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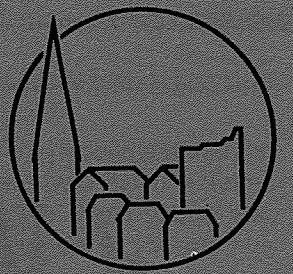
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A major survey of Maynooth residents is to be carried out by Maynooth College students in early February. The survey will mainly focus on employment, transport, and attitudes to the development of the town of Maynooth. The survey is being conducted by the College's Department of Geography in conjunction with Maynooth Community Council. Up to 150 students in all will be involved, and they will be calling on randomly-selected houses around the town in the first week of February.



Dr. Shelagh Waddington and students preparing for Maynooth Survey.

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

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

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



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

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

EDITORIAL

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

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

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Traffic Lights - Bond Bridge

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Planning and Development Sub-Committee

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

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

Land rezoning is the only real power that county councillors

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

- Residential: 374 acres
- Comm./Indus.: 108 acres
- Amenity: 52 acres

Total: 534 acres (approx)

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

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

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

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

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Chairman

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

Maynooth Development Plan, Catherine Murphy View Background:

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

My attitude to the current plan/planning:

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

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

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



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

Main Street Improvement plan

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

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

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

Councillor Catherine Murphy

Maynooth Development Plan, John McGinley's View

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How we will reach our decisions:

Our role as councillors is to draw up a plan in accordance with proper planning and development of the area. In my view it is essential that we cater for the needs of the schools, the soccer club and the G.A.A. club by zoning appropriate land amenity so that they can develop playing pitches. In addition we need to provide sufficient open space in the town for passive recreation activities to serve the needs of the towns existing and future population.

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

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

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

It is not an easy task.

Councillor John McGinley

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- Carton Avenue - Cut grass and tidy up trees - Clean up cans, bottles, etc.
- Put rockery opposite church and landscape same.
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- Harbour Road, plant and maintain various areas.

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

Next month more news on our plans for '96.

Footnote or rather Wheel note

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

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

Richard Farrell. P.R.O.

SUMMER PROJECT

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

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

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

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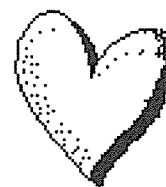
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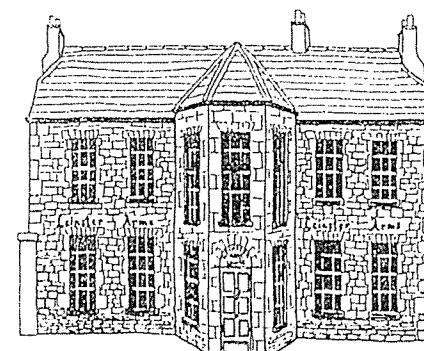
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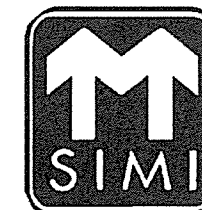
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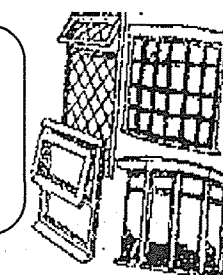
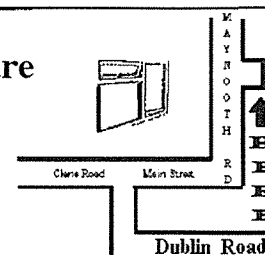
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

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

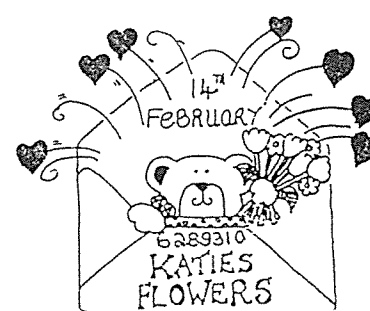
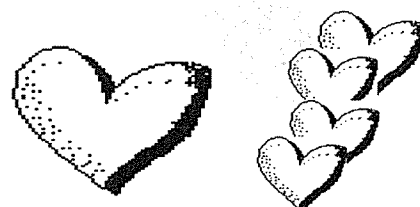
We organised a series of events including a photographic exhibition and cultural afternoon in the parish hall and erected the now vandalised plaque in Pound Park in memory of the Maynooth men who fought in the Rising.

