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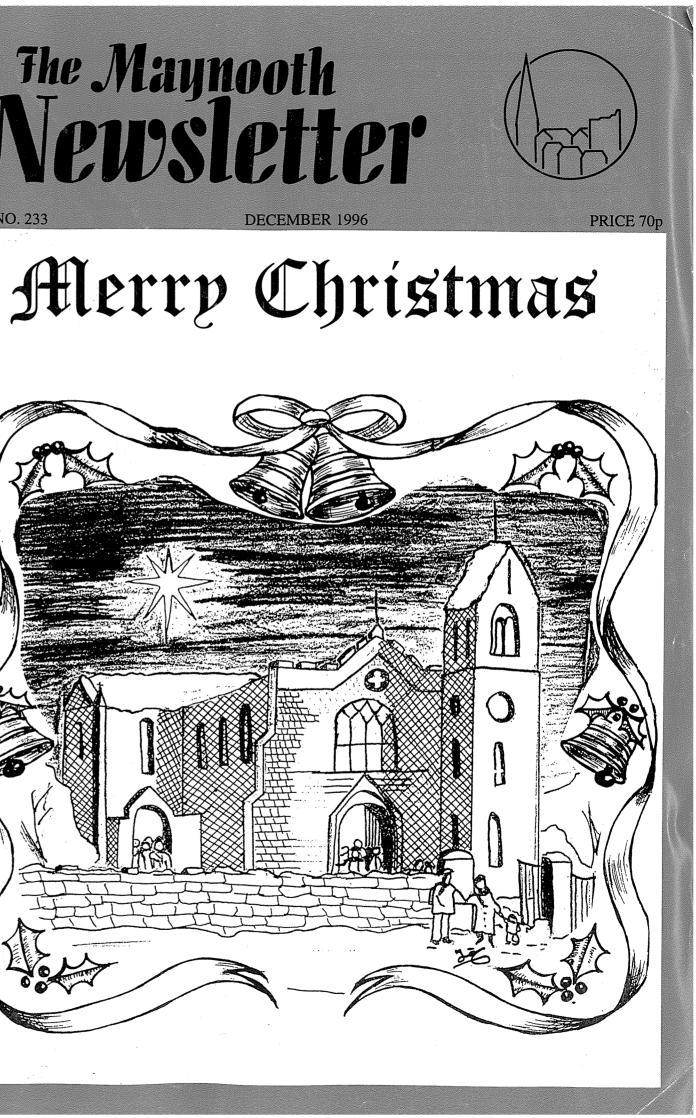
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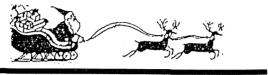
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Diary Dates

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.

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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 $\pounds 2-19-6$.

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.

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On that note the Newsletter wishes all its readers, young and old, a happy and safe Christmas.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Cable Television Reception in Maynooth

Annovance 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 Gardai

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

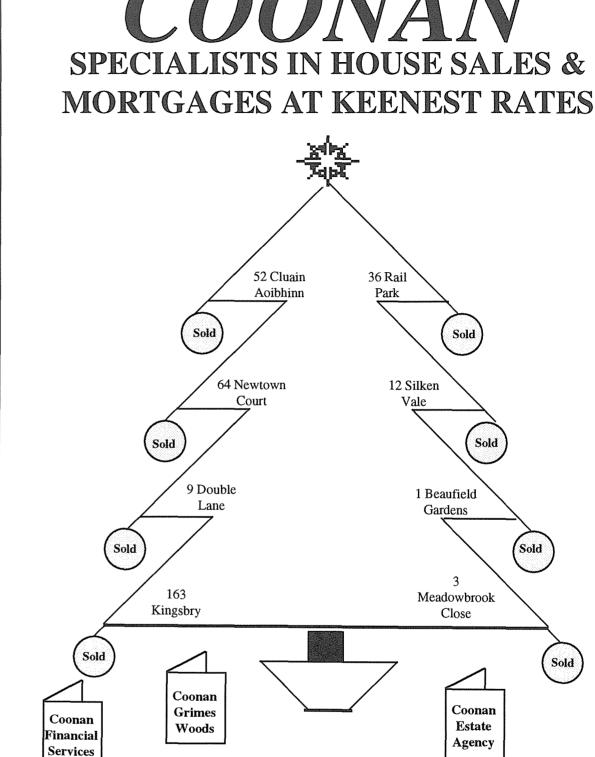
Concern about the growth of weeds at the base of the trees in the Town Square has been expressed to the Committee. The problem seems to be that Kildare County Council has not taken the new Maynooth Town Square in charge from the Contractors.

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

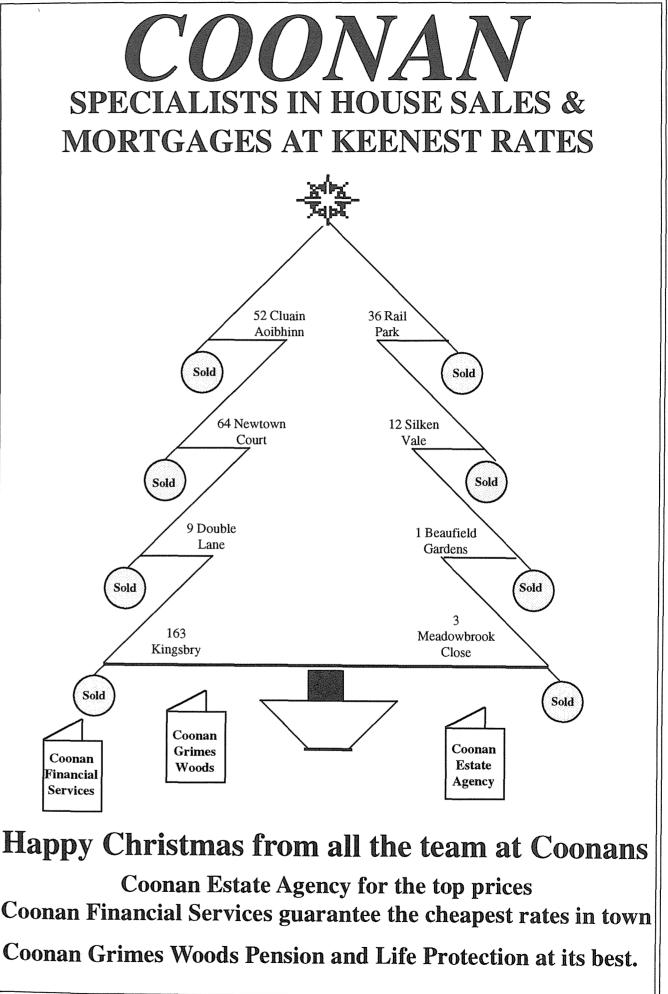
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year we would see a considerable part of the Main Street newly paved to improve the image of the town, however it will not happen now.

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

Ouestion:

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 $\pounds 10,650$ (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%	=	<u>£1,548</u>
		£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.

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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.

P.S. Don't forget to recycle drink bottles, cans etc in the Maynooth Shopping Centre recycling containers over the Christmas holidays.

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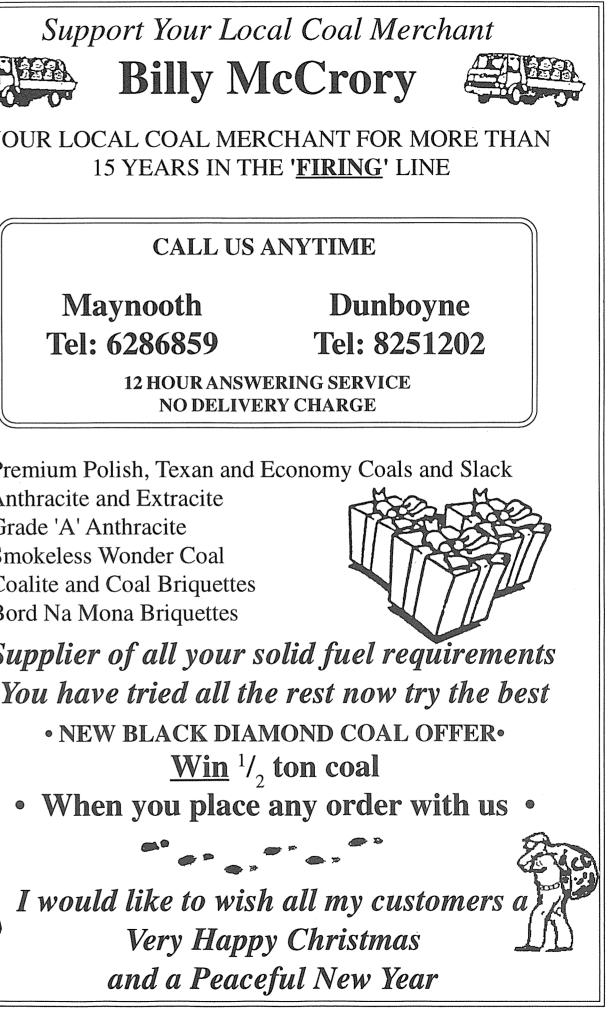
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Full details are available from our office. As well as providing a means of saving your money and obtaining loans if required, at a low fixed rate of interest, the Credit Union also organise a number of Childrens' Competitions each year. We have just completed the local round of the poster competition. The winners are:-

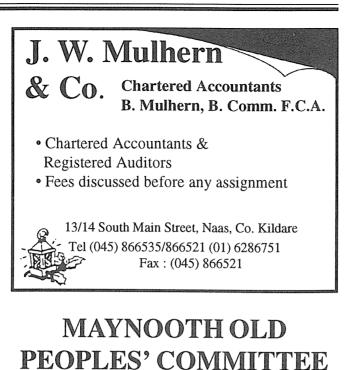
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8 - 10 years 1st 2nd 3rd	Gary Connolly Paula Curran Muire Ennis	57 Kingsbry 3 Straffan Way Donaghstown
11 - 13 years	6	

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.



