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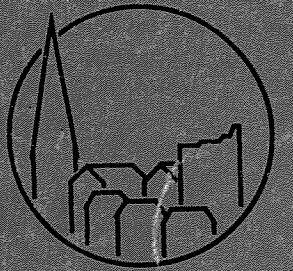


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### DIARY DATES

Thursday June 6th, 8p.m., ICA Hall, The Harbour - Maynooth ICA monthly meeting.  
Sunday June 9th, 11a.m., ICA Hall, The Harbour - Maynooth Town AFC AGM.  
Sunday June 9th, 2p.m., GAA Club - Fun Day.  
Sunday June 9th, Cemetery Sunday - Laraghbryan.  
June 17th - 28th - Flag Days, Tidy Towns.  
Sunday June 23rd, Cemetery Sunday - Ladychapel.  
June 27th, Glenroyal Hotel - Pierce O'Connell's Presentation Dance.  
July 2nd, ICA Hall, 10a.m. - Registration Summer Project.  
July 14th - 21st - Festival Week.

#### GAA Fixtures

Junior Football League Division - 2 fixtures:  
Tuesday June 4th - Maynooth v Celbridge - home - 7.30p.m.  
Monday June 17th - Maynooth v Kill - home - 7.30p.m.  
Monday June 24th - Maynooth v St. Laurence's - home - 7.30p.m.

Junior Football League Division 3C fixtures:  
Tuesday June 4th - Maynooth v Straffan - home - 7.30p.m.  
Monday June 10th - Maynooth v St. Kevin's - home - 7.30p.m.  
Monday June 17th - Maynooth v Robertstown - home - 7.30p.m.  
Monday June 24th - Maynooth v Clogherinkoe - home - 7.30p.m.

Bord na nOg U.14 Football 1996  
Friday June 14th - Maynooth v Balyna - home

U.16 Football League fixtures 1996  
July 19th - Maynooth v St. Cocoa's - home  
July 26th - Maynooth v Naas - home

### EDITORIAL

A study of Maynooth was carried out by students in the Department of Geography in Maynooth College earlier this year. The summary of the results of that survey give us a snapshot of what kind of town we are and how its residents would like the town to develop. The picture which emerges is of a rapidly growing dormitory town largely focused on Dublin. Indeed access to Dublin is seen as one of the main attractions of living in Maynooth though its quietness and rural atmosphere were also seen as being important. One striking feature of the economy of the town which emerges from the questionnaire survey is the very low proportion of residents who actually work in the town - only 15% - compared to 43% who worked in Dublin. With more residential development planned for the next ten years it seems likely that this imbalance will become more marked as more and more commuters choose to live in Maynooth. This certainly suggests the need to create employment in Maynooth if the town is not to become simply a distant suburb of Dublin.

Lack of amenities, problems of building works, traffic problems and general untidiness were identified as the downside of living in Maynooth. With the completion of the link road, the Square and the Main Street the general environment is due to improve. The question of amenities, however, remains critical given the inevitability of future rapid growth in the town's population. When questioned on this issue a swimming pool was identified as the most desirable amenity currently lacking, followed by an amenity centre to cater for indoor sports. Despite the current shortage of playing pitches in Maynooth only a small number saw their provision as a priority. Over one third oppose the scale of the proposed rezoning in the amended Development Plan for Maynooth while one quarter were in favour.

Finally, the Newsletter was the most commonly used source of local information with almost 40% of the sample being regular readers.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

As an ex-serviceman living in Maynooth for a number of years now, I am at a loss to know why we were not invited to the unveiling of the memorial to those brave Maynooth men of Easter week 1916. I did attend in a private capacity to honour those men and rightly so. I would love and been proud to have done it in a more official role had my association been informed, namely the O.N.E. and Irish UN Veterans. They would have been only too delighted to provide a presence at the ceremony like we have been doing for years on the St. Patrick's Day Parade. After all these Maynooth men of 1916 were the founder members of the army in which I served for 26 years.

I would like to stress that this letter is purely personal. I don't have a mandate or any authority to speak on behalf of the association mentioned. Perhaps it was an oversight on the organising committees behalf. But for whatever reason, I have left my name and address with the editor, perhaps someone could enlighten me.

From a retired and puzzled old ex-soldier.  
Name with Editor.

Dear Editor

The Maynooth Tidy Towns committee wish to thank the organisers and participants on the Presentation School 10 Km walk through Carton Avenue to Carton House on Sunday May 12th. No extra litter was added to that which existed. In the true Country Code they left only footprints.

Full marks to all, particularly the children.

Thank you all.

Robert O'Reilly  
Chairman M.T.T.C.

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Dear Editor

We, the residents of Parson Street, take grave exception to some remarks in a letter by P. Breathnach (M.N. May '96) in which he singles us out for some particular mention.

The question of safety at the Parson St./College junction is indeed, a serious one. While we don't, for one moment, doubt the writer's concern for safety, it has to be agreed that the proposed T. Junction would minimise his delay in getting to and from the college. This factor might have influenced a more unprincipled person.

The insinuation that we are putting convenience before the question of safety is, at best insensitive and at worst callous to us, who still have not recovered from the shock of attending the funeral of our much missed neighbour, the late Luke Farrelly, immediately after he was struck by a car outside his own front door. Before, and especially since this tragedy, we have been actively campaigning for Traffic Calming measures in our street for the benefit of all.