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

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

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

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BAND BULLETIN

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

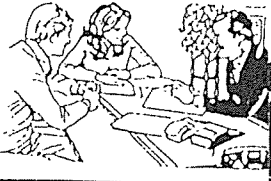
A quick look back at the last weeks of December in which we failed, unfortunately, to keep our promise to visit all areas with our Carol Recitals. Due to our inability to control the Weather Forecaster our plans were very much a washout on several nights so we did our best to spread ourselves as far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

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

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

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

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



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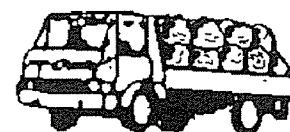
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

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

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

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

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

Counselling Service

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

Art Classes

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

Activities

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

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

Golfing Society News

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

Night Out Cancelled

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

Next Meeting

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

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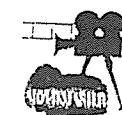
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CELBRIDGE CLUB WOULD SNAP UP NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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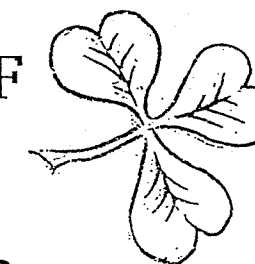
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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMME FOR 1996

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

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

Competitions:

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

Plant Competition: 3 stems of any Spring flower

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

MARCH 15th: Day school. Details later.

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

APRIL 16th: Spring Show - Details later.

MAY 21st: Demonstrator: Susan Mulvihill

Competitions:

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

Plant Competition: 1 stem of flowering shrub.

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

JUNE 29th: Annual outing.

SEPTEMBER 17th: Demonstrator: Dympna Kiernan

Competitions:

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

Plant Competition: 1 stem of an Flowering Herbaceous
perennial.

OCTOBER 15th:

A.G.M.

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

NOVEMBER 6th: - Day School.

Ideals for Christmas.

Ethna Nugent and Teresa Ledwith.

NOVEMBER 19th:

Demonstrator: Lynda Murphy

Competitions:

A, B & C Collage "My favourite picture"

Plant Competition:

1 stem berried shrub.

DECEMBER 10th:

Demonstrator: Fr. Sean McEvoy

Competitions:

A "Lets Party". Space 30"
B & C Christmas Parcel. Space 18".
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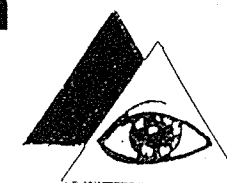
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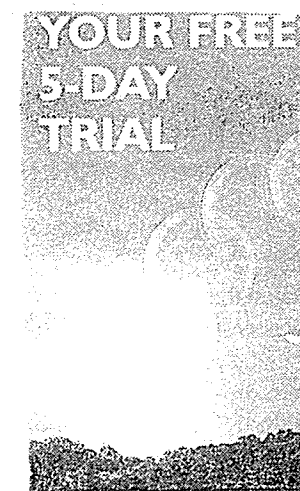


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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