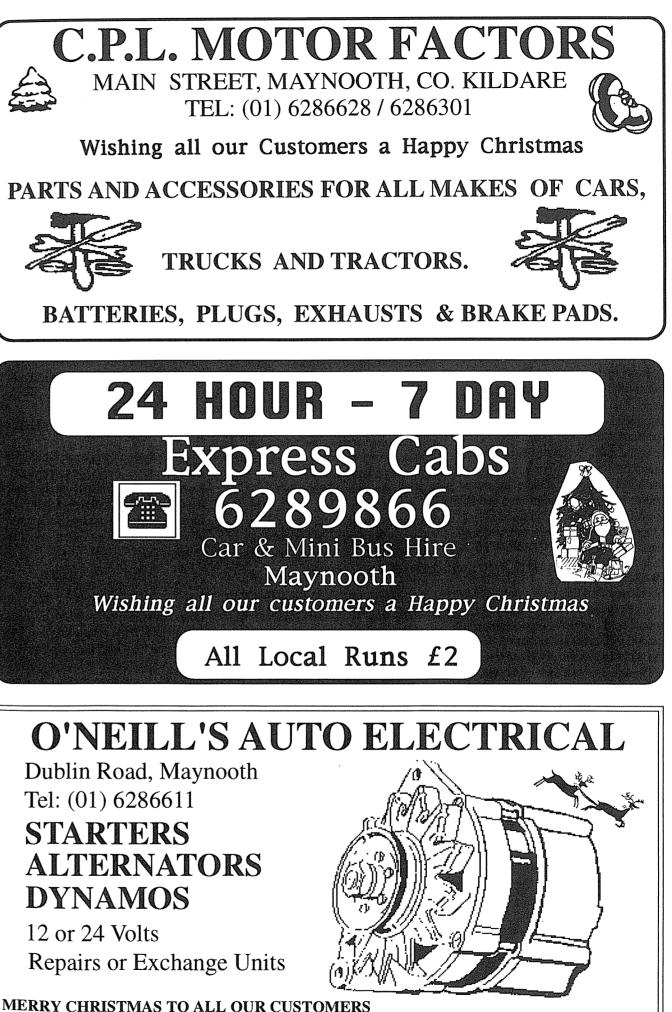
By the time you read this article our 'Sale of Work' will be over. However as the Newsletter copydate preceeded the 24th, I will not have any results until the next issue.

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







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 in1997.

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 coordinated approach to their development of the area as a whole.

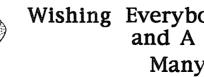
The preparation by Kildare County Council of its County Development Plan on this basis clearly implies that the Council should defer adopting any further development plans for towns/ villages pending the availability of the county plan."

• 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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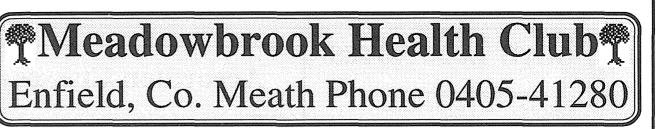
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

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:-SMALLEST CHRISTMAS TREE (FREE STANDING)

IRENE MATTHEWS P.R.O.



Children or adults interested in learning the Piano Accordion classes will commence in the New Year. (Children aged eight upwards)

For further information contact Rita O'Reilly on 6289095 (evenings)

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.



Opening hours: Mon. Closed, Tues. 10 - 8 Weds. & Thurs. 10 - 6, Fri. 10 - 8, Sat. 10 - 6



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

- 1st December 10.30 a.m. Eucharist
- 8th December 10.30 a.m. Morning prayer 15th December 10,30 a.m. Eucharist
- 22nd December 10.30 a.m. Eucharist
- 25th December 10.30 a.m. Festival Eucharist 29th December 10.30 a.m. Morning prayer

Carol Service Sunday 15th December at 7.00 p.m. **Everybody Welcome**

In charge Rev. Jane Galbraith Phone 8251877

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 lengths 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:

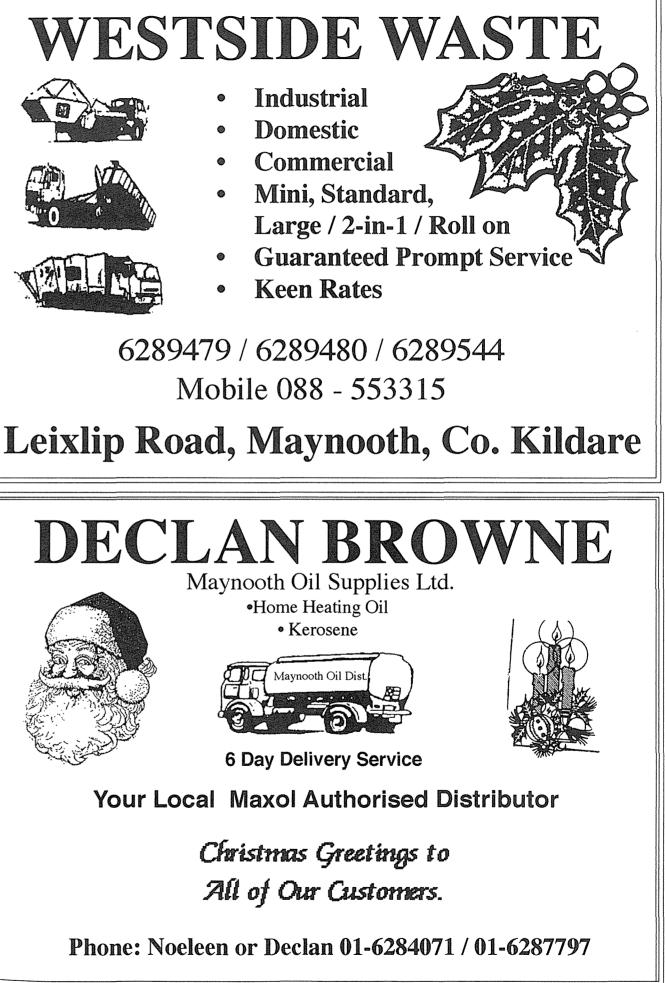
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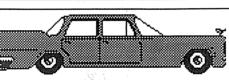


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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

R.C.A.G. NOTES

Ship aboy!

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 Créche: 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 Ouiz 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.

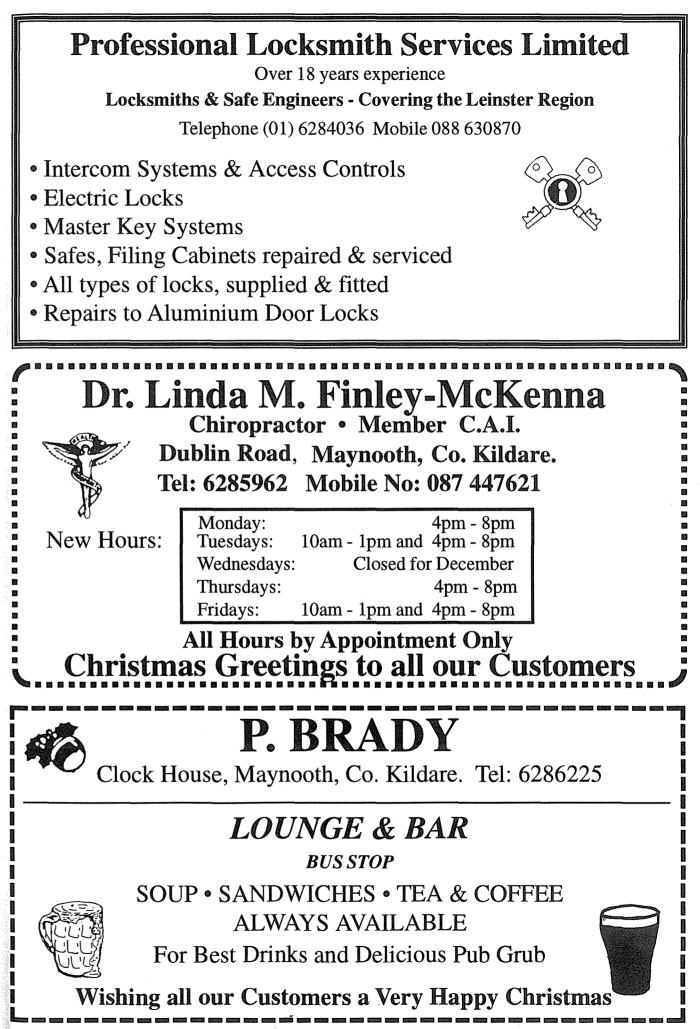
Beginning of a new era

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 futher information on any of the above matters please contact either: Martin Caine - Chairperson at 01-6291413, or at Maynooth Garda Station.