Discussions with Kildare County Council and politicians are on-going. We have not neglected to consult the college authorities. The President, Mgr. M. O'Donnell was kind enough to meet with us on 30th April when we discussed our mutual worry for all pedestrians. The Master of the college Dr. W.J. Smyth has let us know that he will be happy to receive us later this month when, I'm sure, we'll be treated with the same courtesy.

We also had discussions with the President of the S.U. who is very aware of the problem and facilitated the signing, by students, of our petition. Add to these points the fact that for many of us the college is a place of work, study, entertainment and relaxation; and one cannot make the facile assumption that we have an "anti-college mentality". Far from the them-or-us type scenario the writer's remarks insinuate and indeed foster, relations between the college and the people of Parson St. are excellent in this, the 201st year of our being next door neighbours.

With regard to a solution, everybody's viewpoint has to be taken into consideration. The solution will not be to everybody's satisfaction and it certainly will not be furthered by the accusational and basically ill-informed course the writer has set for himself.

K. Freaney  
(Chairman), Parson St. Residents' Association.

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday, 29th of April, in the Post Primary School. The attendance was fairly disappointing and many members were missing. There were some procedural clarifications before the meeting proper began and the voting rights of some individuals was clarified. Then a statement was read by the Vice Chairperson, Tom McMullon, in reply to the item which had appeared in the *Liffey Champion* (20th April).

### Statement for A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Council by the Executive in reply to *Liffey Champion* article

The executive of Maynooth Community Council wish to make the following statement in refutation of the *Liffey Champion* article "Council split" (20th April).

In the interest of truth and accuracy we wish to say that we have no knowledge of any "split" or "dissenters" within the council or of any plans to set up an opposing alternative body. A proposed anti-rezoning organisation would not be in conflict with the existing Council whose constitutional obligations span a much wider area of responsibility than simply opposing planning and rezoning for the town.

We deny the existence of the purported 'agreed deals' procedures for executive positions. This allegation sullies the good name of our present Secretary and Treasurer in particular who are now taking legal advice regarding the contents of the article. They have lived in Maynooth for many years and have given unstinting, unpaid service to all the people of the town and this article hints at some possible misconduct. Furthermore, the present Secretary,

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, has only held this position for three years. It is clear, moreover, even from the article itself, that the Labour Party does not have a "stranglehold" on the Council as a cursory examination of the composition of previous executives, as well as the present, will reveal.

It is a blatant lie and deliberately mischievous to infer that a move was made by the executive to 'oust' the Chairperson of the Planning and Development committee from his position. Ousting is not the policy of the Council nor are we constitutionally empowered to make any such decision. We fully support Paul Croghan in his work and position.

Finally, the speculative and conjectural nature of the contents of this article could seriously, if not permanently, damage the standing and good name which the Community Council has gained in the town since 1984. Such activities as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Week, the *Maynooth Newsletter*, *The Information Directory*, Community Games, Summer Project and the CIC, all the responsibilities of the council, could be jeopardised. This carelessness could adversely affect the jobs of all employees on the four existing Council-sponsored Community Employment projects and jeopardise our chances of sponsoring in the future.

Those who have wittingly or unwittingly contributed to these false allegations may have the loss of up to 60 jobs on their conscience as a result of recklessness and false reporting.

The only issue discussed from the minutes of the last A.G.M. was the matter of the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field, which have not yet been

resolved satisfactorily.

This was followed by the Chairperson's address.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ladies, Gentlemen and Friends, I give my Chairperson's Address here tonight after a very traumatic year from a personal and public point of view.

My one abiding good memory of this year was the Peace March organised in February. I have a somewhat proprietorial pride in the success of this March as I organised it within 24 hours. However, the obvious commitment to peace shown by the men, women and children attending filled me with hope for the future.

There have been some other occurrences that have not filled me with such hope. But I am not going to talk of the past tonight, rather I wish to look to the future.

What has happened in the past weeks have made me examine the Community Council as an institution in this town. For those who do not know me, my subject of study is Sociology and my particular interest is in the survival and/or decline of institutions. My old Sociology Professor always used relevance as the criterion for survival and growth of any institution and it is to this I wish to address my remarks. We are now a town of over 9,000 and by all counts destined to grow greatly over the next few years.

The Community Council has represented these people for over ten years. Judging by the number of estates that have grown up over the last ten years we should have a representative body of roughly 50. Add to this, the clubs and societies which could be represented on the Council, we could have a body of 70.



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## Community Council Notes

Since I have been a member I have rarely seen more than 20 at a meeting. New members come from the various new estates but they do not appear to last long. Many estates are not represented at all: Kingsbry, Carton Court, some estates in the Newtown area. So we must ask ourselves: are we as a Council relevant to the whole area?

I believe we have been and again can be very relevant and be a body for bringing the old and new together for the good of all the community.

The saddest thing I heard over the last number of weeks was somebody trying to identify who were the dissenters in the community. Their answer was that it must be the new people from the new estates. Almost all of us are new here. We are to some extent a new town around an old and very strong heart. Let us welcome all the people from the new estates and find out what they have to offer to our and their community.