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

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

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

Royal Canal Corridor Study

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

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

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

Proposals for Maynooth

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

Frieda Kelleher

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Old Peoples Annual Dinner



Old Peoples' Annual Dinner

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



Old Peoples' Annual Dinner

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



Old Peoples' Annual Dinner

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

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

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

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

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

J. Moore

Celbridge Friendship and Support Group

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

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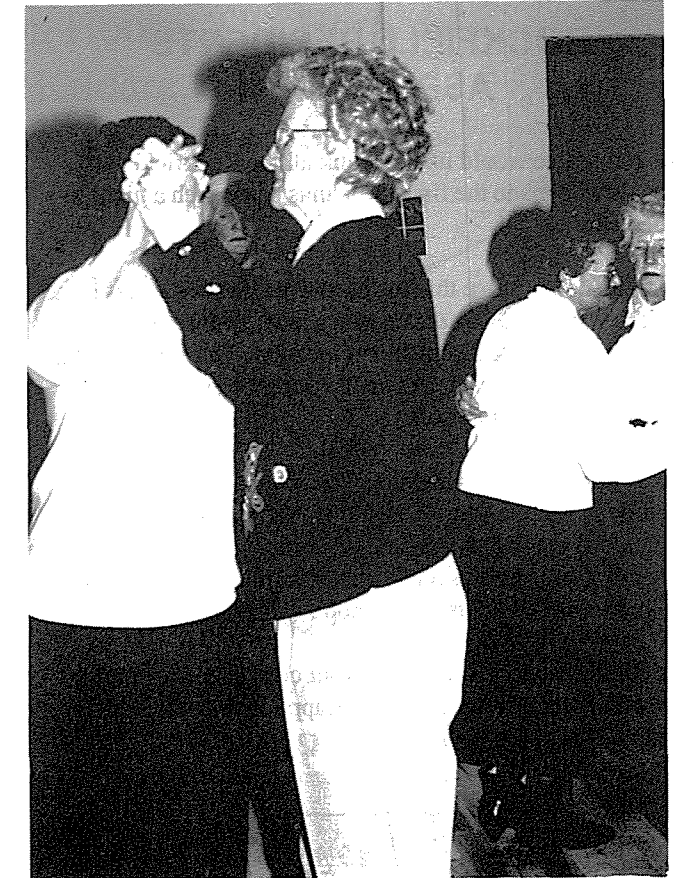
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*Old Peoples' Annual Dinner
Ita McTernan & Angela Caffery,
winners of Waltzing Competition*



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



*Old Peoples' Annual Dinner
J. Moore thanks Peter O'Brien for his generosity in
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The committee would like to thank all the Rockfield party animals who made the first Christmas party such a night to remember.

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

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

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

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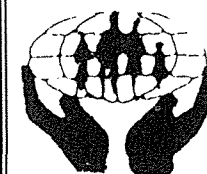
This competition will take place on 7th March in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth under the auspices of Maynooth Community Council. This competition is for Ladies over 35 who are married, widowed, separated or divorced and live in County Kildare.

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

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

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

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

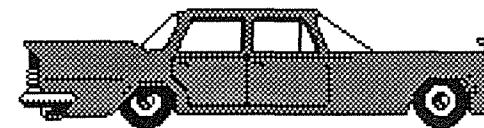


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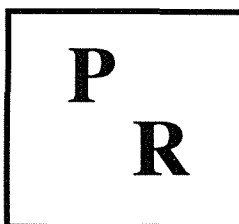
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DIARY DATES

5th February

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

6th February

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

8th February

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

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

18th February

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

19th February

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

20th February

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

Admission: £3.00 to non-members.

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

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

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

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

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

7th March

M'Lady Kildare Competition. Glenroyal Hotel

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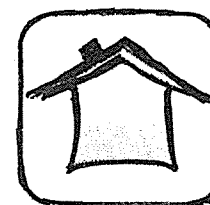
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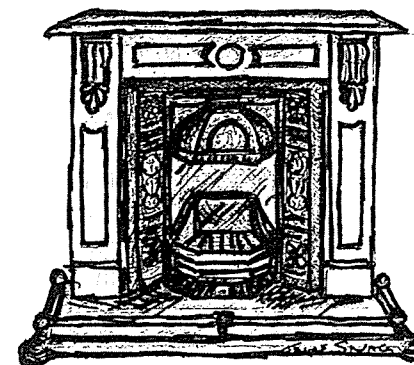
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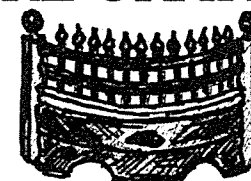
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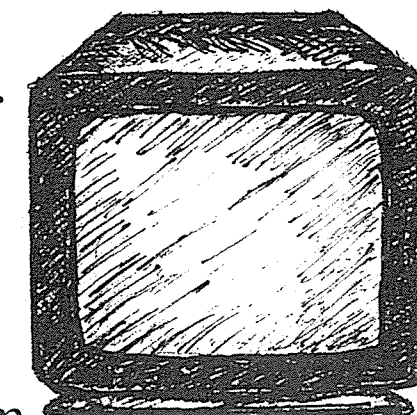
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LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

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

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

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

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

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

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

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

Michael Dillane (P.R.O)

Careers Exhibition - Tuesday 16th January.