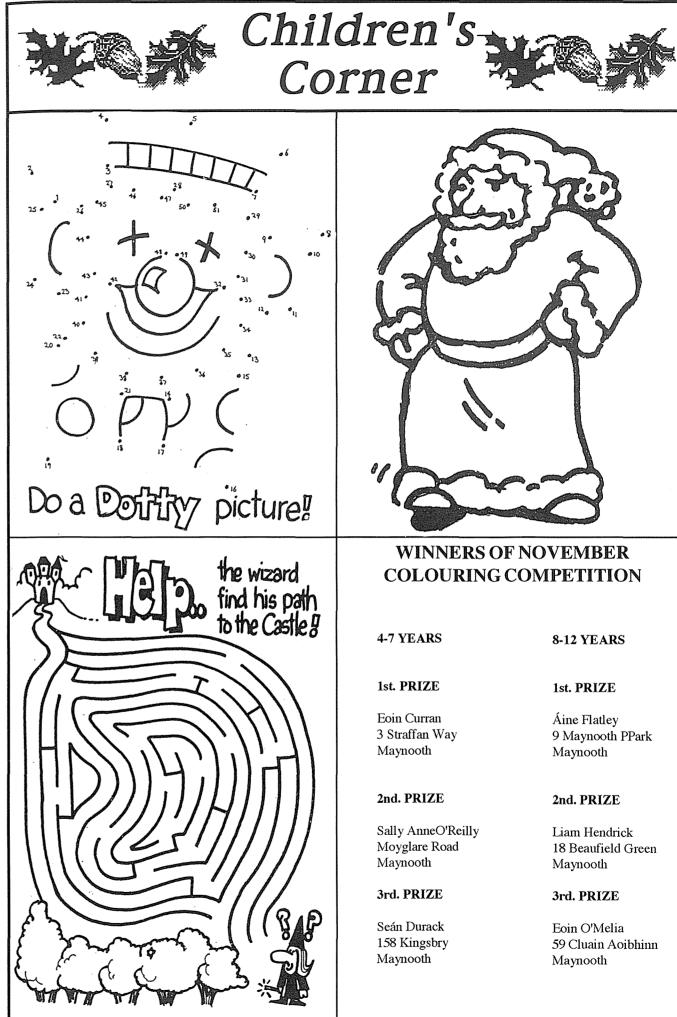


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MEADOWBROOK RESIDENTS

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.

Ted Kehoe and Staff

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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 Chairman Moyglare Residents Association



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Residents Associations

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Greenfield Residents Association wish all residents, readers, and Newsletter staff a very happy Christmas.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

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 gardaí, his neighbours and friends walked up to Laraghbryan cemetery and laid a wreath on his grave. Fr. Duhig lead the prayers.

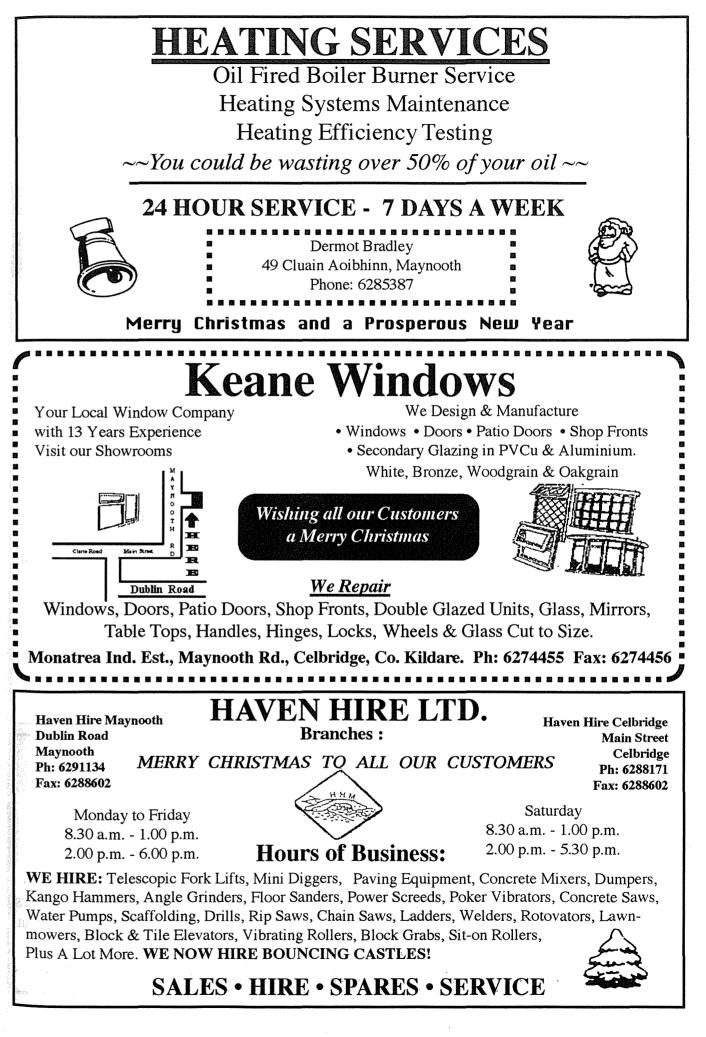
J. McGinley talked to the engineer to see if anything could be salvaged. Hopefully something worthwhile can be done to use this unique grant which Councillor McGinley and his fellow councillors, fought so hard for in the first place.

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.





Residents Associations

PARKLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Fancy Dress

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. Maynooth Bookshop The Orange Tree Movie Masters Callagy's Pharmacy The Mill Wine Cellar Maxol Ouinnsworth The Tender Touch Super Valu

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.

Liz Stoll

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SPICY WINTER SOUP

Serves 4-8 People

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 sov sauce
- 15ml cider vinegar
- 1 bunch spring onions, root trimmed
- 1 x 425g can pineapple rings or pieces in
- iuice • 3 pieces Chinese stem ginger and 30ml syrup
- from 280g jar
- 2 oranges, one segmented, one sliced
- 1 dsp. comflour made into a paste with 20ml water

METHOD

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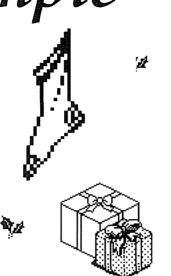
2. Remove giblets from duckling, rinse and dry thoroughly inside and out with kitchen paper. Prick the skin lightly with a fork. Sprinkle with salt. Place in roasting tin.

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/11b fruit some fruit to decorate

Prepare ahead

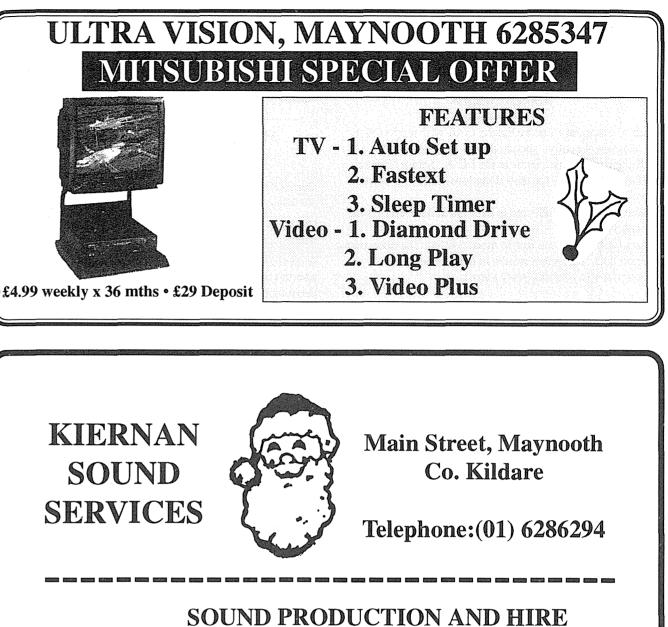
1. Whisk egg whites with a pinch of salt to form stiff peaks. Gradually beat in icing sugar, adding just 1tbsp at a time. Continue until sugar is absorbed and the mixture is smooth and glossy.

