conjunction with our trip to Manchester were:
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Brother, Brother-in-Law, Sister-in-Law, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends of Gerard (Gerry) Farrelly, Blackhall, Kilcloone, Co. Meath.

Phil Brady, Clock House, Maynooth on the death of his Brother Patrick in Leeds, England.

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Anne Daly, sadly missed by her Son, P.J., Christine and Family. Maureen, Arthur and Family. (Betty's Husband) Jimmy and Family.
Birthday 26th. October, would be 100 years old.

BIRTHDAY

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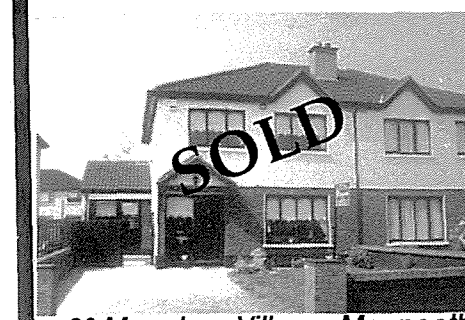
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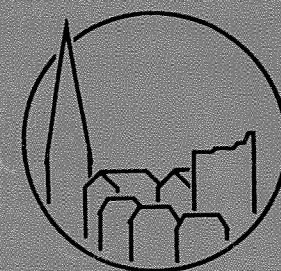
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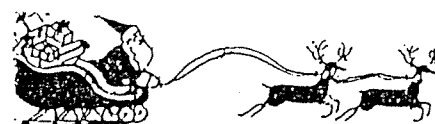


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Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th December: Maynooth Flower and Garden Club are hosting a Christmas Flower Demonstration in Loftus, Old Campus, Maynooth College. Everyone welcome.

The Geography Society are holding a Public Debate on the issue of re-zoning in North Kildare, in the Aula Maxima at 7.30 p.m.

Friday 13th December: National-Signing On Day for Women's Equality in the Labour Market.

Sunday 15th December: Maynooth Old People's Committee are holding their Christmas Party in the Post Primary School at 3.30 p.m.

Sunday 15th December: St. Mary's, Church of Ireland are holding a Christmas Carol Service. Also playing will be St. Mary's Band.

Wednesday 18th December: Maynooth College Annual Christmas Carol service will be taking place in the College Chapel, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Also keep an ear open for **St. Mary's Band** over Christmas. They will be entertaining in The Square on New Year's Eve, performing carols and also playing in the parade around Maynooth on Christmas morning.

Editorial

In this Christmas issue of the Newsletter we have published some newspaper clippings from Christmas 1946. For our older readers it may bring back some memories of the immediate post-war years when Maynooth was a village where everyone knew everyone else, where there were no traffic jams or drugs and you could get a new outfit for Christmas for £2-19-6.

Back in 1946 the fuss about Christmas didn't start in November and the extent of Christmas shopping might run to a turkey or goose, a red Christmas candle and a few bottles of stout for the neighbours when they called in. People refer to these as the 'good old days'. But Ireland, or Maynooth, in 1946 was a place where the majority of people lived in what we, by today's standards, would call poverty. Poor housing meant that many families were afflicted with T.B. Emigration was high and those that left seldom, if ever, returned. Wages in most jobs were pitifully low and few teenagers could aspire to go on to secondary school and a decent career. Rationing of cigarettes, sugar and tea was still in place so they could only be bought using coupons.

In 1996 Maynooth has lost many of the things that the village had fifty years ago - many of the older residents will lament the lack of peace and quiet. But, on balance, Christmas 1996 should be a much more enjoyable occasion than Christmas 1946.

On that note the Newsletter wishes all its readers, young and old, a happy and safe Christmas.

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Cable Television Reception in Maynooth

Annoyance about the quality of Television Reception provided by Cable Management Ireland in the Maynooth area continues to be raised with us. The quality of the service provided is often compared to that available to Cablelink customers in the Dublin area.

We have been told by Cable Management Ireland that they do not receive many complaints from the Maynooth area about the quality of signal provided. The Community Council welcomes information from resident's associations regarding the quality of service in their area. At the next meeting the executive will consider this issue which seems to concern many residents of the town.

Maynooth is looking for a Twin

It was agreed at our November meeting to formally pursue a Twinning Charter. The search now begins for a suitable partner, which is expected to be a lengthy process, as twinning agreement is a long-term arrangement between two communities.

Most Irish towns tend to twin with French towns particularly in Normandy and Brittany and in fact a French town has been identified as a possible twinning partner for Maynooth. However, other options are possible including a twinning agreement with a town in Northern Ireland. It is of course possible to twin more than once.

A twinning agreement could be expected to bring many benefits to the people of Maynooth and will in fact involve several interested groups in the decision process. Initially the Community Council Executive will be working on this project so watch this space for details.

Community Council supports Students Union

Maynooth Community Council voted to support St Patrick's College Students Union in their application to maintain their bar licence with extensions. Following a wide ranging and lengthy discussion on the subject at our November meeting, a vote of support was carried by a large majority.

Restoration Committee formed for Laraghbryan Cemetery

Following a meeting held on November 7th, a Committee was formed to deal with the restoration and upkeep of the Cemetery. The Chairman is Mr. Lenny Murphy.

New Telephone Numbers for Maynooth Gardaí

Following additional transfers to the digital telephone network in the Maynooth area the telephone numbers for Maynooth Garda Station have been changed. The new numbers are 6291413 and 6291444. The new numbers allow for a Call Diversion facility which means your call will be answered directly meaning that there should not be a need to phone Naas.

Christmas 1996

What's another year, it's almost Christmas again and the end

of 1996. As this is the last opportunity before the event, may I on behalf of Maynooth Community Council wish all of you a very happy Christmas and everything you would wish for yourself in 1997.

Paul Croghan
P.R.O.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Development Plan

For those who do not already know, Minister Howlin has requested Kildare County Council to complete their overall development strategy for the County before deciding on the development needs of the individual towns and villages. This means that an opportunity exists for a rethink on where the growth should occur in Kildare in the next five years, as it has mostly occurred in the North Kildare towns in the last decade. Many areas in South Kildare have lost out, leading now to a two speed county. On the other hand towns like Maynooth are finding the levels of growth experienced in the last five years difficult to absorb with further pressure expected in the next few years because of undeveloped land from 1985 Plan. In these circumstances it seems likely that the plan for Maynooth may have to change significantly in order to be compatible with the overall planning of Co. Kildare and indeed the Mid Eastern Region which includes Counties Meath and Wicklow.

Proposal for land for Community/Sports Centres to be sent to Kildare County Council

A lengthy discussion took place at our recent meeting regarding the provision of both ACTIVE and PASSIVE AMENITIES. The erosion of passive amenities, walking routes and vistas were identified as issues that reduce the general quality of life for many people in the town. This committee will be writing to Kildare County Council seeking the allocation of land for a Community & Sports Centre. It is a widely held view that Maynooth needs these facilities.

Weeds in the Town

Concern about the growth of weeds at the base of the trees in the Town Square has been expressed to the Committee. The problem seems to be that Kildare County Council has not taken the new Maynooth Town Square in charge from the Contractors.

Meanwhile, full credit to Maynooth Tidy Towns who have removed the offending weeds while we await Kildare County Council taking responsibility for the maintenance of this very attractive addition to the centre of the town.

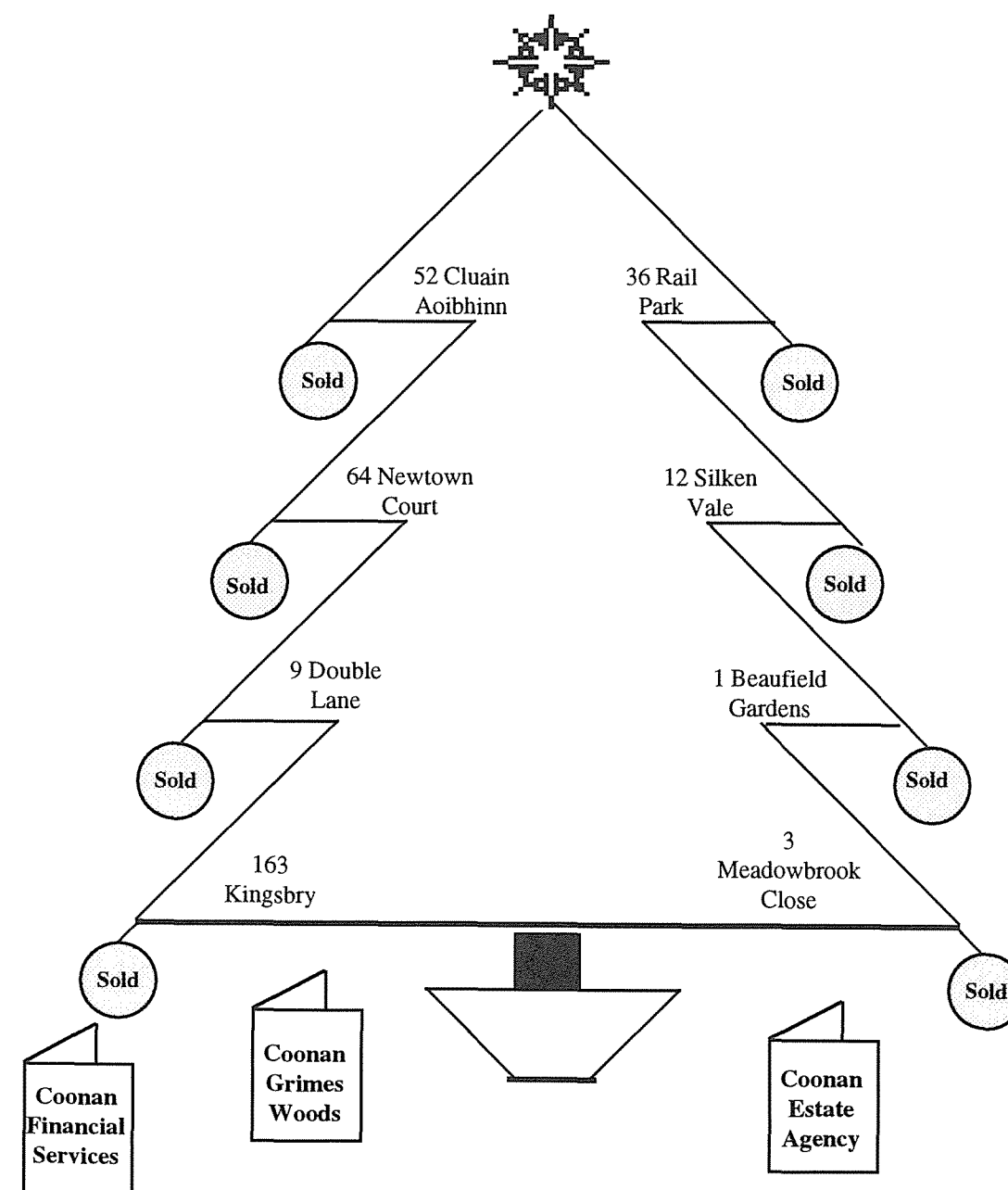
NRA By-Passed Towns fund and the Maynooth Street Plan

Despite promises from the National Roads Authority no funding has yet been provided for the renewal work, outlined in the Maynooth Street Plan as a result of funding proposed from the By-Passed Towns Fund. We all expected that this

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year we would see a considerable part of the Main Street newly paved to improve the image of the town, however it will not happen now. Concern has been expressed that the money may have been spent elsewhere and we are writing to both Kildare County Council and the National Roads Authority to clarify the situation.

Heritage Project

As stated before this is a medium to long term project, for which there is no direct funding available at present. However, meanwhile we can develop the Heritage aspects of Maynooth, and seek designation when a number of projects are completed.

We are pleased that we have received strong local support from many interested groups both commercial and voluntary. We agreed to invite other groups when appropriate to work with us as the project continues.

Meanwhile we are happy to confirm that the Planning and Development Executive has been strengthened to six people in order to share the burden of the work involved.

Lack of Traffic Bye-Laws

Both the Gardai and Kildare County Council have confirmed that work is continuing on the completion of Traffic Bye-Laws for Maynooth. The current chaos caused by careless parking will come to an end. We are to write to Kildare County Council to urge them to deal with this issue as soon as possible as we have been told it could be mid-1997 before the new Bye-Laws come into effect.

Paul Croghan

Chairman

Planning and Development Committee

C.I.C. NOTES.

Know Your Rights

Question:

I live with my sister in what was our family home. The house is in my name, valued at £80,000. We are both retired, single and we have a small amount of savings. I have willed the house to my sister. If I die before her will she have to pay Probate Tax, or Capital Acquisitions Tax?

Answer:

Yes, she will have to pay both. If your estate amounts to more than £10,650 (it does), your sister will be liable to Probate Tax. Assets which do not pass under a deceased's will or intestacy are excluded from the Probate Tax. So, if you were to put the house in your joint names, and your savings in a joint account (unless they are willed to someone else), she would be exempt from Probate Tax.

But.....putting the house in your joint names will make your sister liable to Gift Tax now. She would be obliged to make a return within four months of the date of benefit. (Capital Acquisitions Tax is Gift Tax and Inheritance Tax). The difference between Gift Tax and Inheritance Tax is that Gift Tax is 75% of the Inheritance Tax payable.

If you put the house in your joint names you are giving your

sister half the value of the house i.e. £40,000. The first £500 of a gift received in a tax year is exempt from Gift Tax. Also there is a "threshold" below which you do not pay Capital Acquisitions Tax, depending on your relationship with the person - for brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces of the giver this is £24,340. Presuming she had received no other gifts, her tax liability would be on £39,500.

First £24,340 (Class B Threshold) =	£nil
next £10,000 @ 20% =	£2,000
balance £5,160 @ 30% =	£1,548
	£3,548

Gift Tax is 75% of £3,548 = £2,661

If you put the house in your joint names then if your sister predeceases you, you may be liable for Inheritance Tax on half the valuation of the house as above, i.e. her half, and vice versa. However, where a brother or sister is aged 55 or over and has lived in the house for at least five years with the brother/sister from whom they have inherited the home, the market value of the house may be reduced by 60% or £60,000 whichever is the lesser. If this was your situation, 60% of £40,000 - £24,000 so neither of you would be liable to CAT on the other's death as you do not exceed the £24,340 threshold now.

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

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Maynooth Tidy Towns wish all our FAS Community Employment Workers, Newsletter Staff, Community Council Officers, Staff and anyone who helped us in the past year a Very Happy Christmas.

January Report

This report will include details of the A.G.M. and details of competition winners.