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

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

Eunice Haughney
(Guidance Counsellor)

School News

(1) Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition 1996

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

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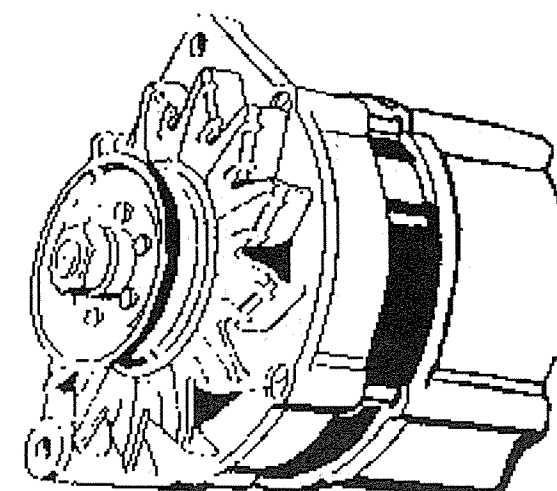
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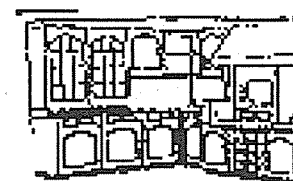
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The girls prepared questionnaire forms which were sent to thirty randomly chosen single sex schools and thirty randomly chosen co-educational schools. They wanted to compare like with like and could only do this by randomly selecting school names from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

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

(2) Gaelic Football

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

Michael J Walsh

POETRY

Social

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

Renewed Attempts

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



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

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

And
Sometimes I try
To reach for the sky.

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

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

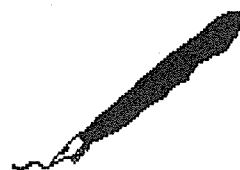
It'll take a grand speaker and make him a bore,
It'll rape your dear mother and make your sister a whore.
It'll make a school teacher forget how to teach,
It'll make the good preacher no more want to preach.

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

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

So keep a watch out don't be blind, look and see,
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To everyone our most grateful thanks.

MARY COWHEY - SECRETARY.

Scoil Ui Riada Serving Maynooth/Kilcock

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

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

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

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

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

to serve your needs.

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

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Royal Wedding

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



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

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

perfect antidote to the wintry days still upon us.

College Cabs

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

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

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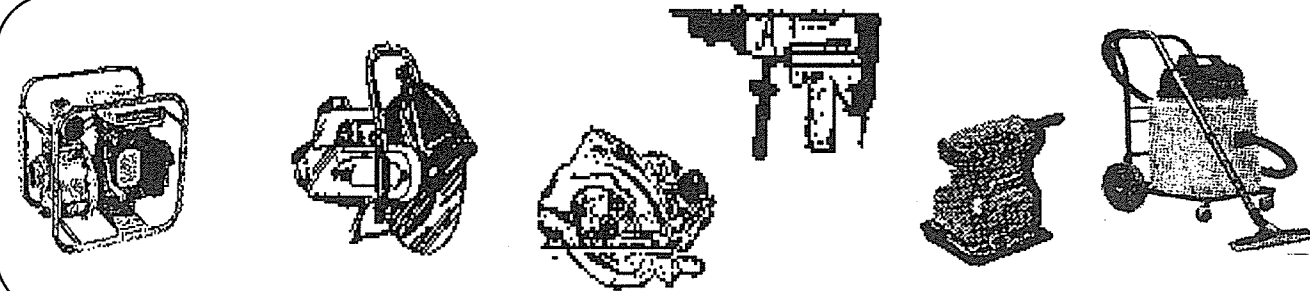
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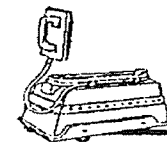
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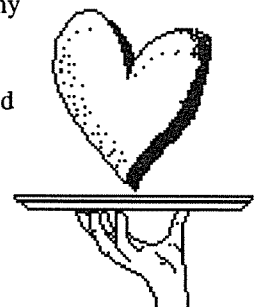
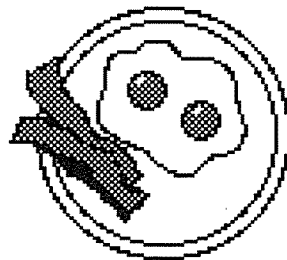
COFFEE CULTURE

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

The Rye Smile

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

Recommended: BLT and Chips or the Lunchtime special.