Some suggestions for the future to make this possible. Some people have felt let down that the Council did not take a stance on the Draft Development Plan. The reasons have been given in other forums. The Community Council could show that it is interested in enabling and empowering people to put their views across by holding a public meeting within the next ten days, where all the various groups can give

their opinions to the public. Space should be allocated for people who wish to have petitions against rezoning signed and also to have those who are in favour of various rezonings to have the space and time to put their opinions across. Residents' associations, clubs, traders, Chamber of Commerce, etc., should be encouraged to put forward their views. Let us invite the politicians and they can hear the views of all of the people of Maynooth.

Some other suggestions for the year coming is to make the Festival a true celebration of our pride in the heritage of the town we live in.

For example, let us not have our heritage sites as simply something to look at, rather let us use them. Carton Avenue would make a wonderful setting for one of the most successful events of last year — the Teddy Bears' Picnic. To a six-year-old it probably does look like a wood. A *Son et Lumière* in the grounds of the Castle would give people the opportunity to enjoy the Castle and also to have a good evening. The new Square is an ideal site for street theatre either by adults or children. The very structure of the site would be of great advantage in staffing a pageant of the history of Maynooth: Silken Thomas emerging from one of the Tower gates to throw down his sword or the early priests and students of Maynooth college walking across its open greyness. A history tour to close the Festival is another

suggestion. These are just some suggestions. I am sure others will come up with other ones. One other suggestion to do with the town and how it looks has occurred to me. The AIB building is still the only building without a steeped roof right along the Main Street. We should really endeavour to have AIB rectify this in the coming year.

Thanks to Norah, Freda and staff in the office and to the Executive and to everybody who made a contribution in the past year.

It was a shock to the meeting when the Chairperson, Patricia Condron, stated that she was not seeking re-election for the position and that she was also standing down as the Editor of the *Newsletter*, organiser of the Citizens' Information Centre and Chairperson of the Festival Committee.

This was followed by the Secretary's address.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL 1996:

#### Meetings held:

The Council held six meetings including a special meeting on the Draft Development Plan in June 1995.

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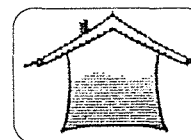
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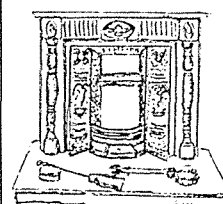


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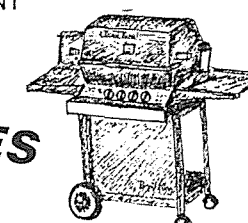
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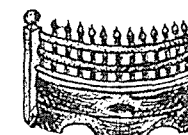
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# Community Council Notes

This Plan has been the main item of discussion at all meetings this year. Other meetings were held in September, November, January and March, which all concentrated on the Development Plan for Maynooth. All the councillors for the area have been invited to meet on the topic. The Town Plan and the future of the Castle have been major considerations also.

**Resignations and Co-options:**

Resignations: Tony Bean, John Curran, John Doogan. Co-options: Connie Harpur ICA, Chamber of Commerce observer Willie Coonan, Des Matthews (Woodlands), Bill Gannon (Rockfield Rise), John Doogan (Bond Bridge Action Group), Liz Stoll, Mary Carter, Paddy O'Connor (Parklands), Paul Masterson, Kevin Murphy (Silken Vale).

**Correspondence received and sent:**

To TDs, Councillors, Ministers about Carton House, Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field, to Kildare County Council about the Straffan Road, the Square and the pipe-laying, to solicitors Brown and McCann, Mary Cowhey about the Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field. The United Nations veterans joining the St. Patrick's Day parade, to TDs and Ministers re the FAS schemes, the College about the Open Day in June, from Leixlip Town Commission re railway lines, Screenphones about a commercial television channel, Traffic West about extended bus service and west

suburban rail line, Bus Atha Cliath about the Nitelink, Parson Street residents' petition about the dangerous road, the Gardai about traffic at the College and the danger in the Square, from councillors about Road Grants, the Money Advice centres about setting up one in Kildare, Chamber of commerce re parking, C.M.I. and the Minister re TV reception, SIAC re the state of the Straffan Road.

**Meetings attended:**

The Executive attended meetings with the Maynooth Development Association, G.A.A., Soccer Club, Tidy Towns and the Athletic Club about the Harbour Field and the Geraldine Hall. The lease on the hall expired on the 25th March, 1995, and we are in the process of negotiating a new arrangement with the owner David Nall-Cain. Matters are moving very slowly, despite the fact that Mary Cowhey has acted as our solicitor for the past two years in the matter. We are in negotiation with Brown and McCann solicitors at present, but the owner is very slow to respond. We also attended meetings with FAS, the Bond Bridge issue, Planning with the College and the Kildare MABS.

**The FAS Projects:**

The Council has sponsored employment schemes since 1985. We have come a long way from the seven workers which were employed when I first joined the Council in 1987. We

now sponsor four Community Employment FAS projects, a total of 57 employees. In the past we have also sponsored Teamwork schemes. At present we employ 12 in the Citizens' Information Centre, twelve with the Tidy Towns (the committee looks after the day-to-day running of the scheme), 17 and 16 on two different projects situated in the Community Council offices on the Main Street.