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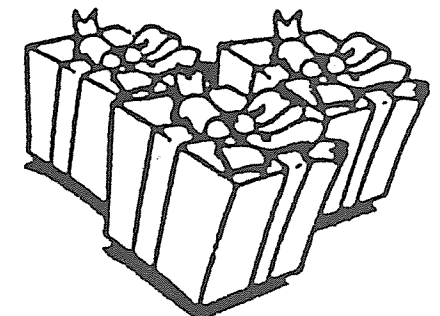
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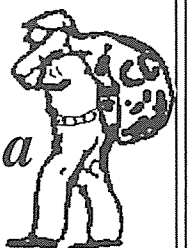
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Full details are available from our office. As well as providing a means of saving your money and obtaining loans if required, at a low fixed rate of interest, the Credit Union also organise a number of Childrens' Competitions each year. We have just completed the local round of the poster competition. The winners are:-

7 years and under

1st	Thomas Donnelly	185 Kingsbry
2nd	Anna Mc Nevin	Towlaght, Clonard
3rd	Conor O'Rourke	233 Kingsbry

8 - 10 years

1st	Gary Connolly	57 Kingsbry
2nd	Paula Curran	3 Straffan Way
3rd	Muire Ennis	Donaghstown

11 - 13 years

1st	Fiona Lawlor	181 Kingsbry
2nd	Gary Mc Mahon	1243 Greenfield
3rd	Alan Filbert	47 Cluain Aoibhinn

Congratulations to all our prize winners. Well done to all who entered posters, each year it becomes more difficult to pick the winners, as the standard is improving all the time and the imagination shown by the children is fantastic. The Credit Union would like to extend our thanks to the teachers in both primary schools for their co-operation.

The next outing for children is the primary schools table quiz. Details in school in early January.

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By the time you read this article our 'Sale of Work' will be over. However as the Newsletter copydate preceeded the 24th, I will not have any results until the next issue.

Meanwhile our Christmas Party will take place on Sunday December 15th in the Post Primary School at 3.30pm. All our Senior Citizens are welcome and transport will be as usual.

Our morning club will close for Christmas on Thursday 19th and will re-open on Tuesday January 7th. In the meantime may I wish each and everyone of you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Josephine Moore



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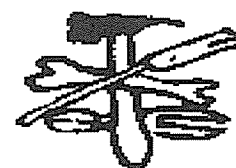
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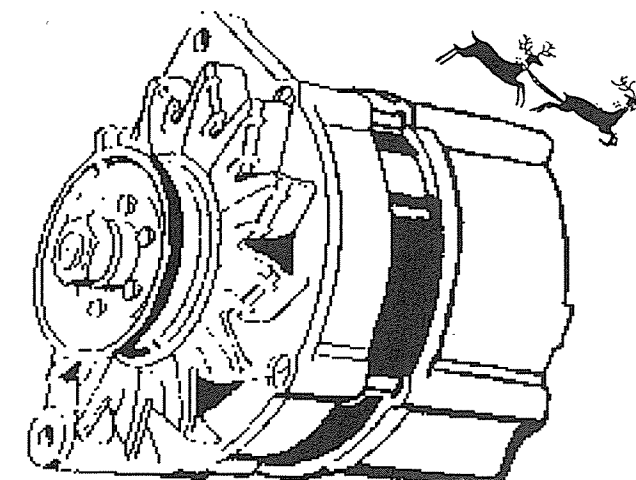
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BAND BULLETIN

Here we are once again at the end of another year of Bulletins. It seems hardly a year since we listed our new committee to guide the Band through 1996 hoping that the mix of experience and youth would see us successfully through to 1997. Our confidence was well founded and our two new recruits to executive positions, secretary Deirdre Stynes and Treasurer Jennifer Quigley, both acquitted themselves extremely well, taking their jobs on with an enthusiasm and ability which should serve as an example to the younger members of the Band who may wish to join our committee next year. Age is never a barrier so long as the spirit is willing. Remember two of the Band's most successful Secretaries began at only 18 years of age. It is a major consolation to our less younger members to know that there are indeed people who are both interested and able to ensure that the long tradition of Maynooth Band will be continued well into the next Century.

Band Notes

Speaking of tradition we would like to thank Fr. Supple for celebrating our annual Mass for deceased members last month. His tremendous knowledge of the Band and its history gives residents old and new a clear idea of the tradition of Maynooth Band and how important it is to the town. We are one of the few towns in Kildare which can show such a long and continuous association with its very own Band and we are indeed grateful to those residents and businesses alike who have given us tremendous support in all our fundraising activities.

Disappointment

Our biggest disappointment of the year was our failure to keep our appointment with President Robinson for the opening of the Lions' Club Sheltered Housing Project on the Dunboyne Road. Despite our best intentions so many of our members were unable to get time off from work for the occasion that it was really

impossible to provide a Band worthy of the event in the end. Apologies to all concerned but we hope to make up for the loss at some stage in the future.

Christmas Programme

Christmas to us means Carol recitals, Christmas morning Mass Parade and New Year's Eve celebration in the Square, again traditions which we have carried on in the town for "more years than we care to remember". We will visit as many areas as possible, including the Supermarkets, with our Christmas Carol music. Our Christmas Morning Mass Parade will be after 11 o'clock Mass and some of us will once again be in the Square on New Year's Eve to play out 1996 and welcome in 1997.

Carol Recital

We will be involved in a Carol Recital of an altogether different nature on Sunday 15th December when, following a lapse of several years, we will be joining our friends in the Church of Ireland, Maynooth, in a Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Church. We are looking forward to this immensely and are sure it will be a most successful evening.

Finally may we take this opportunity of wishing all friends and supporters of St. Mary's Band a happy and Holy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE - UPDATE

On 23rd September 1996 the Minister for the Environment requested that Kildare County Council should review the way in which they completed the development plans for the various towns in the County.

Minister Howlin stated that he was concerned that "the series of town/village plans may not provide an adequate or coherent overall strategy for land use in the county as a whole". He went on to say "Strategic land use

in any county must have regard to availability and capacity of existing infrastructure, the implications for the provision of new infrastructure and the most economic use of infrastructure generally. The plan should identify policies and objectives for accommodating growth, including the infrastructure.

It should then set out hierarchical settlement pattern of the towns and villages where growth is proposed to be distributed. A process of designating land for particular uses both in terms of scale and location to that of the identified strategic needs can then be embarked on. The Dublin and Mid-East Regional Authorities should be consulted on the plan and their views taken into account to ensure a co-ordinated approach to their development of the area as a whole.

The preparation by Kildare County Council of its County Development Plan on this basis clearly implies that the Council should defer adopting any further development plans for towns/villages pending the availability of the county plan."

- Further consideration of the Maynooth Development Plan must await the decisions taken by the Councillors in relation to the overall county plan. This means that the Maynooth Plan may now have to be significantly altered to be consistent with the overall strategy for the region.
- As it currently stands it is not clear how all the Councillors are viewing this new situation and it may take some time to establish their positions regarding the level of rezoning they will propose for Maynooth.

- It is clear that the combined influence of the towns affiliated to the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning had a major impact on the decision of the Minister to intervene in the planning process in Kildare.
- A meeting of the Maynooth Planning alliance will take place in the near future to discuss the way forward. Meanwhile, if you require any further information or have suggestions or comments please contact: Liz Stoll, 1 Parklands Rise, Maynooth.

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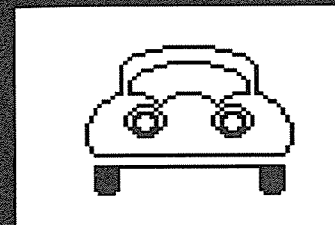
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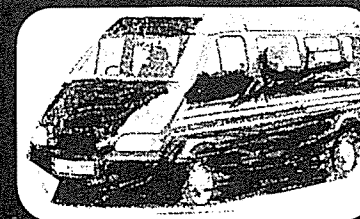
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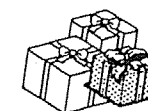


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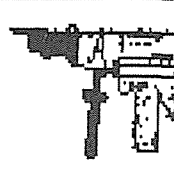
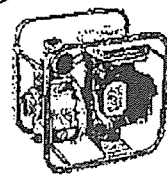
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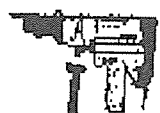
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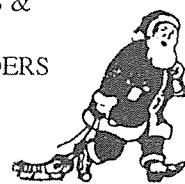
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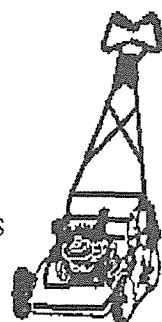


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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The November Guild Meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held on Thursday 7th November. Our President Marion welcomed us all, with a special welcome for our guest Mrs Betty O'Neill, President of Kildare Federation of the I.C.A.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

In November we held an Ecumenical Prayer Service of Remembrance for past guild members, family and friends who have died. This year it was organised by guild member Eilis O'Malley. The Service included poems, hymns, readings and was a lovely poignant Service.

Federation President

Mrs Betty O'Neill, President of Kildare Federation of the I.C.A. was a very welcome guest at our meeting. Betty thanked the ladies of Maynooth for inviting her to the meeting. "It's many years since I've been here", said Betty. She congratulated Eilis O'Malley for organising the lovely Service of Remembrance. Betty also had a word of congratulations for Jo O'Connell who won the Kildare Federation Raytex Christmas Cake Competition. She wished Jo "the best of luck in Dublin in the National Final". Betty then gave us a very interesting report on the recent I.C.A. Council Meeting in Sligo. One of the issues she mentioned was the subject of unemployed women. She encouraged all unemployed women to go to their local employment exchange on Friday 13th December and to register as unemployed. The Federation President also talked about mixed wards in hospitals, I.C.A. Guest House List, Pennies for friendship, Make and Model '97 and the I.C.A. Counselling Service. Betty encouraged us to display the new Credit Union sponsored poster, due out soon, advertising our counselling service. She said that the counselling service "is widely used throughout the country. "No one knows what goes on behind closed doors", said Betty.

Betty congratulated the President, Secretary and Treasurer on their excellent procedure at the meeting and complimented all the specialists on their very thorough reports. "It's easy to see how Maynooth are tops all the time", said the Federation President.

Guild Activities

Crafts as usual in the I.C.A. Hall on Mondays at 8.00pm. Calligraphy in the I.C.A. Hall on Fridays at 8.00pm. Badminton in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 10.30am.

GUILD COMPETITION

The winners of our November Competition "2lb Brown Loaf" were:-

1st Connie Harpur 2nd Jo O'Connell 3rd Maryse Killian

Our next Guild Meeting will be held on 6th December at 8.00pm. The December Competition is:-
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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The 16th A.G.M. was held on 15th October.

Committee elected were:-

After elections and annual reports read, Sarah and Marleen had plant identification and memory competitions. The night ended with cups of tea and beautiful birthday cake made by Mary Doyle (for those present).

This year for our Christmas demonstration, we are very fortunate to have Fr. Séan Mc Evoy coming to us. His use of flowers and most unusual colour combinations should be seen. Title is "Christmas Variations", this is on Tuesday December 10th in "The Loftus Hall", St. Patricks College. Everyone most welcome to Gala and enjoy cup of tea and mince pies at end of evening. There will be a bumper sales table on this night with everything needed to decorate for Christmas Season.

At present we are planning the Annual Dinner in Moyglare for January. Full details at meeting on December 10th when booking deposits and names taken for this most enjoyable evening.

The Club wishes all its members and friends a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful and good New Year.



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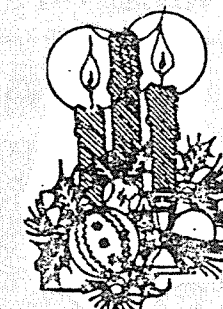
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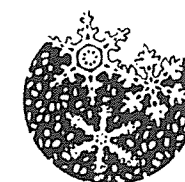
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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Our AGM was held on the 13th of November in the ICA Hall. It was very poorly attended considering that there were over 300 children involved in the project during the month of July last year.

We would like to thank the outgoing committee and welcome the new, who are as follows:

Officers:	Chair	- Norah Mc Dermott
	Secretary	- Sheila Downey
	Treasurer	- Lorraine Butler
	Asst. Treasurer	- Martha O'Rourke
	P.R.O.	- Claire O'Rourke

Committee: Madeline Stynes
Freda Kelleher
Breda Gormley

We will be holding a New Years' teenage Disco on the 2nd of January 1997 in the Glenroyal Hotel from 8.30-11pm. Admission £2.50. It should be a good night.

For those who are not aware of what happens on the Summer Project, we hold activities every weekday during the month of July including arts & crafts, swimming, bowling, bingo, pitch and putt, day trips, soccer and tennis to name but a few. Activities are also organised in the evenings for the over 12's.

Finally I would like to thank the ICA committee for the use of their hall for our monthly meetings, and the Community Council for their involvement.

Any adults wishing to get involved should contact the Community Council Office or any committee member - Phone 6285 922

Claire O'Rourke
P.R.O.

St. Marys Church of Ireland Church Services

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29th December 10.30 a.m. Morning prayer

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Maynooth Swimming Club

The committee would like to extend a Very Happy Christmas to all our members.

Fees for the current term are now due on the 14th December. The term runs for 10 weeks from the 23rd November to the 8th Feb. There will be no swim on Saturday the 21st December and Saturday the 28th December except for the length bus, which will run on the 21st December only.

Following requests from parents, the Management of the Glenroyal Hotel were approached by the committee with regard to use of the pool. Unfortunately their facilities were not suitable for our needs as a club. Swimming will continue as usual at Stewarts Sports Centre. Fees for this term are as follows:

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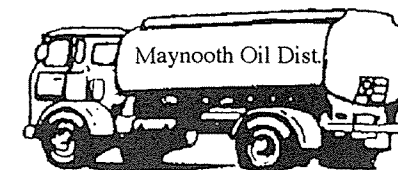
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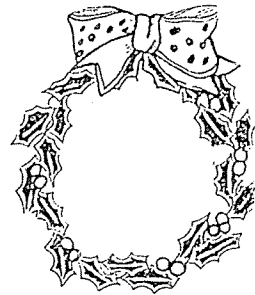
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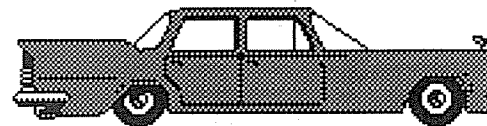
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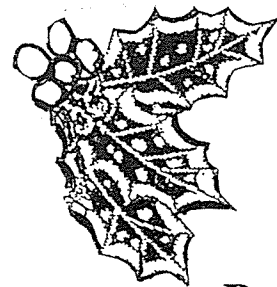


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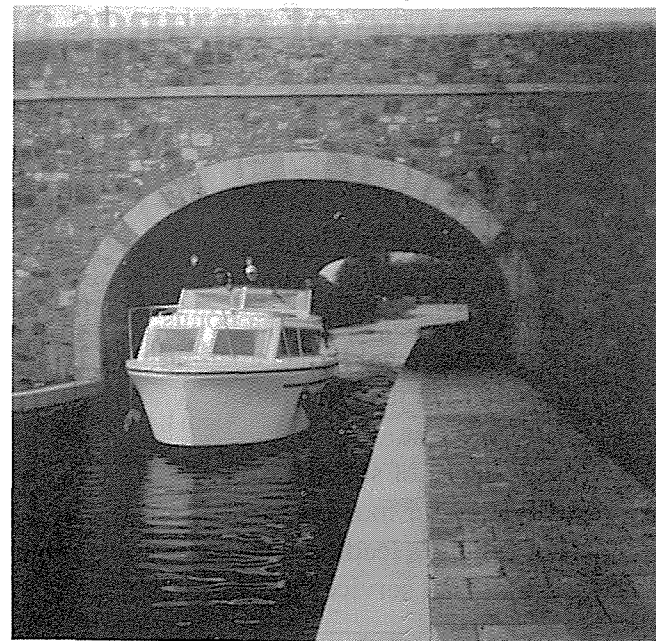
Ship ahoy!