2. Cover two baking sheets with baking parchment, then draw 12 fourinch 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.

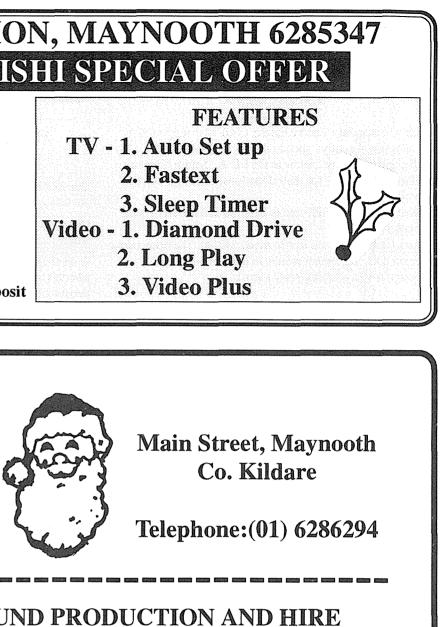
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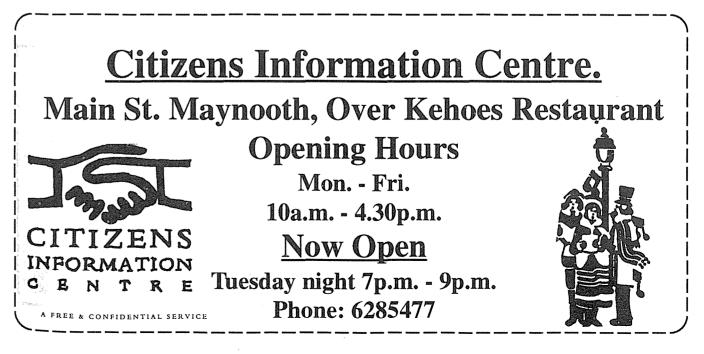
3. Spread base meringue with fromage frais, scatter some fruit over this and top with the other meringue. Decorate the top with a sprig of fresh red currants or other fresh fruit depending on what's in season, and dust with icing sugar.











ALZHEIMERS NATIONAL TEA-DAY

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who supported my Tea Morning recently - special thanks to Quinnsworth, 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:

Committee:

P.R.O.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Rhia Walsh Madeline O'Haire Claire O'Rourke 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

Seamus O'Connell

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.**

Teacher Rep.:





Remember for 1997

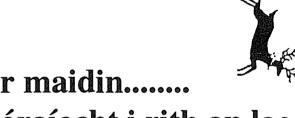
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ó ag buladh bos, ag buladh bos Ag buladh bos go léir Ag buladh bos, ag buladh bos Ag buladh bos go léir.'

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.



Cailiní 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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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 Geogeghan, 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.

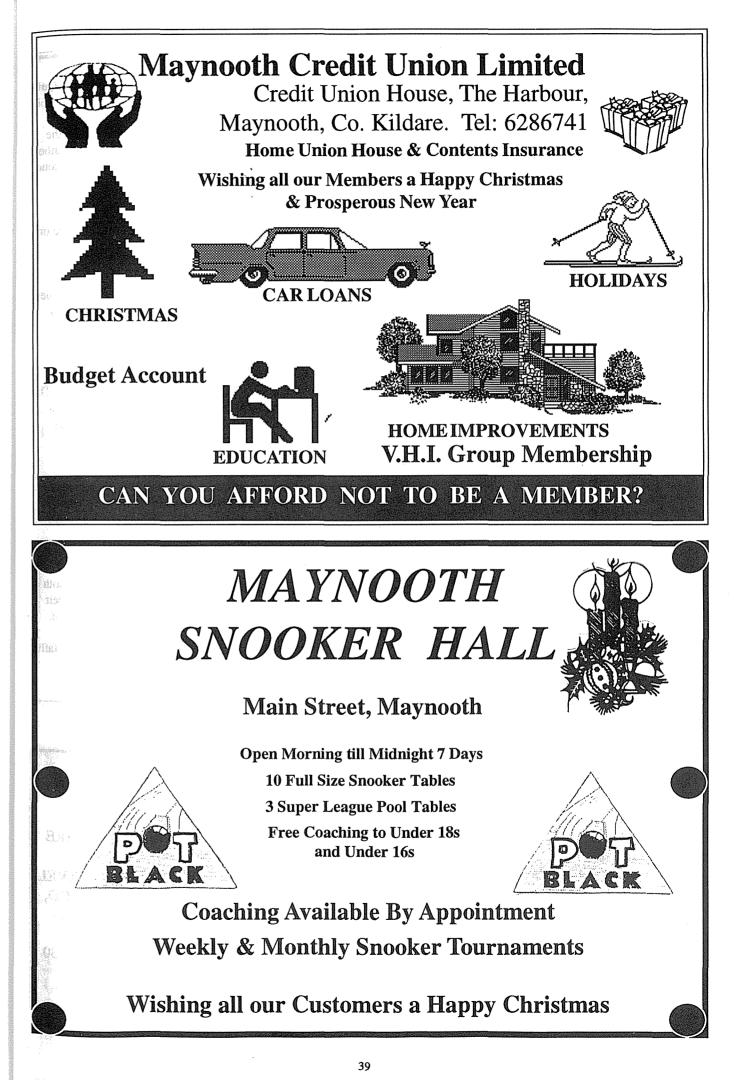
After the ceremony was over, presentations were made to two of last year's students on the basis of their Leaving Certificate results. Una Burke was presented with a prize for obtaining the best Leaving Certificate result among girls. She is now studying sports science at Limerick University. The prize 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





SCOIL UÍ RIADA

As the official Gaelscoil for Maynooth & Kilcock since 1986, we began our 10th Anniversary celebrations entitled "Deich mblian 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 Ui 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'Muirithe, Príomhoide of Scoil Uí Riada

Thanking Mr Nixon, Seamus O Muirithe 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 cooperative 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 Ui 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 naionain 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 Gaeilge

We provide classes for parents and adults in the Maynooth & Kilcock area who want to brush up on, or rediscover, their Irish. Beginners and more advanced classes are available. Cost is £20 for 10 sessions, held in the school and class commenced on Monday 25th November at 8pm. Beidh failte roimh gach einne. Fón 6287906.

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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 postering, leafleting 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 signon.

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.

Admission to this evening is by ticket

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.

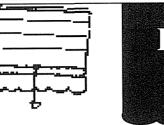
- The teams will alternate, with the proposing team going first.

- 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 Dermot O' Mahoney (President)



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CHRISTMAS TERROR

Every New Year hundreds of puppies and kittens are abandoned in the streets. They were Christmas presents, loved for a while, until the novelty wore off and they started wetting and dirtying and chewing shoes and toys.

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" Geraldines 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 \pounds 80,000 a year. It only costs \pounds 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.

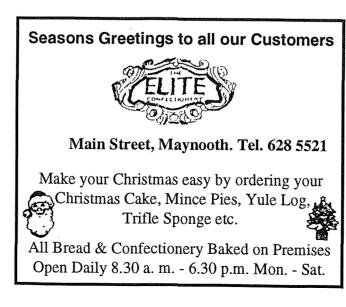
Every February, Geraldine gets around 40 dogs who have been abandoned after Christmas...

Think about it - don't give puppies for Christmas.

Congratulations to Geraldine, for being declared Rehab Kildare Person of The Year in November.

If you wish to donate the following: Blankets/Towels Old Newspapers Tins Dog/Cat Food Black Sacks Camp Beds Dettol.....etc. Please bring donations to the Community Council Offices before December 19th.