We had some difficulties with FAS during the year due to the cut in numbers on the various projects throughout the country. We had been promised a maximum of 25 workers per office scheme but this was reduced to 15 each quickly afterwards. We had rented additional office space to accommodate the extra numbers which was then unnecessary. The RCAG now rent some of this space from us. During the summer we participate in the Student Employment Scheme through the Department of Social Welfare.

The biggest development within the FAS projects is the training of the supervisors and the workers. All our supervisors are in the training process and the staff are attending work-time and own-time training. This cuts down greatly on the hours of time available from the workers for our projects and we need to increase the number of employees to compensate for the loss. The extra funding for all of this is a

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Community Council Notes

very heavy commitment and we have come a long way since four of us put up our houses as guarantee for £4,000 some years ago. The committee are always personally responsible to the bank if there are any financial difficulties.

Sub-committees:

Most of the Council's day-to-day activities are carried out by the committees, some of which are fairly permanent and others which are established on an *ad hoc* basis. Nine active committees exist at the moment.

Citizens' Information Centre:

The centre is now one of the biggest in the country since it was established by the Community Council in 1984. It serves Leixlip, Dunboyne, Celbridge, the College, as well as the centre at the Town Mall beside the Community Council offices. The work is mostly carried out by C.E. workers under the supervision of Breda Gormally. A heavy training schedule is provided by the N.S.S.B. The centre also provides a solicitor and accountant who give their services free of charge. The office is to be computerised in the near future.

The Council and the C.I.C. are involved in the Kildare M.A.B.S. which will open shortly with one office in the south of the county and a sub-office in Maynooth. Full-time employment will be available here.

The Department of Social Welfare, Eastern Health Board and Credit Union are a few of the others involved.

Festival Committee:

Guinnesses sponsored the Festival last year, which was quite successful. SIAC also sponsored a street party. Other events were the Teddy Bears' Picnic, the Fire Brigade Display which the children love, Poetry Reading, Soccer, the College Open Day, etc.

Tidy Towns:

There were extra points gained again in the competition. Litter is still a major problem. The Environmental Officer has visited the town, noting what is necessary. The new scheme has begun since March and the Community Council paid the insurance which will be paid back monthly. They will be working on flower beds and the Harbour Field and continue the good work on Carton Avenue which the County Council no longer maintain.

Newsletter:

A weekly newspaper started in the town last year but it did not last long. It was decided that the cover of the Maynooth *Newsletter* should be a different colour each month. The sales have gone up slightly and the new estates should now be targeted. Thanks to Peter Connell who has helped the office workers to improve

their pagemaking skills.

Community Games:

The competitions are in progress at the moment at local level. The Kildare finals of all competitions will begin shortly. Those who succeed will go to the All-Ireland finals later in the summer. The secretarial work for the committee is now carried out by the staff in the office.

Summer Project:

The Maynooth Summer Project requested to become a sub-committee of Community Council due to the difficulties in finding committee members. The voluntary committee are now aided by the staff in the office and helped by the Summer Student Scheme. The project was very successful last July with many children enjoying such activities as swimming, tennis, football, trips away, arts and crafts, barbecue, picnics, bowling, etc. The next project will take place in July.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

The parade this year was the most successful to date, despite some unnecessary publicity concerning our continued search for bands. The theme of "Towards the year 2000" did inspire some good floats but we need to impress upon the participants that more imagination and colour would improve the day. A huge number of people turned out to watch the parade.

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Day / Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue
WEEK 1			
Tues 2nd July	10.30 - 12.30	I.C.A.Hall	Registration £2.00 £5.00 Family
Wed 3rd July	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Marley Park £2.50 (bring packed lunch)
	7.30	MADE Centre	Film 50p
Thurs 4th July	9.30 - 3.00	Greenfield S/C	Swimming £3.50 St.Paul's Raheny (bring packed lunch & Swimming hat)
Fri 5th July	2.00 - 4.00	Boy's School	Soccer / College (runners - runner boots only)
WEEK 2			
Mon 8th July	2.00 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE Centre Pitch & Putt Club	Crafts 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls & Clubs if possible)
Tues 9th July	11.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Indoor Fun Factory £3.50 (packed lunch)
Wed 10th July	2.00 - 4.30 7.30	Boys School MADE Centre	Soccer/College Film 50p
Thurs 11th	2.00 - 4.00	MADE centre	Quiz 50p
Fri 12th	11.00 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Fort Lucan £4.00 (bring a packed lunch)
WEEK 3			
Mon 15 th	2.00 - 4.30	Boys School	Tennis / Olympic Handball
Tues 16th	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Zoo £3.50 (bring a packed lunch)
Wed 17th	2.00 - 4.00 7.30	MADE centre MADE centre	Crafts 50p Film 50p
Thurs 18th	2.00 - 4.30	MADE centre	Summer Fair
Fri 19th	9.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Walk in Wickla £2.50 (bring a packed lunch)
WEEK 4			
Mon 22nd July	2.00 -4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE centre Pitch & Putt Club	Bingo 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls & clubs if possible)
Tues 23rd	9.00 - 6.00	Greenfield S/C	Annamoe £6.00
Wed 24th	12.45 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Bowling Tallaght £3.50
Thurs 25th	2.00 - 5.00	Parish Hall	Disco Competition 50p

# Community Council Notes

## Planning and Development:

This has been the busiest committee this year due to the concentration on the Draft Development Plan and the town plan. The committee will now be examining broader issues in Maynooth and are looking again at the possibility of attaining Heritage status for Maynooth.