A sunny November's day saw Maynooth being visited by three men and a boat - the first boat to travel in a good few years from Dublin to Offaly on the Royal Canal.

It was a proud day for Maynooth's Royal Canal Amenity Group after years of hard work and campaigning. The low footbridge is gone, the roadworks have gone, and now the canal is there for all to enjoy - whether you have access to a cruiser or if you just want a quiet stroll along the old footpath.

The cruiser in the photograph is one of two owned by a Blanchardstown man - who next summer intends running pleasure cruises from Blanchardstown to Kilcock and back.

We wish him good sailing.



MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The Mother and Toddler Group continues to meet every Wednesday, during school term. The venue is the M.A.D.E. Centre which is situated beside the secondary school on the Moyglare Road. That's just a short walk from the Main Street, up past the Catholic Church and the Parish Hall.

The Mother and Toddler Group is a great way for parents at home with small children to meet other parents in the same situation.

The Group is run by the parents themselves and the adults all 'muck-in' to organise the tea, coffee, and games. There is a charge of £1.00 per adult which includes refreshments for parents and children.

Please note that the Group is not a Crèche: you cannot drop off your child and go elsewhere. Each parent is responsible for their own child while attending the group.

Mams, Dads, Babies and toddlers welcome. Hope to see you there: Wednesday 10-12.

More information, Imelda 6286783.

MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME ! CLUB

NEW YOUTH CLUB FACILITY

Launch of New Youth Club in Maynooth/Kilcock
Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club launched their New Youth Club. It will be now known as "The No Name! Social Club." and will be held at the Parish Hall, Maynooth, with the kind permission of Fr. Supple and his committee, whom we thank most sincerely. The club and its activities are open to young people of Junior Cert. age and upwards. The youth club will be used to host many different activities and to celebrate the launch we held a Table Quiz on Fri. Nov. 23rd.

All activities in the club will be organised and hosted by our own team of specially selected and trained Hosts and Hostesses. Selection and training for these hosts and hostesses is currently on-going.

Beginning of a new era

As there are currently no facilities for the youth in both Maynooth and Kilcock, the starting of "The No Name Social Club" is the beginning of a new era. This club can only be a success if we, the No Name Club committee, get

the backing of the adults and parents in both areas. I am now appealing for more adults to come forward and assist in the supervision of this club. We are also seeking assistance from adults who have an interest in Variety Entertainment, as our club intend entering the annual "No Name Cabaret Competition." We hosted this competition last year with great success and will be hosting it again this year. However we intend to go one better by also competing in it, and therefore require your assistance. While the work load on the present committee is quite heavy we all feel it is a very worth while cause, but an increased number of adults to share in the supervision is needed in order to ensure the success of this new venture.

We would like to appeal to local business people, for assistance in sponsorship of events which will be coming up over the next few months. We would also like to introduce a discount scheme for club members on production of their membership cards, we introduced this photo membership card 2 years ago and it is operating with great success.

For further information on any of the above matters please contact either: Martin Caine - Chairperson at 01-6291413, or at Maynooth Garda Station.

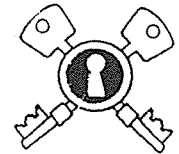
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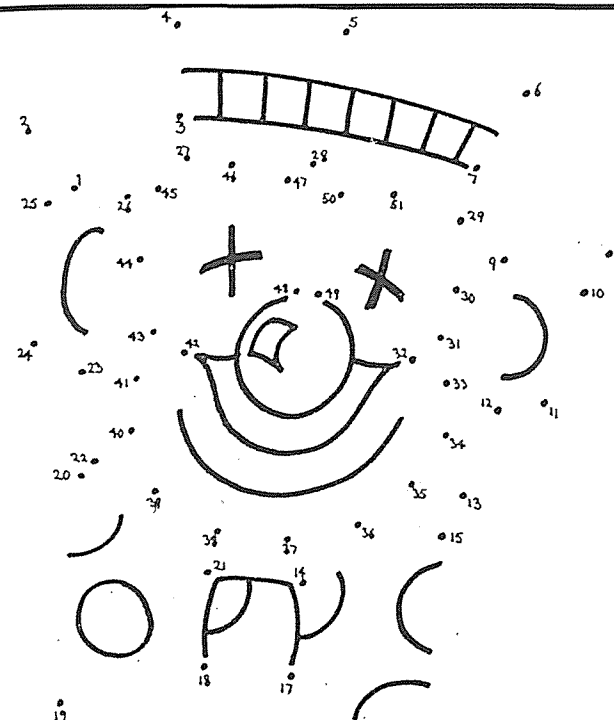
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Residents Associations

MEADOWBROOK RESIDENTS

On Saturday 5th July 1996 the Meadowbrook Residents Association held their annual clean-up day. This year it proved particularly successful with a big clean-up undertaken on the stream which runs through the estate. Grass areas and road verges were mowed and trimmed leaving the estate looking very much improved. Lark Developments very kindly aided the clean-up day by cutting the large green areas of the estate and by donating the use of a skip for all the rubbish.

However, it was not all work and no play! Afterwards adults and children were entertained by the comedian Paul Griffith at the Glenroyal Hotel. Members of the committee rallied together to provide light refreshments with an array of sandwiches and cakes. A raffle was run with prizes donated by local businesses. Our sincere thanks to Quinnsworth, Super Valu, Connaughton's Newsagency, Helen's Hair Affair, Margaret Doherty, The Glenroyal Hotel and Lark Development.

We would also like to extend a very special thanks to Maureen Barker for all her help as Secretary during the year and wish her all the best in her new home.

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MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Completion of Moyglare Village

It's almost ten years since the first residents moved into Moyglare Village, where the last houses were completed in 1992. Despite building booms and recessions, this development at the northern end of the town is a much sought after area to purchase a home. However, despite tireless efforts by the residents over the years it still remains incomplete. Kildare County Council do not have the necessary staff to deal with the taking in charge of all the estates developed in Maynooth in the last ten years. It is totally unacceptable that Kildare County Council permit this delay in taking Residential areas in charge.

Special Sub-Committee formed to deal with boundaries
Moyglare Residents Association has supported the forming of a special Sub-Committee to deal with the completion of the Moyglare Village boundaries. They will be primarily concerned with the non-existent boundary with the Moyglare Road. This area has in excess of one hundred children whose safety is at risk when playing on the open space at the front of Moyglare Village. It is essential that no matter what else happens that this danger should be eliminated as soon as possible. The residents will insist that the bond be used for this purpose.

Subscriptions for 1996

The Committee look forward to receiving payment of the outstanding subscriptions for 1996. Having incurred the cost of upkeep of the open spaces in the area during the Summer it is important that we receive these funds in order to meet our costs.

Condition of Moyglare Road at the entrance to Moyglare Village

As we enter the winter months the residents of both Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road itself will continue to see the section of road that was cut open to provide services to the adjacent development of Moyglare Abbey, break up under the volume of traffic. Kildare County Council and the Utility providers involved both reject any responsibility for the repair work required, but the people living in the area will insist that this work is completed.

Christmas cancelled in Moyglare

The Committee has decided not to arrange an adults Christmas Party this year, but it is hoped that we could arrange the usual Children's Party. These were usually held in the Maynooth GAA Club but following renovation this venue is no longer considered suitable.

Moyglare Village News

After an absence of two years it is planned to re-launch this popular free newsletter. The Committee intend to produce one issue before Christmas which will update everybody on the issues that affect the people in this area.

Paul Croghan
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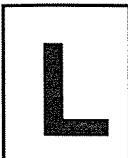
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PARSON STREET RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Traffic - Calming saga continues

22nd October

Councillor J. McGinley re-assured our committee that the engineers had been told to carry out the work according to our proposals.

23rd October

We had a full meeting of residents. This was to make sure everybody knew what was going to happen. Posts would not be placed outside the doors of anybody who didn't want them.

8th November

Paragraph appeared in The Liffey Champion about wreath laying ceremony.

11th November

Engineer called with his new drawing of plans for our street. It included our proposal approved by residents but the new foot-path on the river side hadn't gone away and this time it had posts every 3.5m as well as a double yellow line. That evening we met with the engineer. "If I'm to narrow the road with pinch-points I cannot allow parking on the riverside" was his stance. Hence the new footpath. The residents would not accept this and as the meeting ended all seemed lost. Nothing would be done, the grant would disappear.

13th November

Today we had a ceremony in memory of Luke Farrelly. With the assistance of the gardai, his neighbours and friends walked up to Laraghbryan cemetery and laid a wreath on his grave. Fr. Duhig lead the prayers.

J. McGinley talked to the engineer to see if anything could be salvaged. Hopefully something worthwhile can be done to use this unique grant which Councillor McGinley and his fellow councillors, fought so hard for in the first place.

15th November

As I write, another meeting with J. McGinley has been arranged for tomorrow morning to see what, if anything, can be done.

We welcome students to this town and are aware of the financial benefits and the lively atmosphere they bring with them. Some students bring more and we had a demonstration

last night in the wee hours. These particular students showed how they can ring bells, kick doors and even throw each other up against doors. There's little point in appealing to them here.

R. Freeney.

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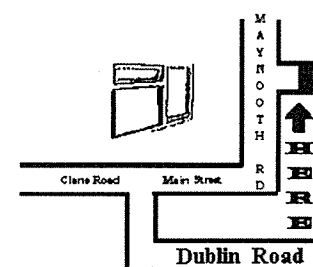
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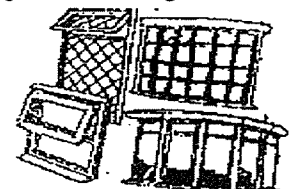
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The evening of November 2nd started normally enough, people dribbled into the Glenroyal Ballroom' in ones and twos and little groups, some dressed as themselves and some in ghoulish garb.

The light was low and the atmospheric dimness was punctured by the soft glow of pumpkins, balloons and streamers dangled from the ceiling the odd paper skeleton hung errily about. Then the room filled with what appeared to be billowing smoke and the disco started, the people just kept on coming. The social committee breathed a collective sigh of relief and began to enjoy themselves.

Soon all semblance of normality was gone as people got into the spirit of the evening or vice versa. Strange dancing patterns took to the floor, Bo-Peep and Father Ted, ghoulish Skeletons and clowns, vampires pranced with pirates and priests and some of the more strikingly dressed women turned out to be members of the opposite sex. Henry VIII was well represented by at least two people and it was soon evident that people were having "a right good time". The social committee would like to thank all those who came along and supported our first social event, and helped to make it a memorable occasion.

Parklands Residents Association would like to thank those who helped make the night such a success.

Thank You:

To Aquarius Sound and Lighting, Leixlip for lighting that created a great atmosphere and a disco sound that appealed to all ages.

To the Glenroyal Staff for their help.

Thank You:

To the Local business who donated Spot Prizes in the evening.

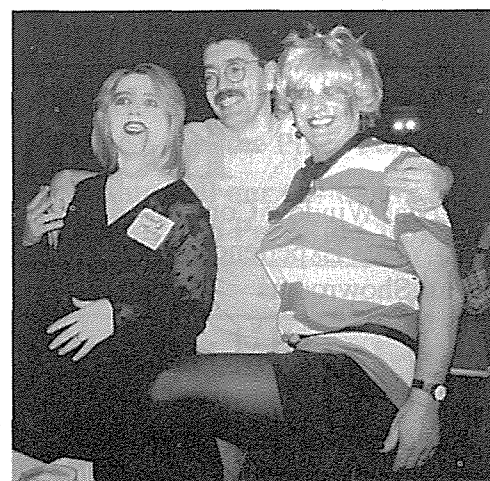
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Chairpersons Note:

As chairperson of Parklands Residents Association, I would like to thank the Social Committee for organising a terrific night out for the residents of Parklands. Thank You to Paul Burnell, Mary Carter, Brian Mc Donnell and Marie Mc Guinness, and thank you also to all those who helped sell



Back Row: Pat McCarthy, Paddy O'Connor, Marie McGuinness
Front Row: Damien Morrin and May Carter.



L-R; Mary Carter, Pat McCarthy, Paul Burnell (showing a leg)

tickets. Just one more thing - thank you to the Social Committee for the Birthday and Thank You cake they conspired to surprise me with, a veil of secrecy still surrounds the names of those responsible so I can't thank them in person, but it was really a wonderful surprise and I appreciate it very much.

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2 large onions (225g/8oz) peeled and chopped
1tbsp. pure vegetable oil
2 potatoes (225g/8oz) peeled and chopped
2 carrots (175g/6oz) chopped
3 garlic cloves (crushed and peeled)
Pared zest(rind removed with vegetable peeler)and juice of 1 orange
2tsp. (gently rounded) mild curry powder
1.8 litres/3pints chicken stock (or same from stock cube)
2x400g/14oz tinned tomatoes (chopped)
2 eating apples (cored, peeled and chopped)
1 tbsp. dried basil
A little salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD

In a large saucepan, warm the oil, then add the onions, potatoes, carrots, garlic and orange rind. Cook gently for five or six minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the curry powder and cook for 2 minutes stirring all the time.

Add the stock, orange juice, tomatoes, apples, basil, salt and pepper to taste.

Bring to the boil, cover, and simmer gently for 30 minutes, or until the vegetables are completely tender..

Remove the pieces of orange rind and discard.

Purée the soup (in a blender, food processor, or a mouli-sieve).

Rinse out the pan. Return the soup to the pan, reheat, and adjust seasoning.

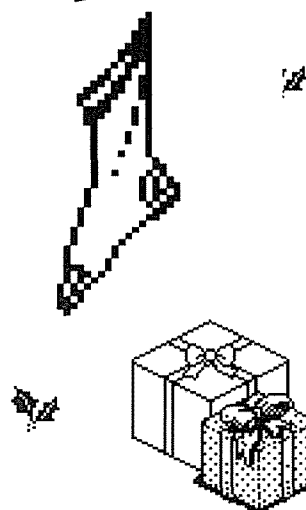
Serve at once with brown scones or brown soda bread.