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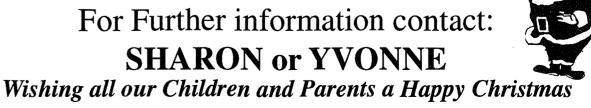
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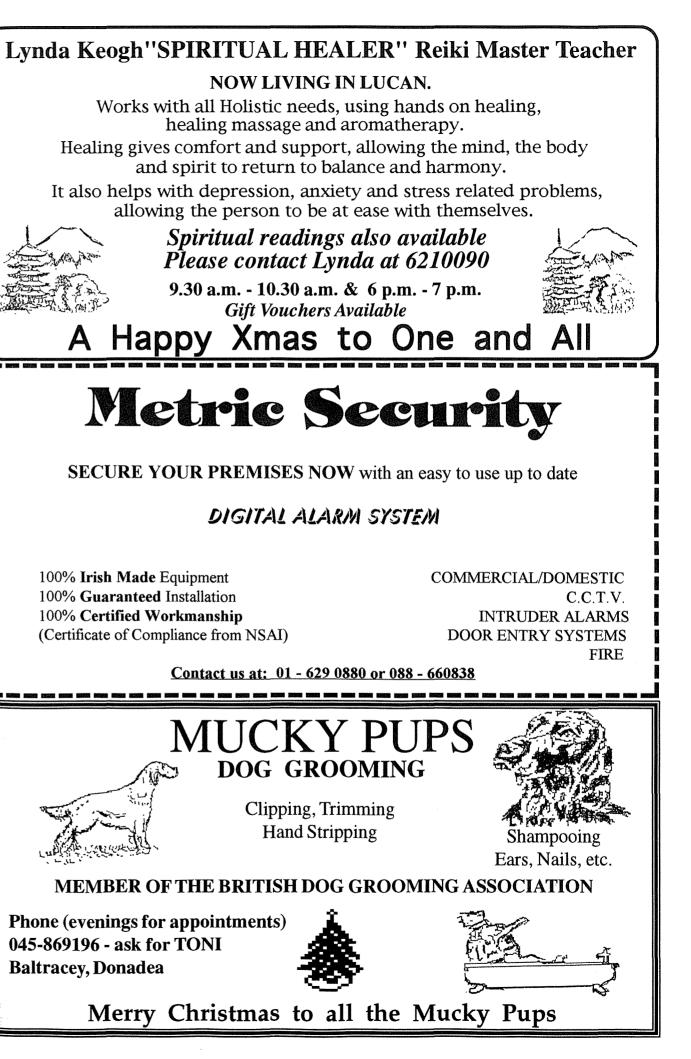
Welcome

A warm welcome to Dearbhla Mescal and David O'Gorman who have recently transferred to the Maynooth station.

Going Away

If you are planning to go away during the Christmas period, notify us at the station, and tell a trusted neighbour.

Finally, a special thankyou to all for their assistance to Garda Síochana during 1996. Best wishes for Christmas and New Year.



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This year marks the 30th Anniversary of one of the oldest voluntary organisations in the country - the Irish Heart Foundation.

The work of the Foundation is about encouraging people to lead healthier lifestyles, to promote health and well being. Happy Heart Community Groups contribute by organising information sessions, stop smoking, promoting walking and exercise events.

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**

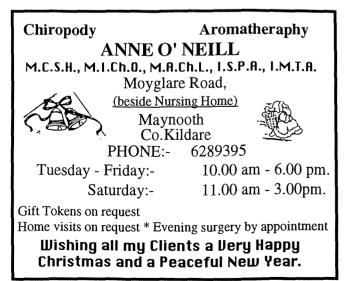
At the recent public meeting a Committee was set up to organise a campaign of work to develop and maintain the local cemetery at Laraghbryan. Due to the poor condition of the cemetery many people had strong feelings and voiced those feelings in no uncertain manner. The onerous task of bringing the cemetery 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 cooperation of everyone will be appreciated. Anyone with assistance or advice to offer can contact any member of the committee.

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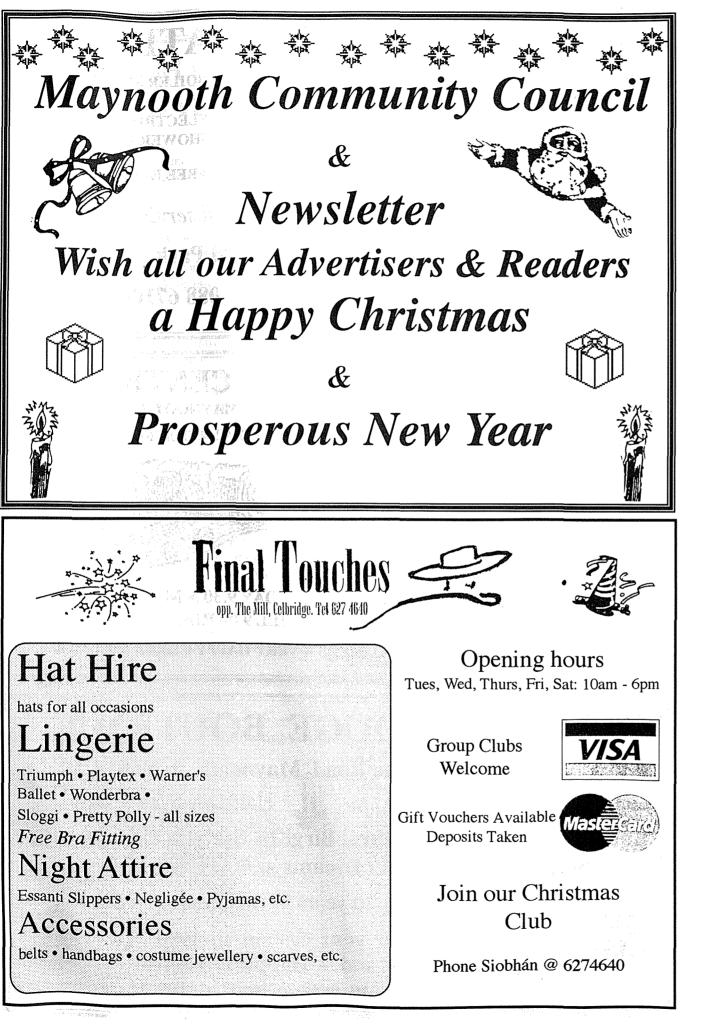


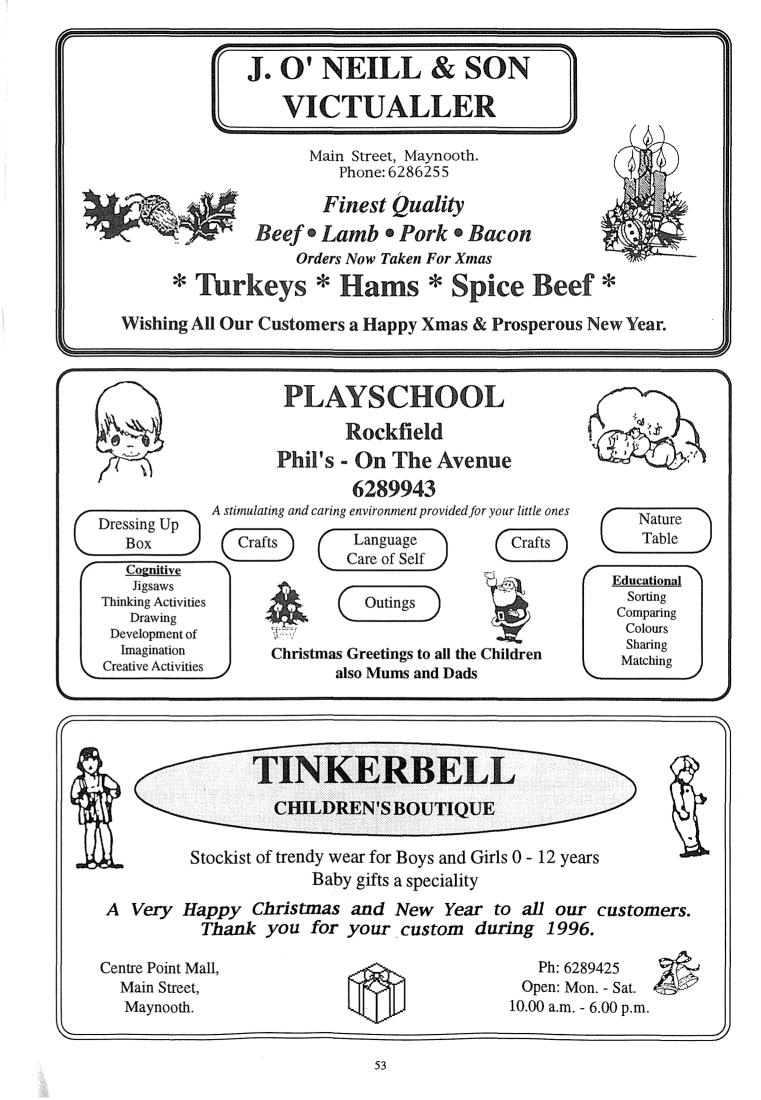
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NEW GAA HANDBALL ALLEY

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 facilites were improved in the mainly disused adjoining "shed".

The Handball Federation of Ireland hope to hold leagues here. It is hoped ato 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, \pounds 70,000 has already been spent on the GAA centre this year and more funding will not be available till next year.