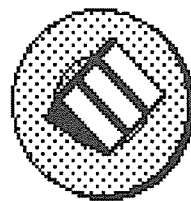


Kehoe's Delicatessen

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

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

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



Elitism

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

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



Recommended: Pick a bun!

Perfectly Fitted Kitchen

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

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

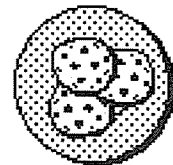
Recommended: Hawaiian burger and chips.



Hot Potato

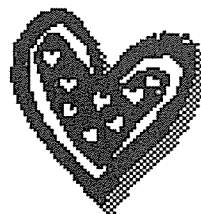
Situated beside the bookshop in one of the new square units, Pic-Kwik's is just the place to go to pick up a hot potato. A recent addition to the Maynooth restaurant scene if it's freshly made sandwiches or baked potatoes you're after then this is the place to go. Like most of the restaurants we visited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

Recommended: Baked potato with mild chilli sauce.



A Walk on the Wilde Side

If you ever have any reason to be in the Beafield area, or even if you haven't, take a walk out to Oscar's in the Newtown stores complex. Their breakfast (all day) is a perfect kick



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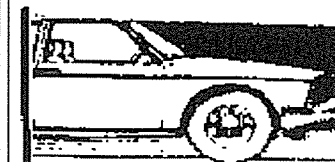
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start to the day, no matter when it starts, and as they stay open until 7p.m. on Thursday and Friday this could mean up to an extra hour in bed in the evening (students will know what I mean). The decor is nice and bright and the big fish tank in the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

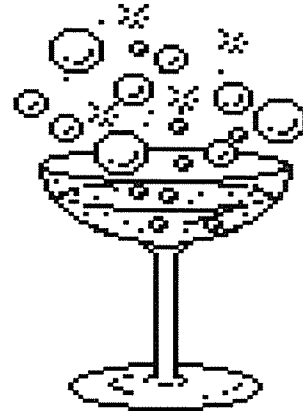
Recommended: Hot apple danish and coffee.

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



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

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



VIDEO REVIEW

Judge Dredd (15s)

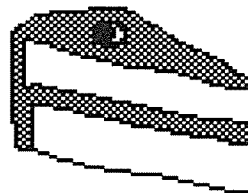
The Judge Dredd and 2000 A.D. comic strips have a cult following, but this film will appeal to almost everybody. Sylvester Stallone stars as Dredd, and does a solid job. The special effects are excellent; in particular the "Lawmaster", a motorcycle armed with laser cannons that can also fly! The whole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

First Knight (P.G.)

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

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

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



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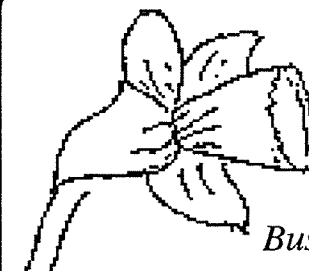
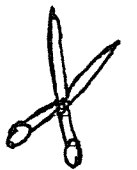
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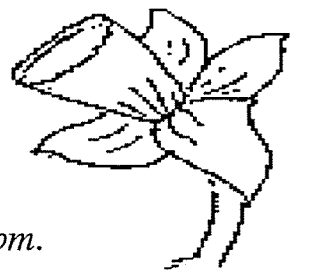
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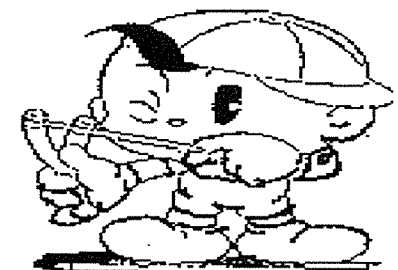
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Predictions for 1996

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

January

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

February

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

March

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

April

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

May

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

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

June

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

July

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

August

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

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

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

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

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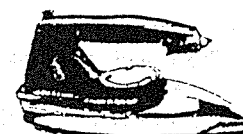
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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!!