ROAST DUCKLING WITH PINEAPPLE

- 2.2 kg Cherry Valley duckling, defrosted
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbs. heather honey
- 3ml dry sherry
- 30ml soy sauce
- 15ml cider vinegar
- 1 bunch spring onions, root trimmed
- 1 x 425g can pineapple rings or pieces in juice
- 3 pieces Chinese stem ginger and 30ml syrup from 280g jar
- 2 oranges, one segmented, one sliced
- 1 dsp. cornflour made into a paste with 20ml water

METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven to 375°F., 190°C., Gas Mark 5.
2. Remove giblets from duckling, rinse and dry thoroughly inside and out with kitchen paper. Prick the skin lightly with a fork. Sprinkle with salt. Place in roasting tin.
3. Melt honey, sherry, soy sauce and vinegar in a saucepan or microwave. Cool slightly. Make 2 of the spring onions into tassels for garnish. Place remainder in the body cavity of duckling with 30 ml of the honey mixture.
4. Roast duckling for 1 hour then drain off most of the fat from roasting tin and pour over remaining honey mixture. Roast for a further 1 hour, at the same temperature, basting twice until duckling is tender.
5. Put duckling on a serving dish and keep warm. Skim fat from juices in roasting tin. Pour juices into a measuring jug and make up 150ml with pineapple juice. Pour back into roasting tin along with pineapple pieces, ginger with syrup and orange segments. Thicken with cornflour and season to taste.
6. Spoon a little of the sauce over duckling, garnish with spring onion tassels and orange slices. Serve remaining sauce separately.



FRUIT MERINGUES

4 egg whites
225g/8oz icing sugar, sieved
500g/18oz carton vanilla fromage frais
450g/1lb fruit
some fruit to decorate

Prepare ahead

1. Whisk egg whites with a pinch of salt to form stiff peaks. Gradually beat in icing sugar, adding just 1tbsp at a time. Continue until sugar is absorbed and the mixture is smooth and glossy.
2. Cover two baking sheets with baking parchment, then draw 12 four-inch circles onto this. Pipe spirals of meringue on top. Bake at Mark 1 100°C / 200°F. for one and a half hours until firm. Cool for a few minutes then peel away paper. Store in airtight boxes.

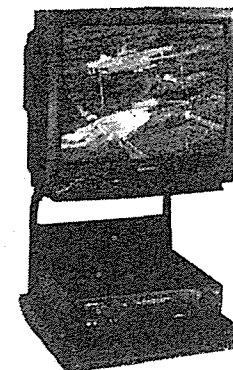
To serve on the night

3. Spread base meringue with fromage frais, scatter some fruit over this and top with the other meringue. Decorate the top with a sprig of fresh red currants or other fresh fruit depending on what's in season, and dust with icing sugar.



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ALZHEIMERS NATIONAL TEA-DAY

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who supported my Tea Morning recently - special thanks to Quinns worth, A.I.B., and my many friends in the I.C.A., Senior Citizens and the Flower Club, for their donations, contributions and help on the day.

To date the amount collected is £266.00 and for this I wish to thank you all.

Tickets for the National Raffle made £40.00. The draw takes place on 20th: December results in daily papers.

Once again many thanks Betty Farrell.

"AR gCUID IS AR gCOMHRA"

Has anyone seen the new cookery programme on Telifis na Gaeilge on Thursday nights at 8.45 pm? It started on 7th November and runs throughout the winter. "Ar gCuid is ar gComhra" is hosted by Brian O'Donnell, a chef from Donegal who is no stranger to the T.V. screen having guested on many RTE shows such as Live at 3 to mention but one.

Each week Brian O'Donnell has a gaelgoir celebrity guesting on the show, chosen from our nation's host of artists and poets.

Apart from the general interest in watching a cookery programme in our native tongue, this programme holds a particular interest for Maynooth folk. Why? Because it was made here in Maynooth, in the Kairos Communications Institute.

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MAYNOOTH BOYS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOC.

Our AGM was held on the 17th October. We had a good attendance and it proved to be an interesting night.

Our guest speaker gave a talk on "Homework without hassle" which parents seem to have found helpful.

A lot of new faces joined our committee and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome them. Our thanks to the outgoing committee for their hard work over the past year and a special word of thanks to Gay Hoare.

Our new Committee is as follows:

Officers:	Chair	Seamus O'Connell
	Secretary	Rhia Walsh
	Treasurer	Madeline O'Haire
	P.R.O.	Claire O'Rourke

Committee:	Mary Hinds
	Margaret O'Neill
	Gay Hoare
	Mary Molloy
	Patricia Moynan
	Joe Duignan
	Yvonne Comerford
	Marie Lawlor
	Catherine Donnelly
	Anne Ralph
	Sheila O'Brien
	Paula Mc Teirnan
	Margaret Moore
	John Byrne
	Seamus Grundy

Teacher Rep.:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, boys and parents a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Claire O'Rourke
P.R.O.

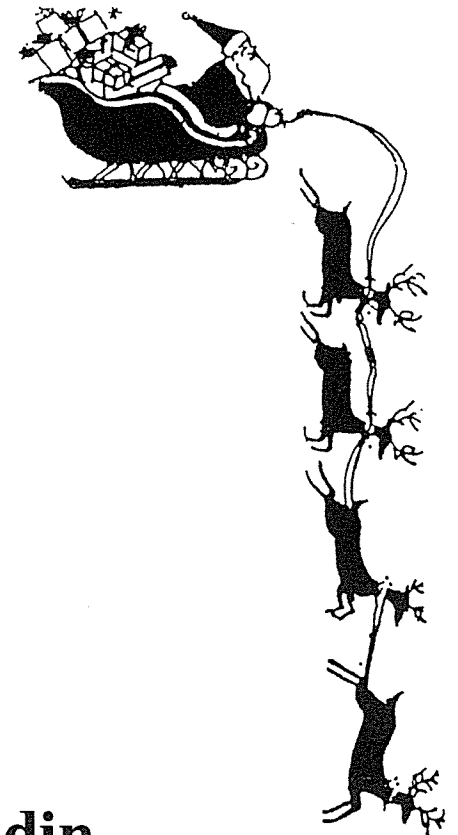
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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

'Tá Nollaig buailte linn
Tá réalta in san spéir
Tá sneachta ar an talamh
Tá gliondar in san aer.

Chuireamar ar stocaf suas
Ag sú le breagán deas
Beidh Daidí na Nollag
Ag teacht chugainn anuas an tsimléar

ó ag buladh bos, ag buladh bos
Ag buladh bos go léir
Ag buladh bos, ag buladh bos
Ag buladh bos go léir.'

The most important line in this old Irish children's Christmas song, is 'Tá gliondar in san aer.' Gliondar means happiness but in the context of the song it means magic. Christmas is a magical time for children, it is full of wonder and occasion. Part of the magic in the Christian tradition is the anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ. Children of all traditions celebrate the magic of Christmas through the exchange of gifts, feasting, celebrating, Christmas trees and of course Santa Claus nó Daidí na Nollaig.

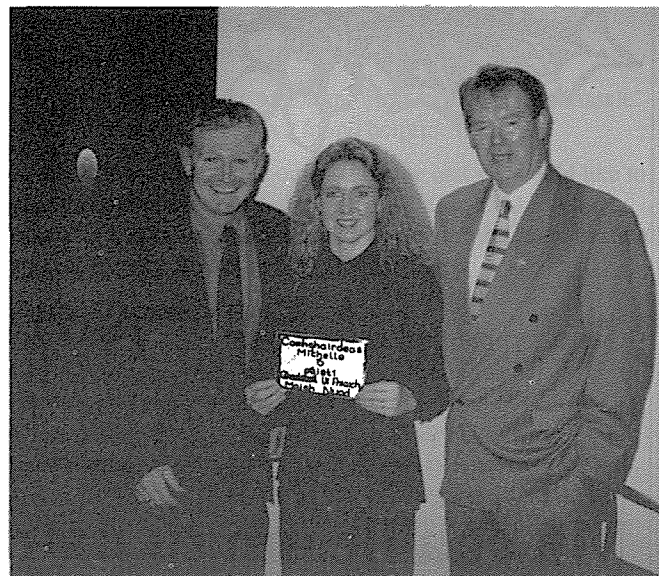


*Cailíní Gnóthnach (Busy Girls)
Lauren Ní Mhurchú agus Nicole Ní Throithigh*

The paistí in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich have been 'an mhaith' this year and we have it on good authority that Daidí na Nollaig will be paying a visit to the scoil. The paistí have also made a cárta Nollag don leanbh Iosa, which will be placed in the crib on Christmas morning.

It is our first Christmas at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich and it is an appropriate time to take stock of the years events. We must firstly thank the parents of our children, who took the leap of faith in the new school. I wish to thank our teacher Aidín Ní Chonnachtáin who has worked exceptionally hard with the children, she has succeeded not alone in instilling a love of Irish but also a love of learning.

It is my honour as Cathaoirleach to work with a dedicated committee, who have given unstintingly of their time and energy. The work of the Cairde committee has been breathtaking, from the presentation of a hugely successful fashion show to the organisation of the seventies night and the publication of the 1997 calendar, they have shown their commitment in a very practical sense.



Pictured recently accepting a Comhghairdeachas card made by the children, are from L-R; Cathaoirleach, Colm O'Cearúil, Michelle Smith and Michéil O'Muireheartaigh, Cathaoirleach Bord na Gaeilge.

Support for our Gaelscoil has manifested itself in many different ways. We have taken great heart at various times by the strong moral support offered by the people of Maynooth for their Gaelscoil. To everybody who has helped us in one way or the other we wish 'Gach rath, síocháin agus sonas ort is do chúram um Nollaig'

We are now looking to next year and preparations are underway for a new group of young people to avail of the opportunity of receiving their education through Irish, in their home town. There are no pre-requirements, except the wish of the parents that this is the desired education for their children.

Our Gaelscoil is located in Achadh Aoibhinn or Beaufield, Maynooth. Parents are welcome to visit the scoil on Fridays between 1.30pm to 2.00pm, beidh míle fáilte romhat.

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*Colm ó Cearúil
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Gaelic Football

On Tuesday 12th November, Maynooth Post Primary School beat St. Joseph's C.B.S., Fairview in the U16, Dublin Section of the G.A.A Leinster Colleges Gaelic Football. The final score was as follows:

Maynooth Post Primary	1 goal - 13 points
St. Josephs C.B.S.	1 goal - 4 points

U16 Maynooth Team

John Fagan, Alan Geoghegan, Andrew Dalton, Daniel McCarthy, Ciaran Kennedy, Daragh Carr, Thomas Dalton, Lorcan O'Brien, George Beirne, Padraig O'Sullivan, Chris Arthurs, Karl Ennis, Trevor Naughton, Cormac McCarthy, William Farrelly.

Subs: George Snee for Trevor Naughton and John O'Brien for Karl Ennis.

Distinctions Obtained By Past Pupils

David Coughlan and Catherine Devaney, two former students from Maynooth Post Primary School, have been awarded entrance exhibitions by the Board of Trinity College. These awards are based on outstanding merit in the Leaving Certificate Examination. We are proud of the achievements of our past students and we wish them every success in their future careers.

Official Opening of Garden of Remembrance

The official opening, dedication and blessing of the Garden of Remembrance took place on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm. Bishop Walsh dedicated this area of the school to the memory of all past parents, students and staff. After the ceremony, refreshments were served in the new assembly hall. The Garden of Remembrance is a fitting tribute to the hard work of the parents.

Musical Shows

It is planned to stage the musical show "My Fair Lady" sometime next February. This will be our third musical show. In February 1995, a very successful production of "Oliver" was staged. This was followed in February of this year by an equally successful production of "Calamity Jane". We wish our musical department every success with their third show.

First Year Mass at Maynooth Post Primary School

The first year Mass at Maynooth Post Primary School was celebrated on Wednesday 2nd of October 1996. The celebrant was Father David Boylan and the liturgy of the word was carried out by first year students representing all five first year classes. This is an excellent way to begin the academic year. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and vice versa.

After the ceremony was over, presentations were made to two of last year's students on the basis of their Leaving Certificate results. Una Burke was presented with a prize for obtaining the best Leaving Certificate result among girls. She is now studying sports science at Limerick University. The prize was donated by Mrs. Flaherty of Moulin Rouge Boutique and was presented to her by her former Year Head, Mr. Seamus Mc Manus. David Coughlan was presented with a prize for obtaining the best Leaving Certificate results in the school. He is now studying Pharmacy at Trinity College. The prize was donated by Mr. John Byrne of Maynooth Book Shop. Hugh Denman, of sixth year was presented with a prize for the best fifth year result in science and mathematics. The presentation was made by Dr. Frank Mulligan who is Dean of Science at Maynooth College.

It was a very successful evening which was rounded off with refreshments and light conversation. Our thanks to Father Boylan and to the teachers of religion for their hard work. The ceremony was enhanced by the wonderful singing of the choir and considerable credit is due to Miss Claire Murphy who prepared the choir for this very successful occasion. Our thanks to all of the students whose behaviour was exemplary.

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

Michael J. Walsh

Maynooth Summer Project

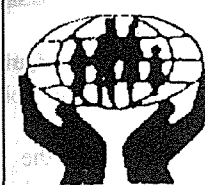


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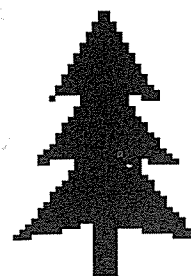
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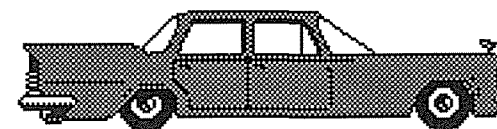
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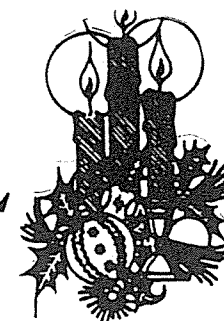
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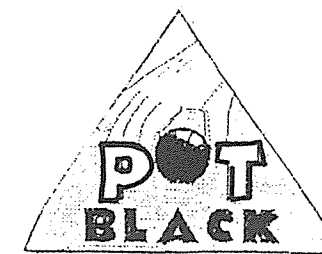
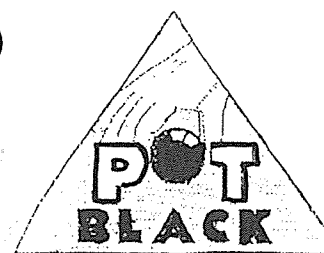
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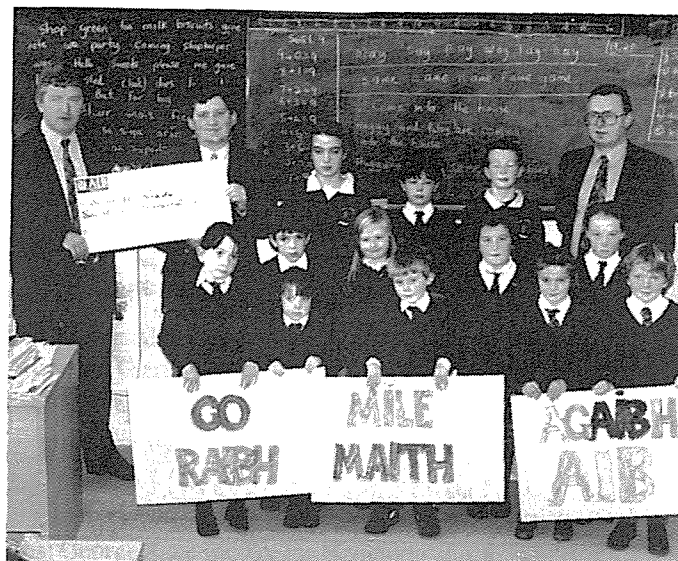
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA

As the official Gaelscoil for Maynooth & Kilcock since 1986, we began our 10th Anniversary celebrations entitled "Deich mbliain ag fas" with a very welcome cheque from our bank.