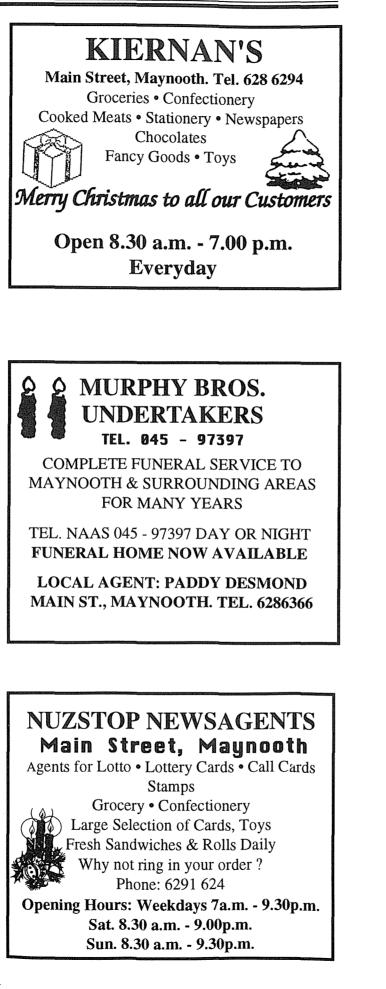
NEW START '96

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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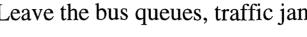
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THE PRESIDENT TAKES TEA WITH MAYNOOTH'S OLD-TIMERS!Or does she?

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 offically 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 embarrasing seconds later the clanging was silenced and Mary Robinson was heard to say "Taim críochnatha anois". to much laughter and applause.



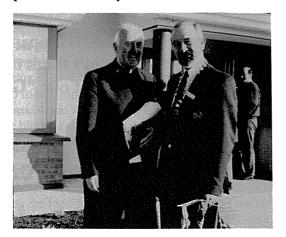
This was followed by a speech from Lion Desmond Farrell, and then the proceedings were closed by Peter O' Sullivan.



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.



Features

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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 Fusciardi, 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.

With the continued growth in Maynooth I am finding I need more help for this annual mission. I may be contacted at 17 Newtown Court phone 6289817 or 087-455253. Looking forward to your continued support next year.

Tommy Daly



A WINTER WONDERLAND

'Sleighbells ring....jingle bells....Silent night..... Santa Claus.... these are just some of the images and songs that conjure up the feeling of Christmas.

But what does Christmas mean to you? We took the beat to the street to find out what you think.

Martin Davies, Maynooth

"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"

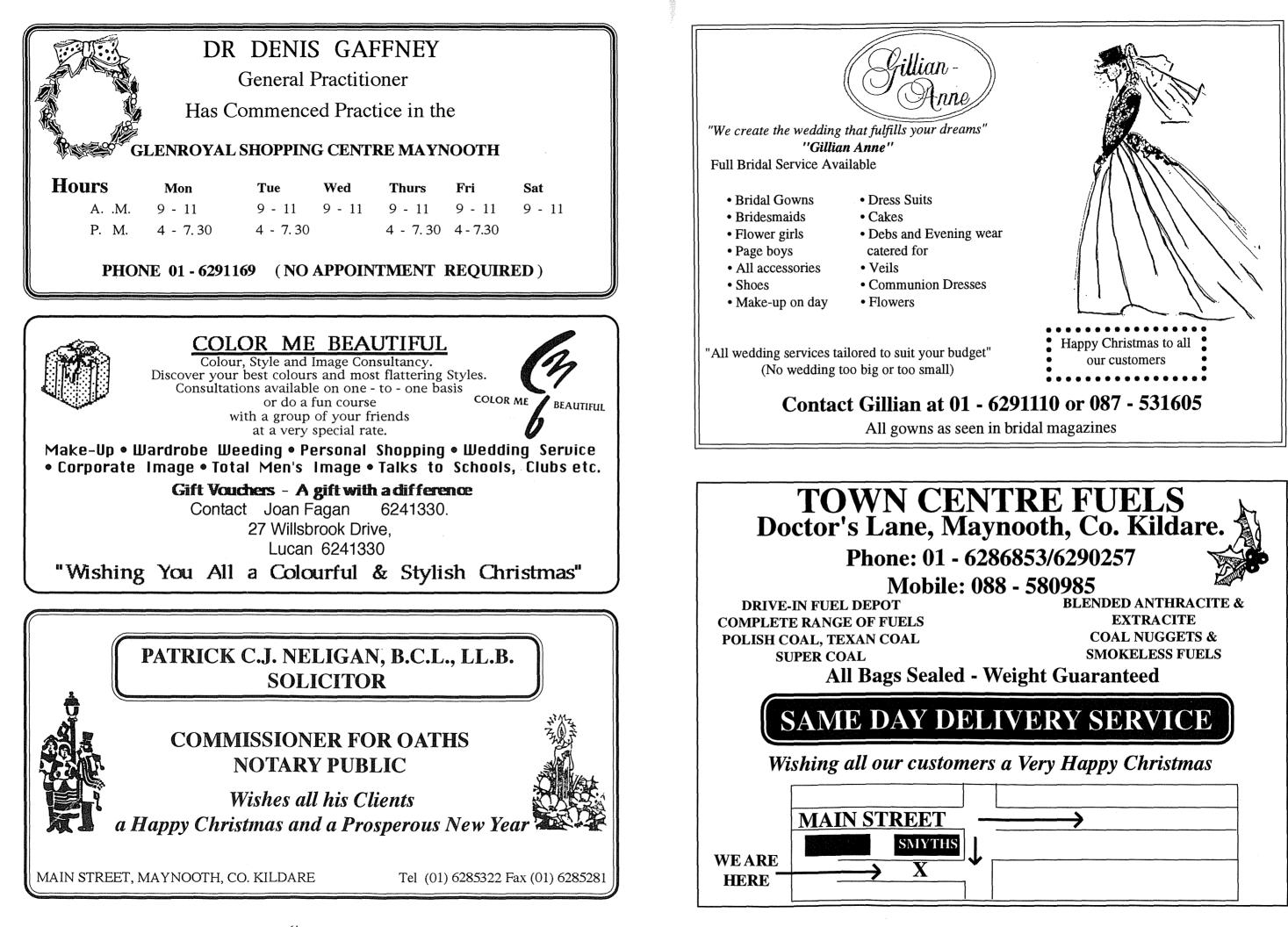


Joe Donnelly & Henry Carthy

Henry Carthy, Maynooth

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"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!" And not a mention of the real reason for Christmas - the Winter Solstice - to be heard!



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 Ballydougan 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 makeup, 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:

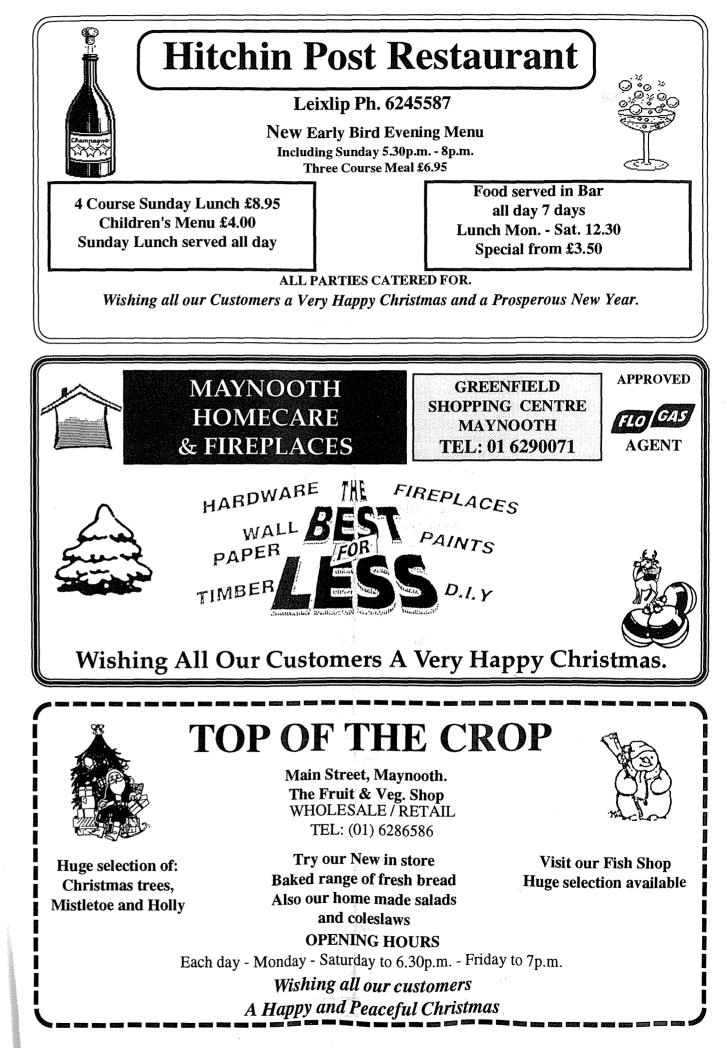
- 'Leading Hollywood' by Aine O'Connor an insight into the lives of leading Irish actors - Byrne, Neeson, Brosnan etc.
- 2. 'Here's Looking at you Kid' Ireland goes to the Pictures.
- 3. 'Dare to Die' by Gareth O'Callaghan a thriller.
- 4. 'Sue An Irish American Love Story' by Vincent Doyle (a local 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.

The bookshop also has all the favourites - old and new, plus a large children's section that is as colourful as it is varied well worth a visit.

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Have a blossoming Christmas!