## Communications:

This committee is redundant at the moment until the new Directory will begin preparation, if time allows with the training on the projects.

## THANKS

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all the committees, to the Executive and to the Supervisors of the four schemes; Martin Sherry, Breda Gormally, Freda Kelleher and Norah McDermott. Also a word of thanks and appreciation for the workers who have worked and are working on all four projects. Norah in particular had a very difficult year, preparing her training material for FAS and trying to work at a normal rate. The other three supervisors now face the same task and need our support and help.

## Proposals for new Executive

To re-apply for Town Commission status. We should prepare a leaflet to help the residents in new estates find the basic facilities and perhaps give the Newsletter free for one issue. The office is in need of new computer equipment. Perhaps some amendments need to be made to the Constitution. FAS must be petitioned strongly for an increase in numbers for the various projects now that the embargo has eased.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Then the Treasurer gave his report commenting that the financial situation would be difficult next year with increased expenses and the reduction in the number of FAS employees allowed by FAS.

The election of officers took place. Tom McMullon was proposed for the Chair by John McGinley and seconded by Senan Griffin. Elizabeth Stoll was proposed for the Vice-chairperson by Peter Connell and seconded by Tom McMullon. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin was proposed as Secretary by Christina Sauls and seconded by Tom McMullon. Dominic Nyland was

proposed as Treasurer by Peter Connell and seconded by Des Matthews. No P.R.O. was forthcoming from the meeting. The position will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

One co-option took place: Bridie O'Brien for the Lyreen Residents.

This year will be an election year for the council. It will be held at the end of August, beginning of September. All estates and outlying areas are eligible to have members on the Council. Details will appear in further copies of the Newsletter.

## THE SQUARE

Contrary to public opinion, Maynooth Community Council had no input whatsoever into the planning of the new Square. This was entirely the work of Kildare County Council, which took place without any consultation with the Community Council.

*Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Secretary)*

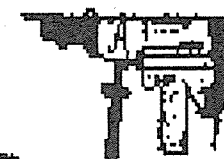
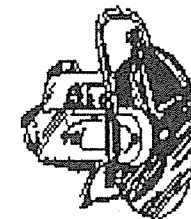
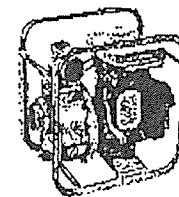
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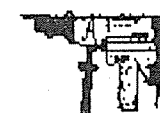
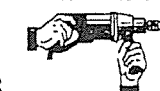
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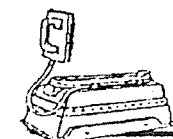
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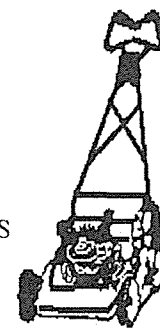
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## Community Council Notes

### STUDENT SUMMER JOBS SCHEME

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#### What is the Student Summer Jobs Scheme?

The Student Summer Jobs Scheme allows THIRD LEVEL students to take up part-time work useful to their community during their summer holidays and to receive payment for this work. The aim of the scheme is to promote a self-help ethic among local communities by availing of the many skills and talents of students and helping to improve local facilities at the same time.

#### DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

The scheme will operate from 1 June, 1996 to 30 September, 1996.

The maximum number of hours a Student is allowed to work on the Scheme is 200, over a 6 - 17 week period. The maximum hours worked per week cannot exceed 35.

#### Information for Students

Who can participate in the Scheme?

To qualify for work under the Scheme you must:

- be currently in full-time third level education
- be aged 18 or over on 1 June 1996 and
- satisfy a means test.

You CANNOT participate in the Scheme if you:

- are in second level education or just completing second level education
- will be completing a course of study at the end of the current academic year
- are getting Third Level Allowance, or other Social Welfare or Health Board payment
- are a mature student, age 23 or over on 1 January of the year you commenced your current course
- are doing a Post Leaving Certificate course
- are on a career break
- are not disqualified from claiming Unemployment Assistance under Section 126 of the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 1993.

#### GETTING WORK UNDER THE SCHEME

Students must get written approval from the Department of Social Welfare before the work/project commences.

Eligible Students will be given a Job Certificate and a booklet of Approved Sponsors.

Before starting work the Student must give his/her Job Certificate to the Sponsor.

**Sponsors cannot accept a Student who does not hold a Job Certificate.**

#### PAYMENT

The rate of pay for Students is £3 per hour up to a maximum of £600. The payment is not subject to income tax or PRSI.

**Responsibility for contacting the Sponsors and seeking work rests with the Student.**

Working arrangements are a matter to be agreed between the Student and the Sponsor.

#### HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Student Summer Jobs Scheme you must complete Form ST 1 and return your form by 31st May 1996 to Department of Social Welfare, P.O. Box 3988, Dublin 1. Applications will NOT be accepted after the above date. You should allow a minimum of 21 days for your application to be processed. Application Forms for Students can be obtained from your local Social Welfare office. The opening hours for the Maynooth Social Welfare Office are 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. For any further information Telephone (01) 7043875/6.