"I am delighted with the success that the school has enjoyed" Mr Nixon said. "AIB is proud to have been associated with Scoil Uí Riada from the outset".



Mr. Fintan Nixon (Area Manager AIB for Maynooth/Kilcock) together with Frank Byrne (Manager of Kilcock AIB) presenting a cheque to Seamus O'Muirthe, Príomhoide of Scoil Uí Riada

Thanking Mr Nixon, Seamus O Muirthe said "This money will be used to both upgrade the existing computer packages and purchase specific packages delivered through the medium of Irish. The school seeks to strike an appropriate balance between the development of the cognitive, practical and personal abilities of all our students. Since computer based information technology has become an important component of virtually all facets of life, we will expose students at an early age to appropriate programmes. Young children are very receptive to new technologies and our new computers will help equip them for the life long challenge of the computer age."

Scoil Uí Riada is now an 8 teacher/192 pupil (102 from Maynooth) school and we are embarking upon a programme of developing additional classrooms, library, remedial room, etc.

Mr Nixon concluded his remarks by saying "This remarkable success story would not have been achieved without the co-operative spirit shown by the people of Maynooth and Kilcock. Based on their track record to date, I have no doubt their ambitious plans will be realised."

Scoil Uí Riada and the North Kildare Inter-Library Quiz
Two pupils from rang a sé, Aisling Ní Shiothchain agus Pól De Brochtuin, teamed up with two other young Maynoothonians, Jenna Snee and David Comerford in the finals held in Celbridge library on Thursday 14th November. We are delighted to announce that they came a close second to the Celbridge team. Comhghairdeas leo go leir.

Christmas Party & Disco in North Kildare Club
This event, highly popular with all the pupils takes place on Saturday 14th December. Exact starting time to be announced.

Rumour has it that Daidí na Nollag will make a special guest appearance. He has received special clearance to land his sleigh, laden with presents, on the cricket grounds..

Ceolchoirm na Nollag, St. Joseph's Hall, Kilcock
Yes, it's that time of year again. The annual Christmas Concerts take place on Tuesday & Wed. 10th & 11 Dec. The Tuesday event is for the naíonain and rang a haon classes only. Parents, time to dust down those costumes and buy some film for the camera!

Table Quiz in Maynooth G.A.A. Club
A fund-raising quiz was held on Friday 29th November at 8.30pm. This event, the first in a series of quizzes, was organised by Cairde Scoil Uí Riada. Watch out for further announcements!

Ranganna Gaelige
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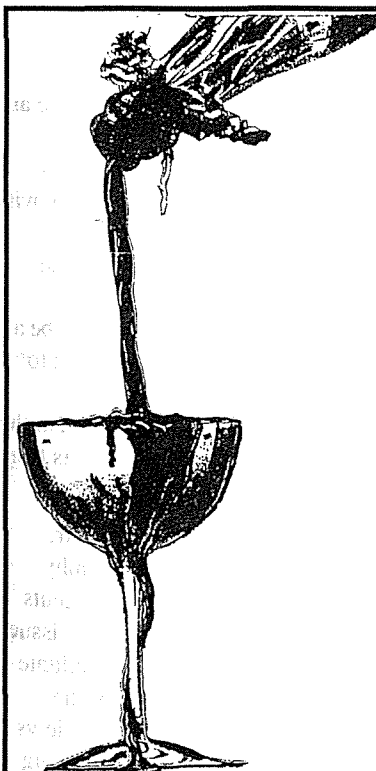


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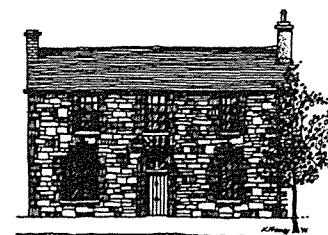
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CAMPAIGN FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY IN THE LABOUR MARKET.

At present only one fifth of Irish women are deemed to be officially active in the labour force. However, there are over 670,000 women presently working in the home or on the family farm/business.

The experience of these women is not currently reflected in the Irish labour force statistics. Many of these women who are seen as dependents of their husbands/partners, will find that there is no mechanism by which they can register their availability for work.

The Irish social welfare system excludes women from registering as unemployed if:

a) They have been out of the labour force for two years.

Women who currently are cohabiting with a man who is working and who has been in receipt of a state social welfare payment in the last two years will find it impossible to have her unemployment recognised by the state. Not only that, but they will be excluded from many (almost all) of labour market measures including education, training and work schemes available for unemployed people to enhance their chances in the jobs market.

Of these 67,000 plus married cohabiting women, only 1,300 are recorded in the Live Register statistics (under a category 'Signing on for Credits'). This reveals that the experiences of and expectations of married/cohabiting Irish women in relation to paid unemployment are hidden from policy makers and planners.

It is our experience in the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed and the National Women's Council that this is a particular problem for women who wish to return to paid employment having reared a family.

Therefore a nationwide campaign for woman's Equality in the labour market

is being organised by the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed in conjunction with the National Women's Council of Ireland.

The campaign, entitled **Breaking Down the Barriers** involves a poster, leaflet and information campaign which will culminate in a National Signing-On Day for Women on **December 13th**.

The campaign is based on the experiences of both organisations which have shown that there are attitudinal, bureaucratic and practical problems when women attempt to sign-on.

The purpose of this campaign is to inform women of their right to sign-on, provided they are available for, capable of and genuinely seeking work. It is also to inform them of their right to sign-on for credits.

The Associations are hoping that people would be willing to hold local seminars and also to plan a signing on day where a group of women would hand in their symbolic forms together.

So ladies, get out and sign on, on December 13th at your local employment office.

COLLEGE NEWS

Annual Carol Service

On Wednesday 18th December 1996 Maynooth College's Annual Carol Service will take place in the College Chapel at 7.30 p.m.

The Carol Service which has become one of the most popular dates in the College Calendar will feature performances by the University Choral Society, the College Chapel Choir and the College Chamber Choir, (winners of the Chamber Choir Section at the 1996 International Choral Festival). Also performing will be a Brass and Tympany ensemble accompanied by John O'Keefe on organ. This fantasia of music and voice will be directed by the renowned organist and Professor Gerard Gillen of the Music Department.

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only as demand for places on the night is usually great. If you wish to go to this wonderful service, you can apply in writing to The Secretary, Music Department, Maynooth College.

Re-Zoning Debate in the College

On behalf of the Geography Society I would like to issue an open invitation to all who have an interest of any kind in the local rezoning issue. The society, which is run by students, is holding a public debate, with the motion:

"That this house believes that the north Kildare towns have reached their limits of growth".

The debate Will be held on the 10th of December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Aula Maxima, on the Old campus.

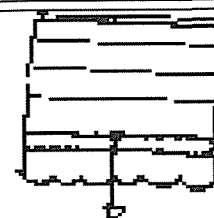
There will be two teams, one for and one against the motion. The proposing team will consist of Emmet Stagg T.D., Cllr. Catherine Murphy and Liz Stoll, Maynooth Planning Alliance. The opposition team will be Cllr. Senan Griffin (t.b.c.), Mick Gillick, G.A.A. Club and either a local Fianna Fáil representative or a Students Union representative.

The format for the debate will be as follows -

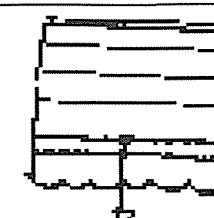
- Each speaker will have 8 minutes maximum to speak, uninterrupted, with a warning after 7 minutes.
- The teams will alternate, with the proposing team going first.
- After the last speaker there will be a 10 minute period for the speakers to rebut each other.
- The debate will then be opened to the floor for questions and comments from the audience.

The debate will be chaired by Mr. Brendan Bartley of the Geography Department. As geography students we are very aware of the current issue. This debate is an attempt to facilitate both the academic interests of the students and real concerns and views of the local population. We are hoping for a large and enthusiastic turnout on the night and would encourage all with an interest to attend.

Yours sincerely
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Where do these refugees go? Many of them die, starving on the streets or in the fields. But more of them end up living with Geraldine O'Hanlon in her Animal Rescue Foundation outside Kildare town. Geraldine gave up a secure job in 1994 to follow her dream of running an animal welfare home. She runs it in her own home, which she shares with over a hundred dogs, several cats and even a few goats. She doesn't get paid, and her only help comes from volunteers and a few Community Employment workers. She doesn't get holidays for Christmas or Halloween - she's had two days off in two years.

Her foundation is run on a tight budget with no government assistance - the majority of assistance she receives from donations from concerned individuals or public collections.

For example, pupils at Scoil Mhuire, Ballymany, Newbridge raised £1,000 through a sponsored silence earlier this year.



"Angel" Geraldine's family pet last last Xmas

However it costs £30,000 per annum to keep this canine family in food, bedding and medical care. Every day more dogs are dropped off at Geraldine's home. They are just left at her gate. It doesn't bother her - she loves all the animals and her only worry is money. She wishes more people would get their bitches spayed - and that the cost of this operation would come down. Last year, she held a Christmas appeal which was very successful and kept her going until February. But the need never ends. As the quotation on her leaflets goes:

When Thou hast done
Thou hast not done
For I have more
(John Donne)

A fact to consider: Stray dogs cost the County Council £80,000 a year. It only costs £30,000 to house them with Geraldine O'Hanlon. Yet she gets no Government aid...



Patch in the back garden relaxing in the sun. He loves to be out in the garden and spends hours playing with tennis balls. This is one of the most recent Photo's of him it was taken 2 weeks ago.

Every February, Geraldine gets around 40 dogs who have been abandoned after Christmas...

Think about it - don't give puppies for Christmas.

Congratulations to Geraldine, for being declared Rehab Kildare Person of The Year in November.

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Christopher O'Reilly

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It is that time of year again when we make a special appeal to motorists. Christmas time is especially important due to the exposure to parties, night's out, meeting relatives and friends. Be sensible - plan your night out in advance. Organise how you will get to your destination, and how you will get home. There are ample taxis and buses available. The golden rule is 'Don't Drink and Drive'.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Dearbhla Mescal and David O'Gorman who have recently transferred to the Maynooth station.

Going Away

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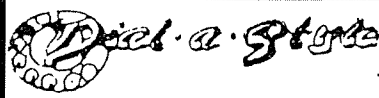
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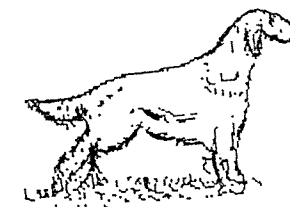
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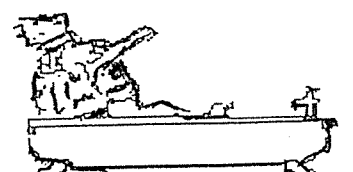
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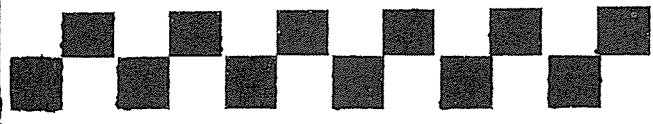
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In recent months, a new exercise incentive scheme, Slí na Sláinte was launched to encourage more committees to become involved in exercise for leisure. Happy Heart Skipathon is a fun event involving the schools and promotes the benefits of physical activity among young people in our schools.

The Irish Heart Foundation funds much needed research to find new and better methods for the prevention and treatment of heart disease.

The work of the IHF relies heavily on voluntary donations and on voluntary helpers. Our main fundraising event is the well known Happy Heart Weekend which takes place every May. If you would like to help out get in touch with us.

We are most grateful for all the help and co-operation given by the staff of the Community Council, especially Maureen and Teresa, in recent years.

LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

At the recent public meeting a Committee was set up to organise a campaign of work to develop and maintain the local cemetery at Laraghbryan. Due to the poor condition of the cemetery many people had strong feelings and voiced those feelings in no uncertain manner. The onerous task of bringing the cemetery into a somewhat respectable state of presentation has been placed in the hands of a committee which was elected at the meeting.

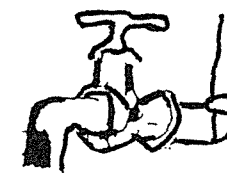
The committee hope to organise a campaign of fund raising and development in the coming weeks. The help and co-operation of everyone will be appreciated. Anyone with assistance or advice to offer can contact any member of the committee.

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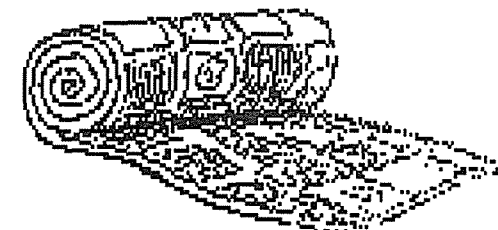
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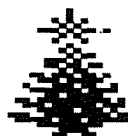


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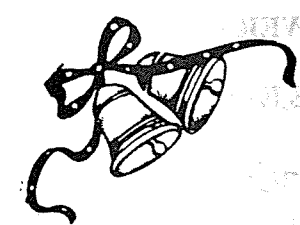
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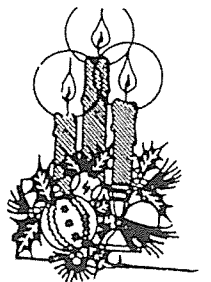
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NEW GAA HANDBALL ALLEY

The new GAA Handball Alley should be open to the public before Christmas. Johnny Scariff and his trusty FAS team have been busy with the finishing touches over the past few months. The building was constructed by SIAC and the shower and changing facilities were improved in the mainly disused adjoining "shed".