Although it may seem strange, flowers can be a wonderful and invigorating present at Christmas. With two florists in Maynooth there are no shortage of bouquets, posies and dried flower arrangements for the home. Not forgetting of course those Christmas favourites - the holly wreath and the table display, or how about welcoming Santa with a garland for the fireplace?

Both Katies Flowers and The Flower Pot advise - book early!

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!

MAYNOOTH LIBRARY

Children's recommended Book List for Christmas '96

0-4 Years

'Sin E, ansin E, Seach, Faigh, Foghlim' 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 McKevitt (Blackwater) 'Fields of Home' by Marita Conlon-McKenna (O'Brien) 'The Gizmo Again' by Paul Jennings (Puffin) 'Harriet's Hare' by Dick King-Smith (Corgi)

Teens

R.L. Stine's New Series 'The Ghosts of Fear Street' 'Shadow Boxer' by Chris Lynch (Poolbeg) 'Sceoin sa Bhoireann' Ré ó Laighléis (Cló Iar-Chonnachta) 'Vampyre' by Michael Scott (Poolbeg) 'Twelfth of July' by Joan Lingard (Puffin)

General

'How to Look after your Pet Puppy' by Mark Evans The Usborne Guides to Ballet, Dance, Painting and Drawing.

Fiona White. Maynooth Library

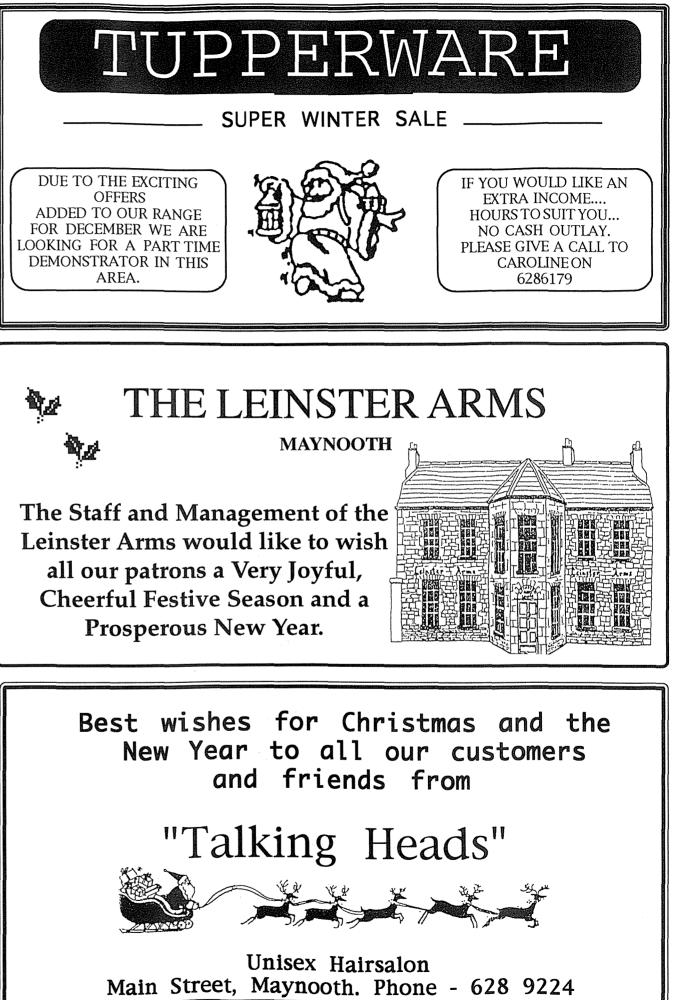


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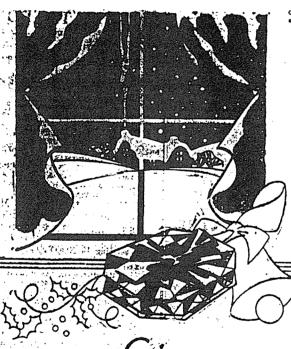


As Time Goes By! Christmas 1946

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.

So, we've put together a sample of advertisementss that appeared in the Times and Independent for Christmas 1946.





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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 cliche 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.WELL WORTH IT!!!! Verdict.....

Seasonal viewing

It's a Wonderful Life: They don't make'em like this any more!

White Christmas: What can I say?

Scrooged: Modern version of "A Christmas Carol", with Bill Murray.

Dr. Zhivago: Sweeping epic with Omar Sharif and plenty of snow.

Specially for the Young Ones

The Snowman: Snowman comes to life and takes young boy for a spin.

The Night Before Christmas: Freeze-frame story at its best.

Babe: The pig who wants to become a sheepdog. Great fun!!

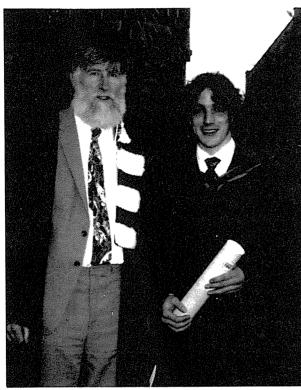
Toy Story: First full-length computer animation film. Terrific Stuff!!! 101 Dalmations: Adorable tale of adorable puppies'

adventures. Lovely.

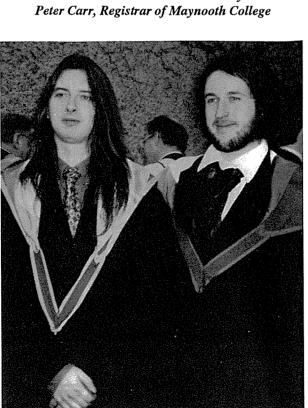




Graduates of 1996



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.*



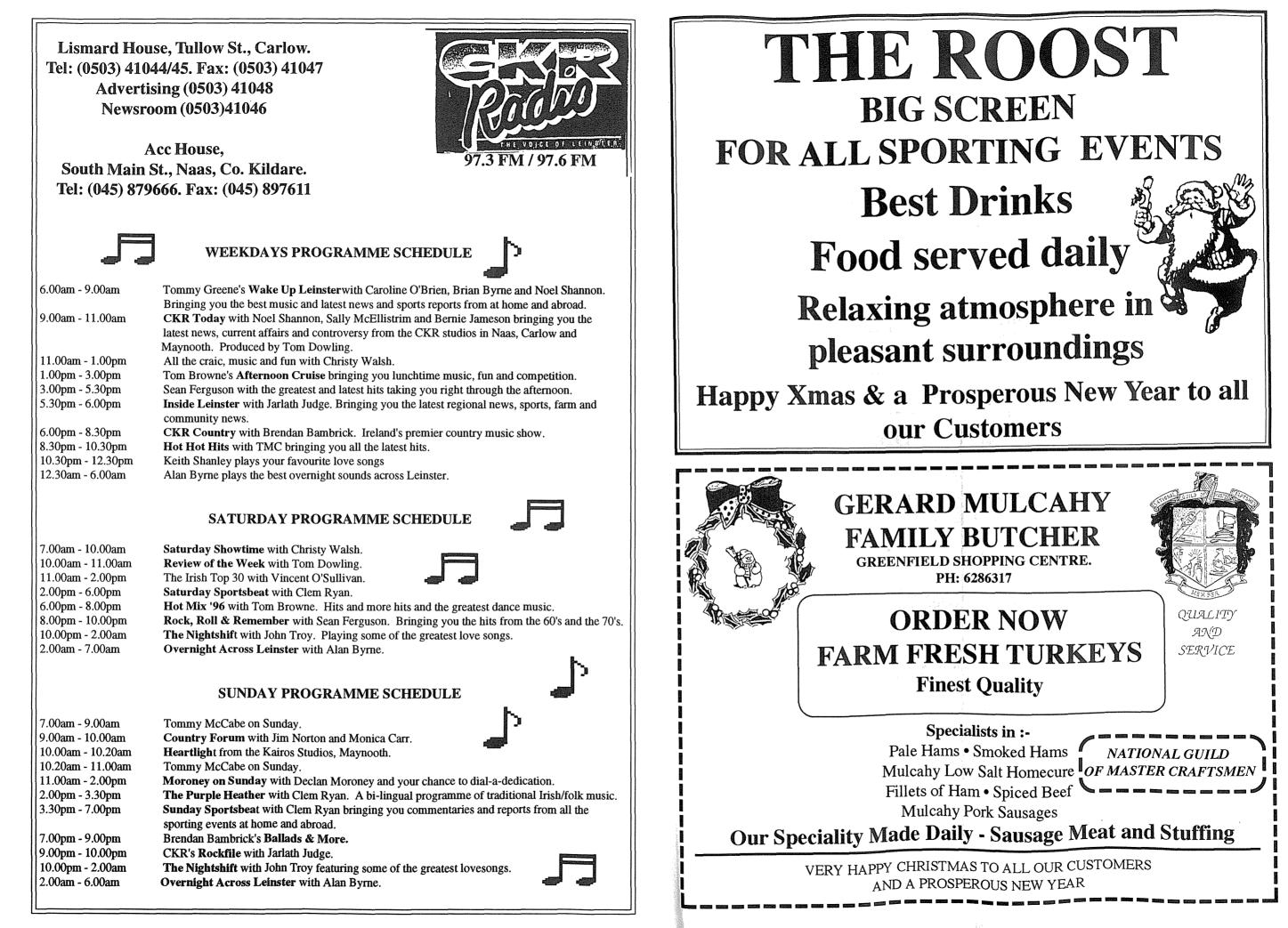






hipsters and Jackets.