#### POINTS TO NOTE

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We are now taking names for the Student Summer Scheme and any interested students please contact this office Telephone No. 6285922.

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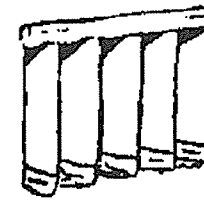


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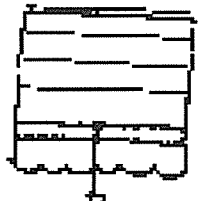
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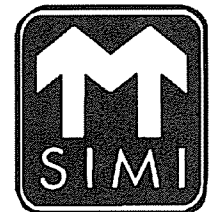


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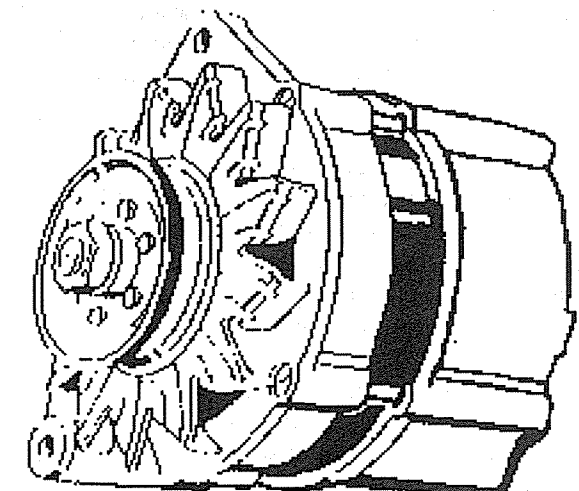
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Maynooth Development Plan

The deadline for written submissions from the public to the proposals agreed at Kildare County Council and outlined in the draft plan was May 25th last. We would all agree that this has been a lengthy and difficult process. However it is far from over as the real process of lobbying begins now as many of the proposals do not have widespread support among the people in the town. As regards objection to the proposals, two groups are mainly co-ordinating public reaction. One group are campaigning for the preservation of the land around Carton Avenue from development. The other group known as the "Maynooth Planning Alliance" is made up of Residents' Associations from throughout the town. This group are concerned with the overall level of development proposed in the plan and the unacceptable aspects of the plan, on which they would have a common approach. Both groups will continue to seek your support in the period up to the voting on the plan by the full Kildare County Council.

Maynooth - The Heritage Town

At our meeting held in April it was decided that we should seek formal heritage town status for Maynooth. We took a look at some of the publications on Maynooth, including the recently produced Maynooth Atlas which is an excellent piece of work and a valuable collectors' item. The main decisions taken at the meeting were that we would do the following:

1. Seek further information on what achieving this status would mean for the town.
2. Hold a public meeting as soon as possible to ensure full support for the proposal from the people in the town as there was some reaction against it when this idea was last raised a number of years ago.
3. Review the Community Council files on the proposal.
4. Try and ensure that all groups in the town who would like to achieve this goal would work together.

It is this last one that we would like to repeat again. We would like any group or individual who has been, or wants to work on this project to contact us. We should all work together and use the many files held by the Community Council as our starting point. Please contact the Community Council office.

**Traffic Road - Motorway Link or Motorway !!!!!**

Now that the Straffan Road is complete and even the traffic lights are switched on, it has been brought to our notice that there are issues that relate to safety on the road. Many motorists coming from the M4 do not appear to notice the 30 M.P.H. road speed signs, despite the fact that there are a number of signs along the road towards the town. Residential areas such as Parklands have significant difficulty in joining the Straffan Road. It seems as if when motorists see the unfortunate residents slipping into traffic, they speed up just to get the chance to blow their horn. Perhaps we need bigger road signs to indicate the speed

limit, to keep in line with the size of the road. Another solution would be to have the occasional speed trap. Then we would have the flashing headlights to warn other drivers ...is there any solution? Other residential areas have similar problems, so let's beware.

**Train Timetable Changes .....**

Regular train users will by now be aware of the revised timetable and the increased capacity on trains together with the additional late night service leaving Dublin at 22.10. But this new service must be used if the service is to be maintained. One important concession has been achieved in the fact that some trains now serve beyond Connolly Station. However, there is a big gap in the service from Dublin in the evening between the Sligo train and the next service at 20.55. This issue will be pursued in partnership with our colleagues in the other towns along the line. We believe that additional rolling stock will become available in October '96 with the arrival of new trains for the Belfast service and we will be looking for these carriages to provide additional service in the morning around 8.30 and in the evening between 19.00 and 20.00. We will keep you informed of our efforts and if you agree please contact Iarnród Eireann.

**Those Traffic Lights.....**

The new traffic lights which came into operation in the last few weeks on the main street and Straffan road junction do not seem to have improved traffic flow in the town. In fact the exact opposite has happened as considerable delays are now experienced throughout the day. Traffic is stretching back out the Kilcock road and back towards the M4 on the Straffan road. It was better without the lights!!!! Recent surveys show that the traffic is mainly local and the reduction in traffic on the Kilcock road is not as high as anticipated after the opening of the M4. Traffic from Kilcock is coming into Maynooth to join the Motorway. Perhaps a regional review of traffic needs should be undertaken to see how we can improve the situation.