The Handball Federation of Ireland hope to hold leagues here. It is hoped to start at school level and work up to senior teams eventually. This would give the centre much publicity. The membership will be included in GAA annual membership which, itself, is quite reasonable. There will also be a meter system for electricity whereby schools can avail of the facilities. Mr. Scariff hopes to encourage the local youth to come and use the handball alley. There are plans to develop this further, with a gym, two storeys and a viewing gallery onto the handball alley.

However, £70,000 has already been spent on the GAA centre this year and more funding will not be available till next year.

NEW START '96

On the 7th and 8th of November a local Employment Exhibition for the Kildare region, hosted by the Department of Social Welfare was opened by the Junior Minister Bernard Durkan. Attending were many small businesses including building maintenance, attic installers, pottery and stained glass.

Also represented were the Kildare County Enterprise Board, FAS and OBAIR, a local Employment Service, for both the unemployed and the employers of the county. The exhibition was geared towards reducing local unemployment and was an enriching experience for anybody who visited it. There was advice available for those wishing to join the Back to Work or Community Employment Schemes as well as for those who wish to start up their own business.

The companies present were all run on a small scale, but were an excellent example to anyone who feels caught in the trap of unemployment.


More information is available on OBAIR at 01 - 6245414 (Marian Hannigan) in Leixlip. Information regarding the Department of Social Welfare Employment support services at the Citizens Information Centre, above Kehoes, Main St., Maynooth (6285477) and FAS Ballyfermot can be contacted at 01 - 6266211 (Mary Boyle).

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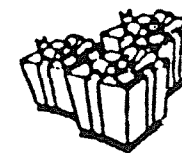
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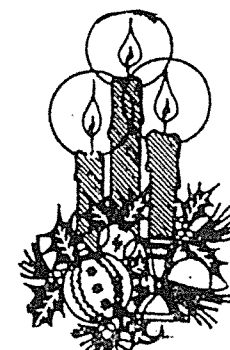
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THE PRESIDENT TAKES TEA WITH MAYNOOTH'S OLD-TIMERS!Or does she?

It was a cold strong wind that blew President Mary Robinson to Maynooth on Monday the 4th November. But the hundreds of girls from the Presentation Convent who lined Dunboyne Road ensured she received a warm welcome, and she chose to walk the last few hundreds yards of her route taking in their applause and responding with waves, handshakes and that ever present smile. (The President later admitted she was tempted to give the girls the rest of the day off, particularly when she saw a number of Mayo flags waving, but felt that the decision was better left in the hands of their teachers).



Generous Gesture

The purpose of Mrs Robinson's visit was to officially open the Nagle Court Sheltered Housing and Day Care Centre. The project was jointly funded by the European Union (through the Eastern Health Board) and the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club, with the land very generously donated by the Presentation Sisters. (An extremely generous gesture we feel, in these days of spiralling land and housing prices in Maynooth). There were fifteen houses built through the scheme, six in Celbridge, three in Clane and six in Maynooth with the Day Centre also on the same site.



Before the President arrived we called to the houses and spoke to these newest residents of Dunboyne Road.



Rousing tin whistle music floated from the open door of No.3 and inside, seated and enjoying a glass of Guinness, was Andy Gilligan. (He stressed he was no relation to a certain other Mr. Gilligan currently in the news). Andy has lived his whole life in Co. Kildare and said he spent the last few years "perished" in a mobile home in Cappagh, and so was delighted to get one of the new homes in Maynooth, the town where he remembered making his First Holy Communion. (It was hard to hear Mr Gilligan speaking, what with the din of the tin whistle, but with a deft flick of his remote control, the C.D. player was quickly silenced).



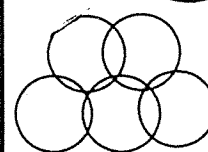
Tea with Mary

Next step was to see Margaret Dowling, who was busily preparing to have "a cup of tea with Mary". Margaret has moved to the Dunboyne Road from Old Greenfield and when asked was she enjoying her new home she said "you can be blinking sure I am", describing the houses as being "out of this world".

We next visited No.2, where Elizabeth Harrington was applying the finishing touches to her make-up, prior to meeting the President. Mrs Harrington told us she is recovering from a stroke and is impatient for her speech to fully return, and is delighted with her "lovely" new home.

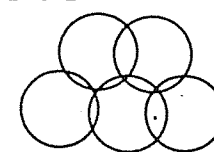
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Each of the houses consists of a sitting-room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen, and came fully furnished. There are front and back gardens, all with wooden sheds. Betty Farrell in No.6 has already planted shrubs and flowers in her garden and young trees have been laid out around the estate. Things agricultural are no stranger to Mrs Farrell, as she proudly showed us all the R.D.S. medals that her late husband won as a top herdsman.

There was no neighbour for Mrs Farrell yet, the occupant of No.5 keeping a low profile, but 'Sadie' Durack was preparing to take her place in No.4. Mrs Durack is a long time resident of Maynooth, first moving to Carton Demense in 1955, and since then she has "done a whole circle living around Maynooth". She is very pleased with her new home and commented "sure if the old legs keep going, Maynooth is only a short walk away".

Coming away from the houses, we bumped into Cllr. John McGinley, who compared the new houses favourably with all the new apartments being built in Maynooth.



The President's Speech

And so inside for the official business. There were speeches of welcome for the President, prayers from various denominations, and then the moment everyone was waiting for, when the President got up to speak. If Mrs Robinson was using notes, we didn't see her referring to them, and if her speech was prepared, she ad-libbed often enough to make it seem as if she were just chatting to us. Certainly she had a personal knowledge of the Maynooth project, and spoke highly of the dedication and enthusiasm of the local Lions Club and in particular that of Cecil Lyons who first wrote to her about the Homes. The President had been asked to lay the foundation stone, but replied that she preferred to come in at the end, to see the finished product. She commented that she felt "personally enriched" by projects such as this, and it was she who informed us that the site had been donated by the Presentation Sisters. (The Celbridge Site was donated by the Eastern Health Board, and the Clane site by Kildare Co. Council). Mid-way through the President's speech the Centre's Fire Alarm went off, but she continued on regardless (as did the Fire Alarm). Sixty embarrassing seconds later the clanging was silenced and Mary Robinson was heard to say "Taim críochna anois", to much laughter and applause.



This was followed by a speech from Lion Desmond Farrell, and then the proceedings were closed by Peter O' Sullivan.



Tea-time!

And so outside where Mrs. Robinson planted a tree and then retired to No.1 Dunboyne Rd. for a chat with the residents and that long awaited cup of tea. In the end it transpired that she didn't have a cup of tea - claiming that in her early days as President she was permanently on a caffeine high, and so water was had instead. The talk was informal and everybody seemed relaxed - a great compliment to Mrs Robinson, who has never let her position come between her and the people who elected her.

All in all a most enjoyable visit - and hopefully after all the hard work by the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club they were well pleased with the day's events.



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Maynooth for their very kind generosity and support to my recent annual collection for the above charity. To all those people who helped me with this collection I thank you. You will all be remembered in the prayers and thoughts of these children.

The collection realised a sum of £1598.00. This was a truly marvellous figure. As befits such a wonderful figure Maynooth cornered the market on prize winners and listed below are those lucky recipients - Gino Fuscuardi, E. Garey, D. Dwyer, M. Horan, L. Creighton, S. Allen, K. Boyd, C.P.L., A. Coleman, M. Murphy, K. Murphy, F. McManus, A. Hogarty, Coonans, S. McKenna, G. Grant, P. Murphy, M. Billings, G. Richardson, Derrinstown Stud, G. Corscadden and K. Campbell.

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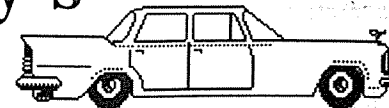
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"It's about going home, meeting the family and having a few drinks with them"

Nancy O'Neill, Celbridge.

"The joy of seeing my grandchildren as they open their presents, that's what makes Christmas special for me"

Joan Driver, Leixlip

"I love Christmas because it brings the whole family together"

Fiona O'Connor, Maynooth

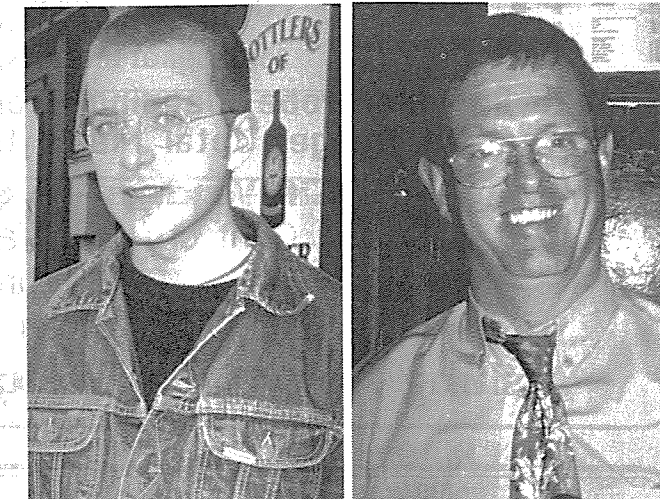
"The excitement of kids makes Christmas for me"

Mary McMechan, Leixlip

"I just love the buzz, running about the place preparing for Christmas Day, the excitement of the kids and decorating the tree..."

Joe Donnelly, Newbridge

"I love the socialising and meeting up with friends"



Joe Donnelly & Henry Carthy

Henry Carthy, Maynooth

"The giving of presents; ..people are very warm at Christmas and of course, the excitement of the kids... it's great.

John Doe, Lucan

"Getting drunk and eating dinner".

His friend Ed

"It's more than that though, it's the atmosphere".

Sheila Kerrigan, Athlone

"Tradition".

Richard Wills, Co. Clare

"All the friends and family coming home from abroad, and the pub staying open all hours".

Anonymous, Maynooth

"Calories!"

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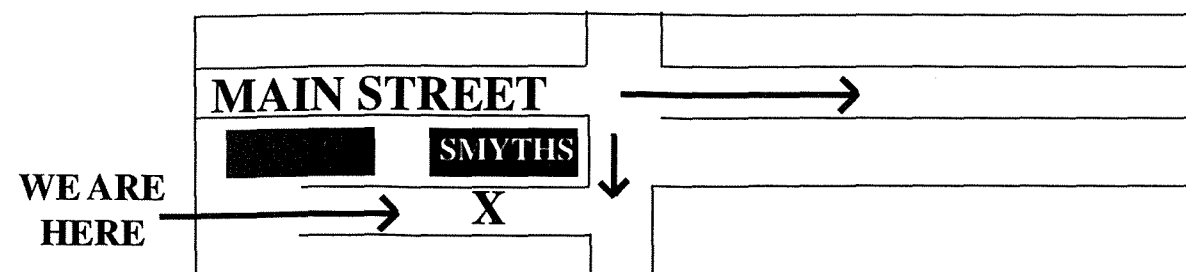
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The CHRISTMAS PRESENCE is upon us!

Now that the Yuletide season is fast approaching, shops and businesses in the locality are busy preparing for the onslaught of Christmas shoppers.

If you've taken a trip into Dublin recently you can't but have noticed the Christmas lights, richly decorated shop windows and all the special gifts on offer, as each store competes to entice the Big Spenders.

A little closer to home here in the heart of Maynooth, there is just as wide a selection of gifts and presents on offer. We sent two of our roving reporters out onto Main Street to get a taste of what's hot in Maynooth this Christmas.

The Gifts Department

In the 'gifts' department Maynooth is very fortunate to have a premises brimming with a huge selection of gifts suitable for Christmas. In 'Just Gifts', Terry has a fine range of pottery, glass, candleware and stationery. This is one shop where you're guaranteed to find that 'something special for the one you love'. For example there is deskware and ornaments hand carved in wood and Mayflower glass. There are all types of stationery printed with Celtic motifs, animal designs, toys etc. suitable for ladies, gents and the kids.

The range of candles were vast; scented, hand made and painted - coming in all colours, shapes and sizes, all at reasonable prices.

Then there's the Ballydugan Pottery, Belleek and Royal Tara China, Galway Crystal and Windchimes - the only problem a customer will encounter is what to choose! One of the more impressive collections on display was the 'Gentlemen's Selection' - this is a must for all those buying for 'the man who has everything'.

These are just some of the items 'Just Gifts' has on offer; there are many more.

Jewellery and Toiletries

The Glenroyal Jewellers and Maynooth Jewellers also had a vast array of gifts for sale - with enough of a selection of watches (Quartz, Geneve, Swatch etc) to save you that trip into town.

There is gold and silver jewellery to suit every taste - bracelets, necklaces, lockets, pendants and rings.

The Glenroyal Jewellers also had a very interesting and decorative display of Sue Parker and Irish Hammersley, and the Maynooth Jewellers offer a sparkling collection of Galway Crystal.

The Pharmacies in the village are worth a visit if it's a gift set that you're looking for - there are fine selections of bath oils, scents, scented soaps, talcs and bath salts. Parents will be happy to know that there are plenty of children's toiletries around - figures of Batman and Power Rangers etc; enough to take the drudge out of bathtime.

If you don't relish spending hours trying to find the right gift, then the old reliables are out in force again this year.

For the gentlemen, there is a fine selection of after-shaves, cologne and shaving sets. For the lady in your life there are plenty of perfumes available - Christian Dior, Karl Lagerfeld, Chanel, Givenchy, Lancome and of course Calvin Klein.

Maynooth's four pharmacies; Callagy's, McCormack's, Patrick's and Conroy's are preparing special offers on make-up, body lotions and other skin care products. Also for any reader who intends to relax amidst the Christmas rush, McCormack's have an aromatherapy display - burners and oils - that are sure to sooth away all those anxieties.

In the Book Corner

Maynooth Bookshop has a grand selection of books - too vast to mention them all, so here's a selection of titles to get the bookworm in you going.

Paperbacks:

1. 'Leading Hollywood' by Aine O'Connor - an insight into the lives of leading Irish actors - Byrne, Neeson, Brosnan etc.
2. 'Here's Looking at you Kid' - Ireland goes to the Pictures.
3. 'Dare to Die' by Gareth O'Callaghan - a thriller.
4. 'Sue - An Irish American Love Story' by Vincent Doyle (a local artist and writer).

Hardbacks:

1. A biography of Samuel Beckett - there are two 'biggies' to choose from and both are in stock.
2. 'Michelle Smith - Gold' - The road to glory by our new national heroine.
3. 'Jack Charlton - The Autobiography' - The road to glory by our old national hero.
4. 'Micheal O Hehir - My Life and Times' - The long awaited autobiography by one of the great figures of Irish sport and broadcasting.