Skirts. Also stocking a new range of colours in " Castle Knitwear "



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 $\pounds1,500,000$. This means that the cost of the bridge had increased $\pounds600,000$ 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 Mc Ginley 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.

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

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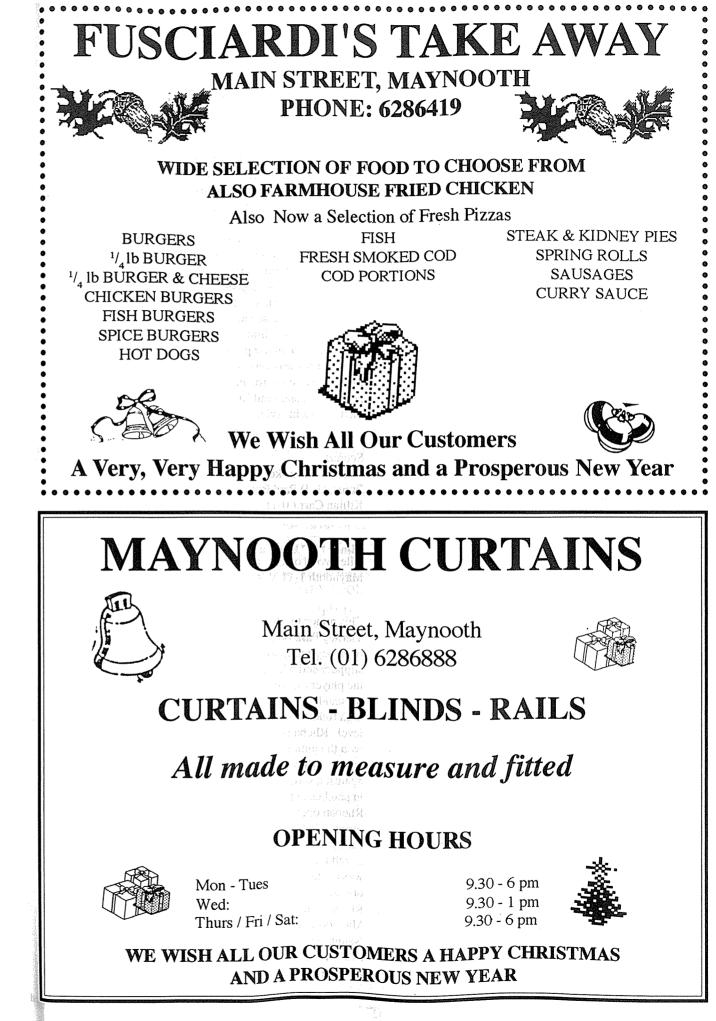


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Sports

GAA NOTES

Christmas Dart's Results:-

12/10/96	1st 2nd 3rd	C. O'Grady T. Fay M. Carroll
19/10/96	1st 2nd	Esther Halligan K. Bright
26/10/96	3rd 1st 2nd	M. Carroll K. Bright M. Doran
02/11/96	3rd 1st 2nd	G. Long T. Fay P. Moran
09/11/96	3rd 1st 2nd 3rd	J. Edwards Mona Byrne Shelly Riordan 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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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.

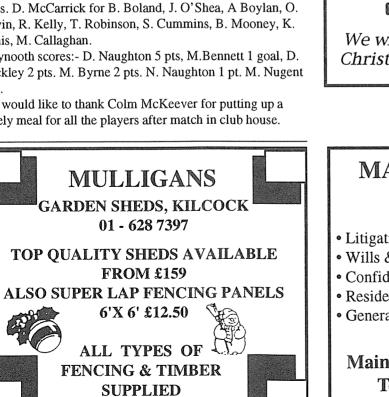
The second half was three minutes old when Rheban struck for their third goal. A high delivery by Derek Byrne deceived backs and forwards alike and somehow ended up in the back of the net. The same player added a delightful point as Rheban regained the lead and looked as if they would go on to victory. 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.Lvons, 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.

We would like to thank Colm McKeever for putting up a lovely meal for all the players after match in club house.







MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Bad Spell of Weather

The recent spell of wet weather has greatly curtailed our activities at all levels with League and cup fixtures having to be deferred.

Despite the bad weather however we held a mini world cup style tournament on October Bank Holiday Monday. The much coveted Patsy Byrne Memorial Cup was the prize at stake with trophies generously sponsored by The Roost. Teams were comprised of players from our under 9 and under 10 teams and each team was given an international team name.

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.

Maynooth 0. Bacchus 3 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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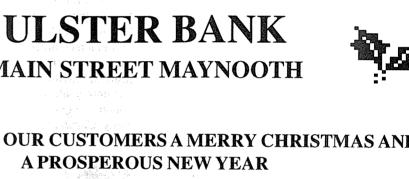
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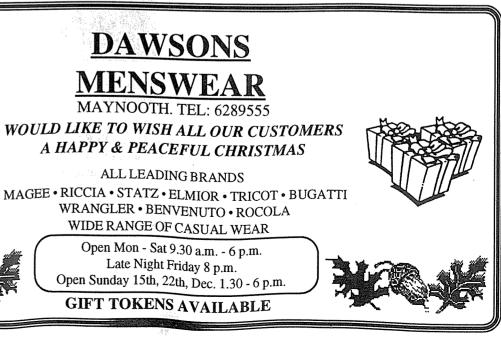
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Sports

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 McMahons 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.

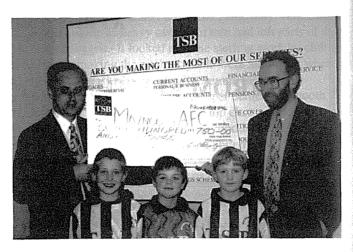
D.D.S.L. U/18

Maynooth Town 6 Lucan Utd. 1

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 hal, f 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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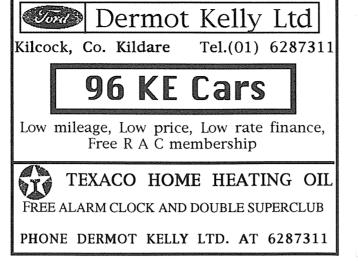
From Under 8's to the Senior teams (Ladies and Mens), Maynooth Town F.C. play every Saturday and Sunday - your support is always welcome.

The club would like to extend best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year and would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the past year.



Simon Gray f rom the West Country in England, delighting the public with his melodious fiddling



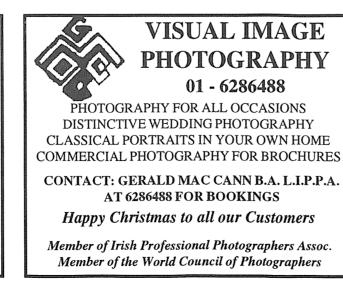


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A special word of thanks to Dr. Cowhey and his staff past and present, to Nurse Campbell and Nurse Gartfield and Professor Gleeson and all the staff of Blanchardstown Hospital.

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.

NOVENA

Prayer to the Virgin Mary (never known to fail): O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity... O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my Mother, Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity, there are none that can withstand your power, O show here you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times), Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times), sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times), O thank you for your mercy to me and mine, Amen.

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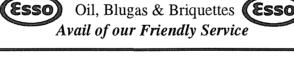
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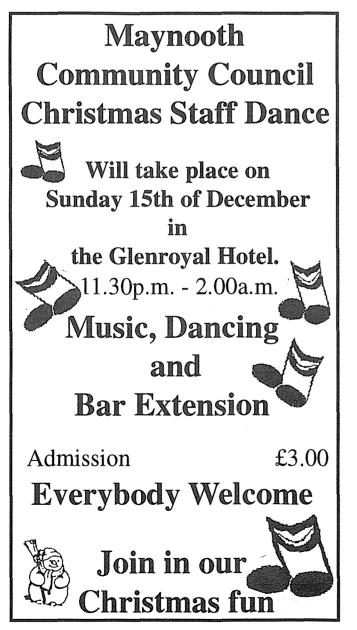
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Birthday

Birthday Wishes to Claire: Happy Birthday on the 12th. December.

Best Wishes from, Mam, Dad, Gerard, Grannies, and Grandad.



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"Rindle the fire and go to your slumber Jesus will lie in this household tonight" Gabriel Fitzmaurice

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