*Paul Croghan (Chairman)*  
*Planning and Development Committee.*

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## COMMUNITY GAMES

### Basketball

Congratulations to the boys' U-13 team who returned home with silver medals from the 'A' Section of the Kildare finals. Great sportsmanship and teamwork was displayed on the day. We are grateful to Mr. Grundy, Boys' National School, for the preparation and encouragement of this fine team, also to the Post Primary School for giving the Community Games the use of the gym for practices over the past number of weeks.

### Boys' Team

Robert Hammond, Phillippe Campbell, Tommy Fox, Brian Downey, Barry Hogan, Colin O'Neill, McDara O'Shea, Ray Fitzgerald, Alan Sweeney and Pierre Ennis. Team coach and trainer: Emma Fleming. Team co-ordinator: James Fleming.

### Swimming

The swimming event took place on Saturday, 11th May. This was a huge success and a great afternoon's fun for all the children. The help from the parents was much appreciated on the day.

The committee are grateful to Jim Fleming for co-ordinating the swimming event and to the two life-guards, Elaine Fleming and Elizabeth Whittaker for doing the necessary on the day.

Results as follows:

**Girls:** U-8 Freestyle: 1, Deirdre Mulcahy; 2, Síomha Glynn. U-10 Freestyle: 1, Eibhlín Carr; 2, Naoise Glynn. U-12 Freestyle: 1, Andrée Heslin; 2, Jenny Dooley; 3, Aisling Bean. U-14 Freestyle: 1, Niamh Byrne; 2, Emma Fleming; 3, Emma Cullinane. U-16 Freestyle: 1, Thérèse Flood; 2, Ciara Baxter. U-10 Backstroke: 1, Eibhlín Carr; 2, Naoise Glynn. U-14 Backstroke: 1, Emma Fleming; 2, Aileen Devaney; 3, Emma Cullinane. U-16 Backstroke: 1, Thérèse Flood; 2, Ciara Baxter. U-12 Breaststroke: 1, Andrée Heslin; 2, Gráinne O'Rourke; 3, Elaine McNamara. U-14 Breaststroke: 1, Niamh Byrne; 2, Emma Fleming; 3, Emma Cullinane. U-16 Butterfly: 1, Thérèse Flood; 2, Ciara Baxter.

**Boys:** U-6 Freestyle: 1, Nevan Buckley. U-8 Freestyle: 1, James Molloy. U-10 Freestyle: 1, Alex Wall; 2, Sean Mac Namara; 3, Matthew Buckley. U-14 Freestyle: 1, Pádraic O'Sullivan; 2, Colin Cushion; 3, Alan Baxter. U-16 Freestyle: 1, Aaron McGrath; 2, Thomas Mullarkey. U-17 Freestyle: 1, James Mullan. U-10 Backstroke: 1, Alex Wall; 2, Sean Mac Namara; 3, Matthew Buckley; 3, Ross Cullinane. U-14 Backstroke: 1, Pádraic O'Sullivan; 2, Colin Cushion; 3, Alan Baxter. U-16 Backstroke: 1, Thomas Mullarkey; 2, Aaron McGrath. U-12 Breaststroke: 1, Dave Baxter. U-14 Breaststroke: 1, Pádraic O'Sullivan; 2, Alan Baxter; 3, Colin Cushion. U-16 Butterfly: 1, Aaron McGrath; 2, Thomas Mullarkey.

Good luck to all our swimmers in the County finals on June 8th in Athy Pool.

### Pitch and Putt

Tony Bean's Pitch and Putt course was the venue again this year for our area competition on 16th May last. The beautiful manicured course and the glorious sunshine made this the perfect setting for the event.

This year's teams to represent Maynooth at the County competition at Ballymore Eustace on 16th June at 10 a.m. are as follows:



*Girls: Bríd-Ann O'Shea, 65; Ciara Baxter, 74; Suzanne Butler, 72; Triona Cahill, 77; Emma Cullinane, 69; with Team Manager Mattie Callaghan.*



*Boys: Donal Houlihan, 68; Andrew Lynch, 63; John Fagan, 58; Brian Shields, 62; Alan Baxter, 63; with Team Manager Alan Cahill*

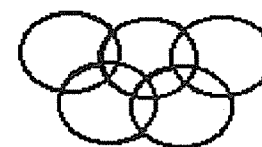
We wish the boys and girls the best of luck in June and are grateful to Mattie Callaghan and Alan Cahill for co-ordinating this event again this year.

A big "thank you" to Mary and Tony Bean for making their facilities available to the Community Games again this year and to add to the success of the day supplied refreshments to all present.

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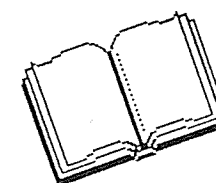
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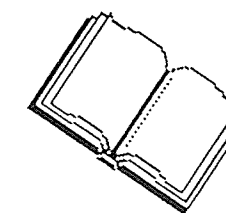
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County Swim: 8th June, Athy, 1 p.m. County Pitch and Putt: 16th June, Ballymore Eustace, 10 a.m. County Athletics: 22nd and 23rd June, Newbridge.