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

The Flower Garden

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

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

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

Some February Plants in Flower

The Flower Garden
Aconite
Christmas Rose
Crocus
Cyclamen
Iris
Snowdrop

The Ornamental Garden

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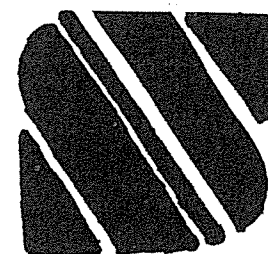
Throughout the garden weeds may be starting to grow. Hoe them off or otherwise eradicate them before they get into their stride - it is so much easier to do and quicker, when they are at the seedling stage, or when they have only a weak winter hold on the soil. In the growing season it sometimes takes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

House Plants

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

Sowing Seeds

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



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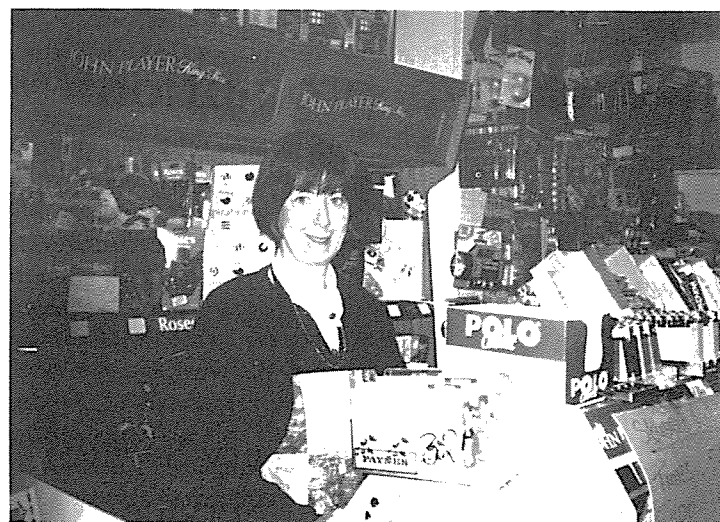
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Valentine's Day



• James Currie -- Postman

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



• Carol Mc Nally -- Nuzstop

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

• Fintina Regan -- Katies Flowers

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



• Breda Donovan -- Donovan's Newsagents

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

Wednesday, February 14th

• Terri Rogers -- Just Gifts

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

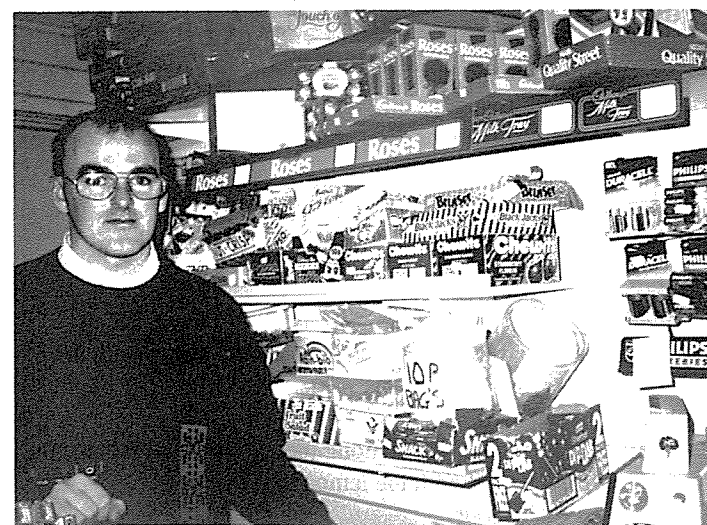


• Joe Wall -- Cardinal Press

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

• Sean Horgan -- Keely's Corner

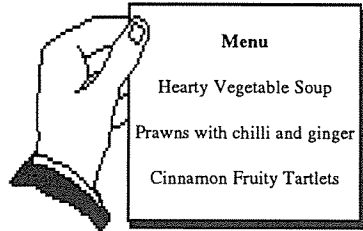
We caught Sean on the hop early in January before he even began to think about Valentines (at least that's what he wanted us to think) but eventually he did admit to enjoying the day, although he "doesn't take it all that seriously"! (We believed him, thousands wouldn't).