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The above is just a sample of what Maynooth has to offer this Christmas.

From Styles to Sweets!

The town also has plenty of clothes shops; Billies, Moulin Rouge, Hula Bou, Head To Toe, Dawson's and Tinkerbell. Clothes are always a welcome (and sometimes necessary) gift, and Ladies, Gents and Children's Fashions are well catered for.

The Newsagents, Donovan's, Nuzstop, Barry's, News-4-U, Kiernan's and Newtown Stores, always have something for that Christmas List; toys, chocolates and of course greeting cards. Maynooth has the distinction of producing its own Christmas cards; the Divine Word Missionaries' Cards are available in all the shops, while prints of a Vincent Doyle Maynooth landscape are available in Donovan's.

So this year why not try to break the habit of a lifetime; saving yourself a lot of stress in the process - forget Dublin and get out there and get those presents in plenty of time!

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Children's recommended Book List for Christmas '96

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'Sin E, ansin E, Seach, Faigh, Foghlaim' by Richard Fowler (An Gúm)

'Jesus' Christmas Party' by Nicholas Allan (Red Fox)

5-8 Years

'An Scáth Báistí' by Mary Arrigan (An Gúm)

'The Seahorse' by Anthony Masters (MacDonald)

'Róisín ar Strae' by Colmán O'Raghallaigh (An Gúm)

'The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig' by Eugene Trivias and Helen Oxenbury (Mammoth)

'Why Not?' / 'But you Promised' / 'It's not Fair' / 'I'm Scared' all by Bel Mooney

'Dilly the Dinosaur' series by Tony Bradman

'The Worst Witch' by Jill Murphy (Puffin)

8-12 Years

'A Spooky Irish Tale for Children' by Eddie Lenihan (Mercier)

'The Taoiseach's Coat' by Turlough McKeivitt (Blackwater)
'Fields of Home' by Marita Conlon-McKenna (O'Brien)
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'Harriet's Hare' by Dick King-Smith (Corgi)

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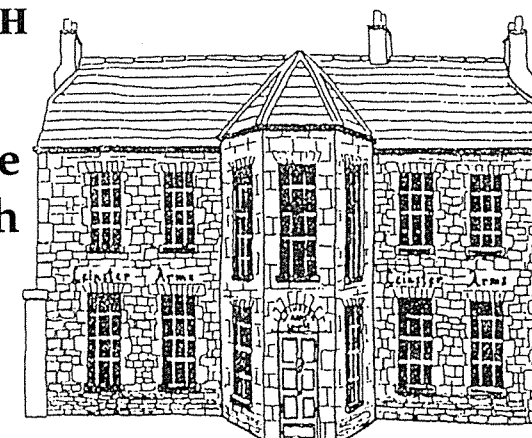
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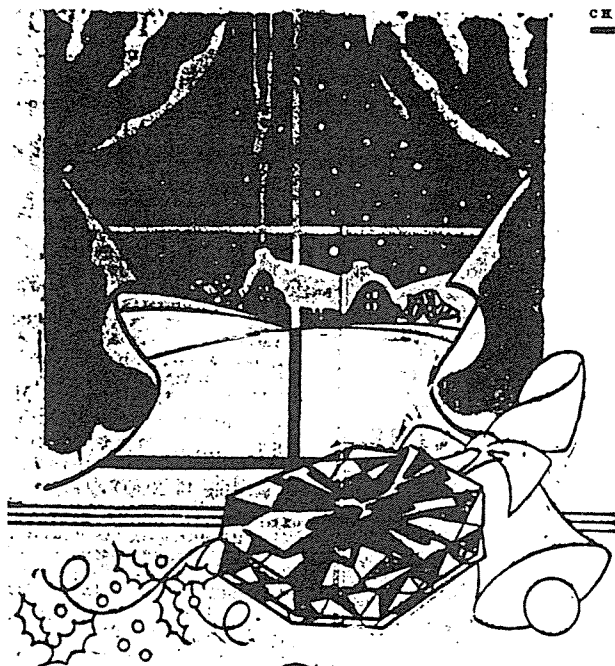
As everyone is now busily preparing for Christmas 1996, we thought it would be interesting to find out what our more mature readers would have been buying for Christmas back in the 1940's.

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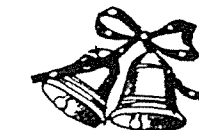
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Features

VIDEO REVIEW

The Bridges of Madison County (12's)

It is the Autumn of 1965, photographer Robert Kinkaid (Clint Eastwood) arrives in Madison County to take pictures of the famous covered bridges for National Geographic magazine. When he stops at a farmhouse to ask for directions, he meets bored housewife Francesca Johnson (Meryl Streep) whose husband and two children are away visiting the Illinois state fair. From the time they meet this film becomes a nauseating so called "love story" which is a cliché ridden non-event. Directed by Clint Eastwood, who usually gives good value for money, about the only plus in this offering is the photography which is excellent (pity there's not more of it). From the original "Love Story" starring Ryan O'Neal and Ali Mc Graw, comes the famous line; "love means never having to say you're sorry". However, Clint should apologise profusely for this effort. Verdict.....GUILTY!!!!

Trainspotting (18's)

Set in Glasgow, this is the story of Mark Renton and his friends; a real band of losers, petty thieves and drug addicts. Often funny, but ultimately tragic and extremely harrowing, the film traces the disintegration of their friendship as they move inexorably to self destruction and death. Realistic, gripping, and at times too well directed, this is not a film for the faint-hearted. All teenagers should watch this to see the ultimate effects of drug abuse. Verdict.....VERY GOOD

Get Shorty (15's)

John Travolta plays a Miami loan shark called Chili Palmer, who travels to Los Angeles to collect on a gambling debt from Harry Zimm (Gene Hackman). Harry is a producer of rubbish B-movies, which Palmer loves. Anyway, instead of working him over for the loan payoff, he comes up with an idea for a movie which Harry will produce and Chili will direct. This is a very funny film, with good performances from Hackman and Travolta and the usual terrific stuff from Danny de Vito. It's well directed by Barry Sonnenfeld and the whole thing bowls along nicely from start to finish. Verdict.....WELL WORTH IT!!!!

Seasonal viewing

It's a Wonderful Life: They don't make 'em like this any more!

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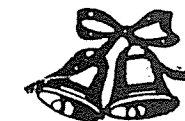
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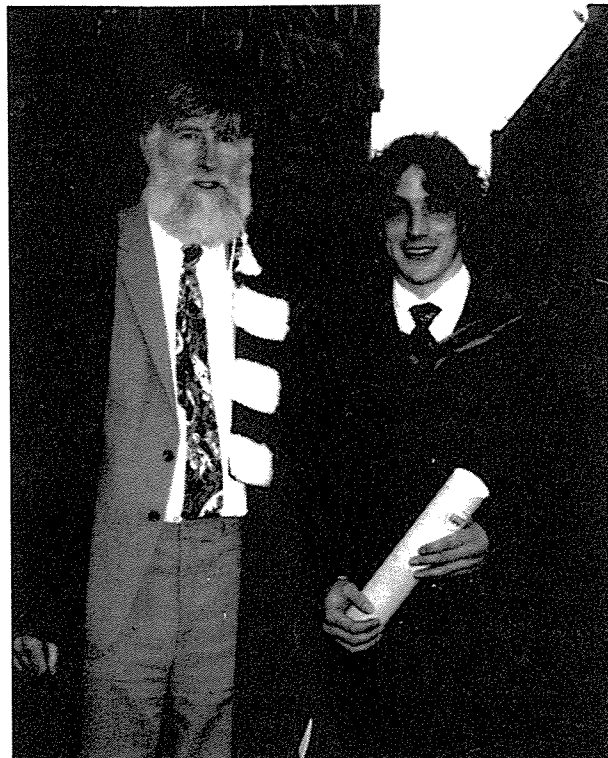


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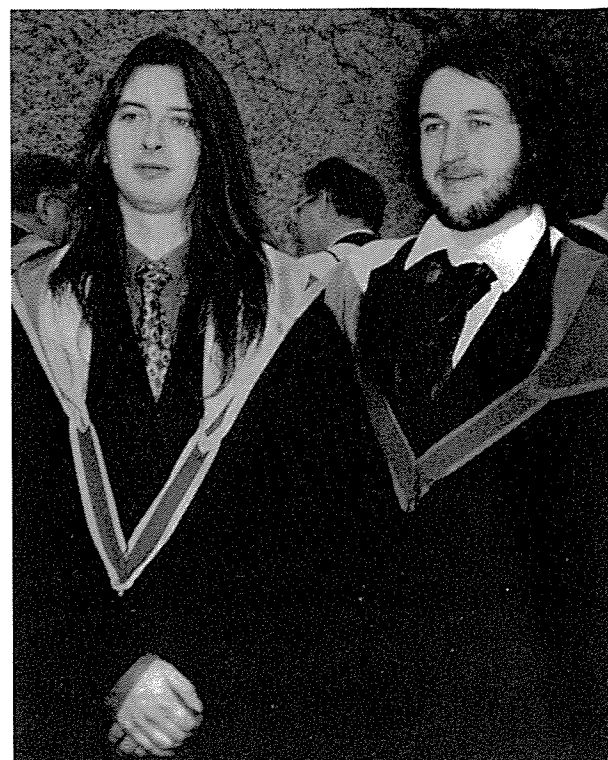
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Graduates of 1996



Pictured above is Réamonn Mortimer Fealy M.A. with Peter Carr, Registrar of Maynooth College



Richard Kiely M.Sc. (L) and Peter Loftus M.A. pictured after their conferrals in Maynooth College.



Thomas Fay, Maynooth, who has been awarded the National Diploma in Science in Toxicology from Athlone R.T.C.



Congratulations to Tara Cassidy who was conferred with a B.A. Theology from Maynooth College.



Audrey Robinson M.A. pictured with Brian Galligan after graduating from Maynooth College



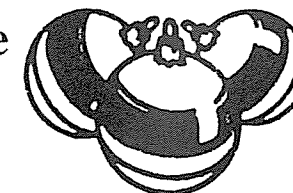
Brendan Fay pictured with his mother Vera after graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from T.C.D.

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- 9.00am - 10.00am **Country Forum** with Jim Norton and Monica Carr.
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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Bond Bridge:

The level of incompetence in Kildare County Council is incredible. Nine months ago we were told Bond Bridge would cost £750,000. At the Celbridge Area meeting on the 8th November we were told that the new price was £900,000 and that the additional £150,000 was due to C.I.E. insisting that new bridges must be capable of accommodating electric trains.

Cllr. John McGinley also raised the issue at the Estimates (Budget '97) meeting of Kildare County Council on the 4th November. In a reply from the County Manager dated the 13th November the cost of the new bridge had escalated to a minimum of £1,500,000. This means that the cost of the bridge had increased £600,000 in five days.

Obstructionist tactics such as this will not be tolerated by your Labour Party Councillors and this will be made known at the next Estimates meeting on the 18th November.

Parson Street:

The residents of Parson Street met with Engineers from the Council on Monday 11th November. Cllr. John McGinley met with the residents on Saturday 16th November and agreement on the Traffic Calming Measures was reached. The Council will now proceed with the agreed work at a cost of £25,000.

Replacement of all Public Lights:

Public lights in housing estates greater than 15 years old now need replacing as they are obsolete and give out very poor light.

Cllr. John McGinley has proposed to Kildare County Council Estimates meeting that all of these lights be replaced next year. In all 3,500 lights need replacing at an estimated cost of £300,000. However, as the new lights use less electricity there is an annual saving of £30,000 approximately so the Council would get their money back over 10 years.

Restoration of Streetscape:

The continued negative visual impact of the old Allied Irish Bank premises on Main Street has been raised by Minister Emmet Stagg with the Chief Executive of Allied Irish Banks. We were promised 6 years ago that the Bank would add on a second storey thus restoring the streetscape. We await Allied Irish Bank's response with interest.

67A Bus Turning at Straffan Road:

In order to stop people walking on the green area at the 67A Bus Turning Point Cllr. John McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to provide a section of footpath on the roadside of the green area.

Blocked Shore at Doctor's Lane:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to unblock the shore at the back of Caulfield's as it is causing flooding.

Weeds at the trees in the Square:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to get the contractor to rectify this problem as the work is still under guarantee.

Closure of Doctor's Lane:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to proceed with this as a matter of urgency. The opening of two exits from the car park in addition to the Library exit make this road very dangerous. Rat-run traffic avoiding the traffic lights must be stopped.

Litter Bins at Bus Stops:

Dublin Bus have responded favourably to requests from Minister Emmet Stagg concerning the provision of litter bins at Bus stops in Maynooth. Both Dublin Bus and Minister Stagg will now exert pressure on Kildare County Council to provide same.

Happy Christmas.

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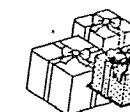
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GAA NOTES

Christmas Dart's Results:-

12/10/96	1st	C. O'Grady
	2nd	T. Fay
	3rd	M. Carroll
19/10/96	1st	Esther Halligan
	2nd	K. Bright
	3rd	M. Carroll
26/10/96	1st	K. Bright
	2nd	M. Doran
	3rd	G. Long
02/11/96	1st	T. Fay
	2nd	P. Moran
	3rd	J. Edwards
09/11/96	1st	Mona Byrne
	2nd	Shelly Riordan
	3rd	P. Moran

Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 8th December in Club House at 11.00 a.m.

We would like to wish all our members, supporters and all who helped our Club during 1996 a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

U. 13 North Kildare Football League

Maynooth 3-5 Sallins 1-5

The old cliché, a game of two halves, correctly sums up this game played in ideal conditions in Sallins. The home side got all their scores in the first half while Maynooth's only contribution was a point scored by Morgan Sweeney. Sallins took the game to Maynooth from the throw in and it took some great defensive work by full back Graham Quinn, Peter Sheehan, and Stephen Curran to keep the score line in respectable figures. However in the second half Maynooth played with greater urgency and slowly began to pull back the lead. Midfielders Pierre Ennis and Patrick O'Rourke were winning a lot of possession, and it was Ennis who got through for the scores that proved crucial in the end. Besides those mentioned Maynooth had good performances from Alan Baxter, Tagdh O'Corcora, Joseph Brennan and Paul Broughan.

Team and Scorers

Aidan Molloy, Peter Sheehan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tagdh O'Corcora, Joseph Brennan, Fergus Deveraux, Pierre Ennis, (2-3), Patrick O'Rourke, Paul Broughan, Alan Baxter (0-1), Enda Diggins, Finbar O'Gorman, Morgan Sweeney (1-1), Joseph McLoughlin.