• Carol Harte -- The Flower Pot

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

Deliciously Simple



Hearty Vegetable Soup

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

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

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



Prawns with chilli and ginger

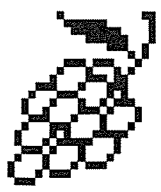
Serves: 4
Prep: 10 mins
Cook: 1 min



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

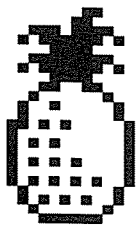
- 1 Peel the shells from the prawns, leaving the tails intact. Remove the black vein from the back of the prawn and discard.
- 2 Place the shredded spring onions, ginger and chilli sauce in a small, heatproof dish.
- 3 Heat the oil in a saucepan and pour over the spring onion mixture. Stir in the soy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

Cinnamon Fruity Tartlets



Serves: 4
185 calories per serving
2 1/2 Fat Units per serving

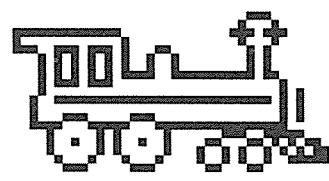
- 115g/4oz filo pastry
- 20ml/4 teaspoons oil
- 115g/4oz fresh or canned pineapple
- 75g/3oz grapes
- 200g/7oz fromage frais, 0% fat
- 1.25-2.5ml (1/4-1/2) teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Lemon balm to decorate



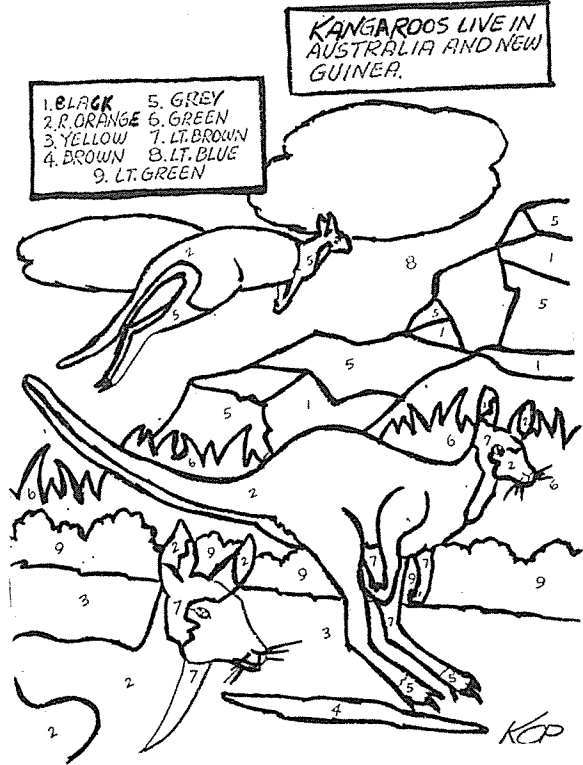
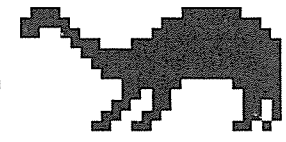
- 1 Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/gas mark 6.
- 2 Lay the sheets of filo pastry on a board and cut into 4 x 13cm/5in squares.
- 3 Brush 4 x 8cm/3in tartlet tins with a little of the oil. Line the tins with the pastry squares, then brush the pastry with the remaining oil.
- 4 Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until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

COOK'S NOTE

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

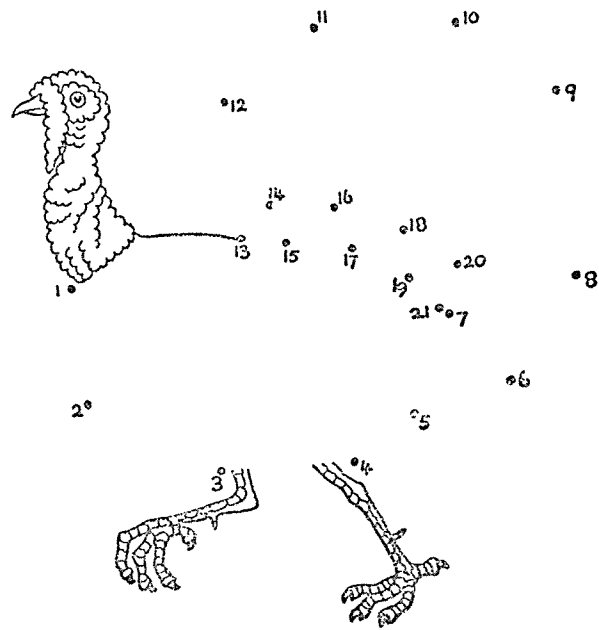


Children's Corner



CATCH THE TURKEY

You can see his head and legs but the rest of him you must draw for yourself.



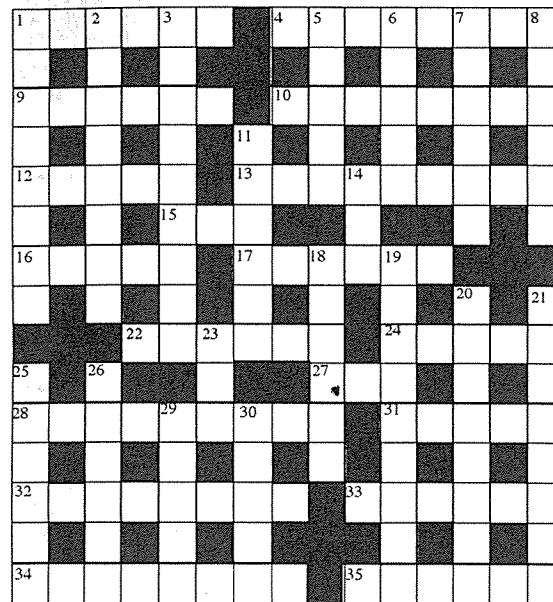
WINNERS OF JANUARY COLOURING COMPETITION

4-7 YEARS

8-12 YEARS

1st	Sally Ann O'Reilly Mariaville, Moyglare Rd., Maynooth.	Sean Whelan, Pagetown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath.
2nd	Eoghan McCartan, Smithstown, Maynooth.	Andrea O'Carroll, 2 Brownstown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath.
3rd.	Fiona O'Donoghue, 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth.	Lisa Nolan, 20 Maynooth Pk., Maynooth.

Crossword No. 99



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

Name _____

Address _____

Across:

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

Down:

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

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

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

Solution to Crossword No. 98:

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

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

Winner of Crossword No. 98:

Patrick Donoghue, 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth.

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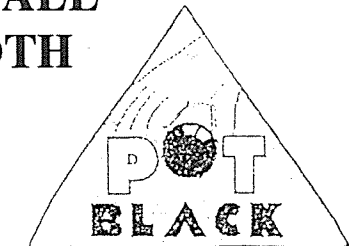
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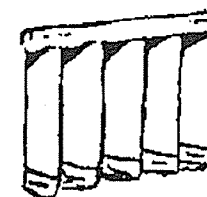


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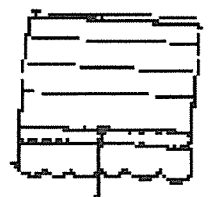


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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 1996

Underground Nuclear Dump near Sellafield.

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

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

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

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

Traffic Calming Measures - Parson Street.

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

Wall between Convent School/Carton Avenue

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

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

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

Maynooth Development Plan

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

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

Blocked Shores in Greenfield Estate

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

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

Maynooth Town Improvement Works

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

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

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

Footpaths Moyglare Road.

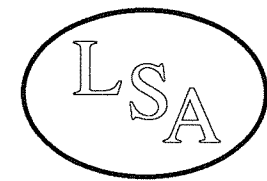
It was agreed at the Celbridge Area Meeting on the 15th December that a proper footpath would be provided from the Nursing Home to the G.A.A. Grounds and that money would be used from Development Levies for this purpose.

SINN FEIN NOTES

New Cumann

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

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

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

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

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

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

Championship Draws 1996

Intermediate Football A and B:

First round Maynooth V Robertstown / Eadestown.

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

Junior C Football

First Round Maynooth V Carbury.

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

U/21 Football

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

Minor Football

First Round. Maynooth V Grange.

Quarter Final: Maynooth/Grange V Kilcullen/Confey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Set Dancing Classes take place every Tuesday in Clubhouse at 9 p.m. Instructor: Brendan O'Grady. All welcome (incl. beginners).

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ADDRESS _____

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This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.
Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 16th February 1996 by 5 p.m.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lenny Murphy

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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY — (NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL):-

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

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

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

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

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

SYMPATHIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

To David, happy birthday on 19th February with love from Sheila, Alison, Rachel and Andrew.

To Marty, happy 23rd birthday on 21st February from Annette and Noleen.

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Congratulations to Louise Jolley on her recent engagement to Adam Taylor. Louise is now living and working in Bolton, England.

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

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

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