North Kildare U. 13 Football League

Maynooth 7-15 Confey 3-3

Maynooth dominated this game from start to finish with a great display of attacking football against a Confey side who were short a number of regulars. With Killian Carr and Patrick O'Rourke on top at midfield the forwards got a plentiful supply of the ball and they combined for some well taken scores. By half time they were ahead 3-8 to 0-3 and the game was over as a contest. Confey tried hard in the second half but found full back Peter Sheehan in top form ably supported by Stephen Curran, Joseph Brennan, and Tagdh O'Corcora. Goalkeeper Aidan Molloy made some good saves in the second half and could not be faulted for the ones that got past him. Patrick O'Rourke made some good runs into the Confey penalty area and ended up top scorer. Pierre Ennis was very accurate from play and from frees, Morgan Sweeney roamed the length of the field in search of possession, and Paul Broughan and Joseph McLoughlin took their scores in style.

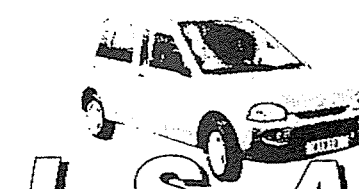
Scorers

Patrick O'Rourke, (3-3) Joseph McLoughlin, (2-2) Pierre Ennis, (1-4) Paul Broughan, (1-2) Morgan Sweeney, (0-3) Killian Carr, (0-1)

Minor "B" Football Championship Final played in Allenwood on Sunday 10th November
Maynooth 1-11 V Rheban 3-5

This minor football championship B final played at Sean Tierney Park on Sunday morning was a thrilling contest from beginning to end. Conditions were ideal apart from the slippery sod which was due to the overnight frost. Indeed the players served up all that is good in football, some outstanding scores, excellent individual performances and high fielding that would do justice to a county final at any level. Rheban enjoying a memorable season have already won the junior A football championship and junior football league. They were bidding to add to those titles but came up against a solid Maynooth team that played exceptionally well in patches but at vital stages missed some scores. Rheban opened the scoring within the opening minute through Patrick Owens. It was the high fielding Robert Casey who put Maynooth into the contest paving the way for a well taken score by Darren Naughton. The same player was again on the mark in the 6th minute before a well organised movement involving four players which led to Rheban's opening goal, David Kelly being the goalscorer. Maynooth recovered from this score as Niall and Darren Naughton, Alan Nugent and Eamon Gallagher all played exceptionally well as Rheban tried to increase their scoreline. Scores by Niall Naughton and Martin Byrne gave

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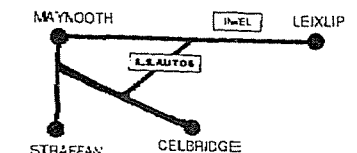
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Sports

Maynooth a two points lead. A long delivery by Robert Casey placed full forward Mick Bennett for his team's goal. This score left Maynooth leading by 1-6 to 1-1, Rheban having failed to score for some 20 minutes. They moved the ball up field in lightning fashion with Hugh Pearce being their goal scorer following a delivery by James Byrne. From the resultant kick out Alan Kelly pointed to leave Maynooth holding a 1-6 to 2-2 interval lead.

The second half was three minutes old when Rheban struck for their third goal. A high delivery by Derek Byrne deceived backs and forwards alike and somehow ended up in the back of the net. The same player added a delightful point as Rheban regained the lead and looked as if they would go on to victory. Maynooth having been outplayed for the opening five minutes of the second half replied through Stephen Brennan and Darren Naughton and were most unlucky for a further score when a free by Darren Naughton came off the woodwork. Rheban increased their lead in the 47th minute through Pat Owens before Maynooth were back on level terms through Darren Naughton and Martin Byrne. Maynooth were wide on a couple of occasions before Robert Casey playing deep in his own defence cleared his lines. Rheban hit two wides before sub John Donovan put one point between the teams and such was Rheban's dominance on the exchanges at this stage they appeared likely to hold onto victory. Maynooth made one great effort to salvage a draw and it was fitting that half back Alan Nugent should send over the all important point to give Maynooth a draw.

Maynooth Team

P. Carroll, B. Boland, E. Gallagher, A. Nugent, J. Gallagher, D. Coughlin, N. Byrne, R. Casey, N. Naughton, M. Byrne, G. Lyons, D. Naughton, S. Brennan, M. Bennett, D. Buckley. Subs. D. McCarrick for B. Boland, J. O'Shea, A. Boylan, O. Nevin, R. Kelly, T. Robinson, S. Cummins, B. Mooney, K. Ennis, M. Callaghan.

Maynooth scores:- D. Naughton 5 pts, M. Bennett 1 goal, D. Buckley 2 pts. M. Byrne 2 pts. N. Naughton 1 pt. M. Nugent 1 pt.

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Quarter Final Results

Italy 1 Czech Republic 3
Mark Lord, Niall Doogan and Eddie Power scored for the "Czechs" with Paddy Broughan replying for "Italy". Joe Glynn was the outstanding player on view.

Denmark 0 Holland 0
With no goal scored in normal time the golden goal rule was brought into operation with the honour of deciding the game falling to Declan Bambrick's golden goal. Ger Greally had a superb game in goal for "Denmark" but could not stop "Holland" advancing to the semi-final stage.

Brazil 4 Germany 1
Not as easy for "Brazil" as the scoreline would suggest Pablo Bros and Barry Harney each scored twice for "Brazil" with Daryl Murphy getting the lone "German" goal.

Hungary 4 Switzerland 2
The best game of the quarter-finals with a feast of goals. Shaun Doogan led the scoring for "Hungary" with two goals and Jonathan Galvin and Darren Weafer each scoring one. Daire Sweeney scored both "Swiss" goals in a fine individual performance.

Semi Finals

Czech Republic 0 Holland 2
Holland had to overcome strong "Czech" pressure before booking their place in the Final. Sean Sinclair was the hero for "Holland" with both goals.

Brazil 2 Hungary 2
This will probably rank as the best game of the whole tournament with the sides locked at two-all after extra time and the golden goal rule failed to separate two excellent teams. Barry Harney and Pablo Bros scored for "Brazil" with Sean Doogan and Daire Sweeney replying for the "Mighty Magyars". The penalty shoot-out saw "Hungary" emerge victorious over a gallant "Brazilian" side who sported lone female player Orla Bambrick in their ranks.

Final

Holland 4 Hungary 0
A jaded "Hungarian" side were unable to cope with "Holland" on a heavy pitch. Playing their semi-final immediately before the final, "Hungary" tired visibly late in the game and conceded goals at vital stages. Niall Doogan, Sean Sinclair, Mark Doyle and Brendan Doogan scored for "Holland" to lift the cup. Liam Walsh and Daire Sweeney were outstanding for "Hungary" with David Gahan and Keith Wong in superb form for "Holland".

After the game Mrs Mona Byrne presented the cup to a jubilant winning captain David Gahan. Club chairman Michael Dempsey commended the players and supporters who braved miserable conditions to make the tournament an outstanding success. Presenting the winners' and runners-up trophies he said that everyone connected with the tournament deserved an award for their support. The player of the tournament award went to Daire Sweeney with many other contenders in close pursuit. All trophies were generously sponsored by The Roost.

Leinster Football League Premier Division, Sunday.

Maynooth Town 2 Castle Park 1.
Maynooth kept their place at the top of the division with this narrow victory over Castle Park. This game only went ahead at the last minute as heavy overnight rain had left parts of the pitch waterlogged. It looked as if the sterling work by club members in making the pitch playable were all in vain when Castle Park took the lead in the 7th minute following a goalmouth scramble. The "Park" keeper denied Maynooth on several occasions with a string of top class saves. James Delargy was dictating matters for Maynooth and he freed Michael Murphy down the left in the 36th minute. The latter's goalbound shot was tipped away once more by the keeper for a corner. The corner was only cleared as far as James Delargy whose shot hit the net via the crossbar. The heavy pitch was taking its toll with the game developing into a hard midfield slog but the overall fitness of Maynooth won the day. With time running out Feargal Barton broke from defence and sent Keith Cooke away who in turn passed to Frederico Bros who beat the Castle keeper from close range. Paul Byrne was outstanding for Maynooth followed closely by Feargal Barton and James Delargy.

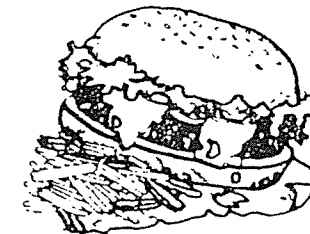
Leinster Football League Div. 1 Sat.

Bacchus 3 Maynooth 0.
Maynooth never got into this game and paid the ultimate price. With several players having an off day together this display belied the earlier good form during the League. With few reputations enhanced Maynooth can only improve and get back on the winning trail quickly. Paul O'Sullivan and Owen Maloney were best for Maynooth.

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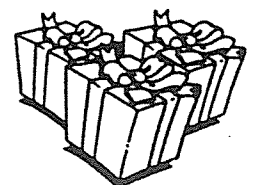


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Sports

FAI Junior Cup 2nd Round.

Bangor Celtic 4 Maynooth Town 2.

Bangor booked their place in the next round but only after a real fight from a battling Maynooth side. Bangor from the Leinster Senior League Major Division must have fancied their chances against the lower ranking Maynooth side but received a severe setback in the 8th minute. Paul Byrne took a long throw which Keith Cooke swept home from close range. Maynooth continued to play well throughout the half and were good value for their half time lead. Early in the second half Maynooth lost their way for a time and conceded three quick goals but settled once more and came back fighting. Martin McTernan reduced the deficit from the spot to set up a nail biting finish. Throwing everything into all out attack it was only superb goalkeeping by the Bangor keeper that prevented a Maynooth equaliser. Bangor were awarded a free kick in the 90th minute which was headed home to seal the scoring. A top class show with Paul Byrne just shading the individual honours.

D.D.S.L. U/12.

Maynooth Town 4 Leixlip Utd. 1.

Maynooth came out on top in this eagerly awaited clash with near neighbours Leixlip. Paul Farrelly was in superb form in his new role at the back for Maynooth and inspired his team to a deserving victory. David Redmond in goal, Wayne Byrne in midfield and James Keegan up front were the main stars in a solid all round team performance. Maynooth led at half time through a James Keegan goal but Leixlip got on terms just after the interval. David Comerford who was also outstanding for Maynooth restored his sides lead before James Keegan stretched the lead with his second goal before a late Maynooth goal sealed a worthwhile victory.

D.D.S.L. U/13

Park Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 2

Gary McMahon opened the scoring for Maynooth in the 15th minute after a bout of strong pressure. Dean Conway and player of the year Padraig Doherty were outstanding for Maynooth in spite of fierce Park pressure. Maynooth still led at half time thanks to Gary McMahan's goal and went two up just after the interval when good work carved an opening for David O'Brien to score. Park pulled a goal back with ten minutes remaining but a sound Maynooth defence held out for a narrow victory.

D.D.S.L. U/18

Lucan Utd. 1 Maynooth Town 6

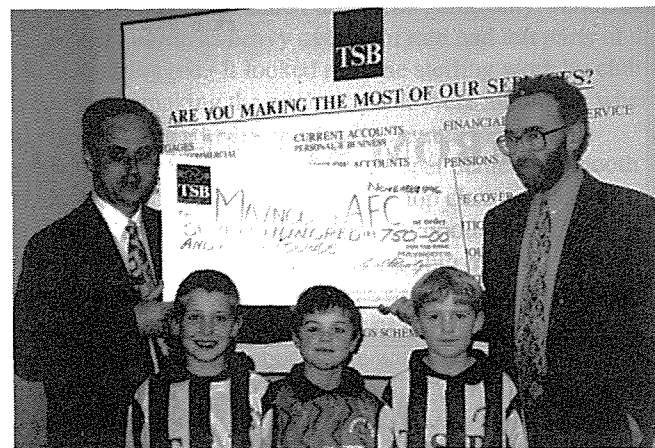
An under strength Maynooth side held two many aces for Lucan and deserved the three points after a polished team performance. Short a number of regulars, Maynooth still played their usual free flowing football which demoralised Lucan and left them a very dejected team at the final whistle.

Maynooth scored four goals in the first half without reply from Lucan and held a comfortable half-time lead. Two further Maynooth goals in the second half with a lone goal for Lucan, completed the scoring in a one-sided game. Freddie Clarke was the star of the show with four superb goals. Antonio Bros and Martin Byrne each scored for Maynooth to complete the scoreline. Apart from Freddie Clark Maynooth also had good performers in Danny Byrne, Jay Miley and David Coughlan.

D.D.S.L. U/13

Maynooth Town 5 Corduff Utd. 3

A terrific hat-trick performance by Maynooth's Gary McMahon was the main feature of this exciting game. Playing open football Maynooth took the game to Corduff and provided excellent entertainment for the home following. Gary McMahon opened his scoring account in the 10th minute and grabbed his second eight minutes later. Maynooth went three up just after the interval when David O'Brien scored. Corduff pulled a goal back before Gary McMahon completed his hat-trick with his best goal of the game. Corduff pulled another goal back but Brian Shiels restored Maynooth's goal advantage before Corduff got a late third goal. With Gary McMahon taking the main honours Maynooth also had good performers in Bobby Kelly, Ciaran McCullough and David O'Brien.



Gerry Bolger Branch Manager T.S.B. presenting cheque to Gerry Folan also included are some of the U-9 players

Maynooth F.C. - in the black !!! (and white)

Thursday 14th November saw Maynooth Town F.C. officially launch their new sponsorship deal with the local branch of the Trustee Savings Bank. Under the deal the U-9 team gets new kits, and the club gets new goals and training equipment, and the Bank gets the honour of having their

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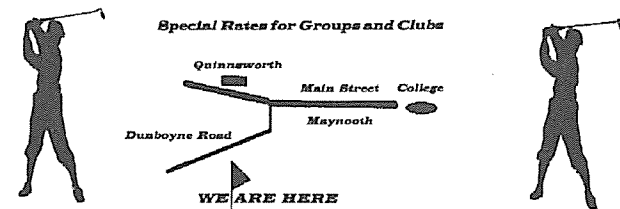
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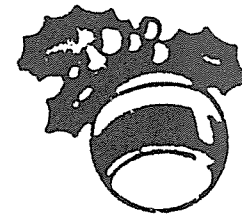
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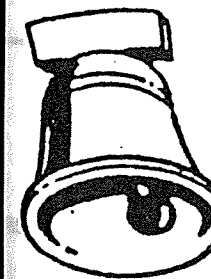
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A special word of thanks to Dr. Cowhey and his staff past and present, to Nurse Campbell and Nurse Gartfield and Professor Gleeson and all the staff of Blanchardstown Hospital.

Also thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. McGuinness of Blanchardstown Hospital. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Greville: James (Jimmy), Died 9th November 1996. Late of Victoria Road, Barrhead, Glasgow, Scotland.

Husband of Dolores McGovern, formerly of 11 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

Deeply regretted by a large circle of family and friends in Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne.

May he rest in peace.

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