*Matthew O'Gorman, who won a gold medal in the under 10 Modelling Competition in the Kildare Community Games Finals. Matthew will now represent Kildare in National Finals.*

*K. Mullarkey,  
Secretary.*

### ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH BRANCH

*Cómhairle Aisinteachta An Chandáil Ríoga Cumann  
Maigh Nuadh*

**The Royal Canal Amenity Group Ltd (Parent Group)**  
Annual General Meeting (Chairman's Report)

"The difficulties regarding the Lifting Bridge at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lock, Newcommen Bridge, have now been resolved. The papers are in the Chief State Solicitors Office awaiting finalisation". Spokesperson for Waterways Services Division, Dept. of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, April 1996.

"I look forward to the day when the Dublin Rally will continue through the sea link with the Royal Canal where I've no doubt it will be welcomed by its sister organisation, the Royal Canal Amenity Group."

Excerpt from speech by the Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht with responsibility for Waterways to the I.W.A.I. on the occasion of the Dublin Rally to mark the bicentenary of the opening of Grand Canal Dock, and from the same speech: "You will be pleased to hear that the difficulties with respect to the lifting bridge at Spencer Dock have been resolved and this work should commence shortly."

All of the fore-going presents a very hopeful picture. I have little doubt that the boats will cross the Liffey and proceed up the Royal next year. However, the Spencer Dock area is fraught with the greatest difficulties and will remain so until the sea gates are installed. Great emphasis was expressed on the need for the replacement of the sea gates in the Corridor Study and it is our intention to maintain pressure to see that

this is done without delay.

#### **Mullingar - The Dublin Road Bridge**

The news here is not good. When first announced that this horrible monstrosity was to go, relief was palpable. The lovely old harbour would return to life. Work was to commence in September (1994) and be completed the following Spring. A spokesman for O.P.W. confirmed that these dates were "within our time scale". The work never got under way. Another date was promised - September 1995. September passed as did October. We were then informed that the work would not commence until February 1996. The excuse given was that to commence work in November would create traffic chaos in the Christmas Season.

1996 arrived. A new obstacle. Planning Permission will be required.

This to me is crazy. Westmeath County Council fouled up the navigation by installing the culvert. It is now necessary for the waterway owners to apply to them for permission to restore it!! Why wasn't this done years ago when it was first announced that the culvert was to be replaced??

Every Branch along the Canal from Dublin to Shannon make up the Royal Canal Parent Group (Mr. Eddie Slane was re-elected as Chairman).

#### **Maynooth Notes**

There is a water leak under the Bridge, so to determine where the leak is the engineers have put green dye into the water, making the water look polluted which it isn't.

The short cut across the harbour field from the canal that is being taken by some people will be blocked off hopefully in the near future.

We are at present making arrangements to host Miss Royal Canal on the 19th July, which will take place during Festival Week dates being 14th July to 21st July.

Training on the Community Employment Scheme is ongoing, the workers will be on holiday the last two weeks in July but the Royal Canal office will still be in operation.

*Freda Kelleher.*

### MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT

Finals for the Community Games took place on Thursday, 16th May, at the course. There was a good turnout with the players made up of half girls and half boys. Competition for the places on the team was keen (see results, Community Games Notes).

We would like to remind all clubs, residents' associations, pubs and companies that, as Community Week approaches, the course can be made available for inter-group competitions and we would have special rates for any competitions relating to this or any other organised event.

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MAYNOOTH JUNIOR  
BADMINTON CLUB

The Junior Badminton season has just ended with competitive Tournaments played in the Improvers and Advanced groups. We congratulate the winners in each section, who were proudly presented with trophies: followed by refreshments for all participants.

We wish to thank our supporters, parents, coaches, the hall committee and Fr. Supple for their valued support during the season.



Back L-R:- Brian Rice, Fr. Supple, Colin Phelan. Front L-R: Mark Quigley, Paul Dunne.



Junior Badminton Winners: Back L-R:- Gerard McCarthy, Mark Dunne , Mark Watson. Front L-R:- Gillian O'Hurley, Elaine McNamara, Triona Cahill.

Secretary.

BAND BULLETIN

June marks the half way point in our year and it's a good time to review our progress in 1996.

Successes

We have had some outstanding successes to date in 1996 including Best Band Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade, Best Dressed Irish Band Limerick International Marching Competition and second prize in the National Band Championships in Dublin. In addition we were complimented on our excellent performance in the recent telethon massed concert in the Curragh Camp in April by no less a group than experienced members of the Band of the Curragh Command. High praise indeed from those in the know!

Young Achievers

This is also an opportunity to praise the work of the new officers of the committee who took on positions for the first time and have made outstanding contributions to the successful running of the band. It is encouraging to know that these young officers and committee members can be entrusted with the responsibilities of maintaining the tradition of Maynooth Band in the years ahead.

1916 Memorial

We were pleased to be associated with the unveiling of the memorial to the memory of those who marched from Maynooth to the GPO in 1916 as one of those men - Pat (P.J.) Weafer - had very strong links with our band serving as Staff Major for many years. He was indeed, as many older Maynooth people will remember, a striking figure as he led the band with military precision on many, many marching engagements.

Engagements

Our diary is rapidly filling up for this summer so if you need the band for your function please write to our secretary, Deirdre Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth, giving as much notice as possible.

Sad Loss

At our last meeting a vote of sympathy was passed with one of our senior members Mick Murphy on the death of his wife Kathleen. Mick has been with the band for over 40 years.

Classes

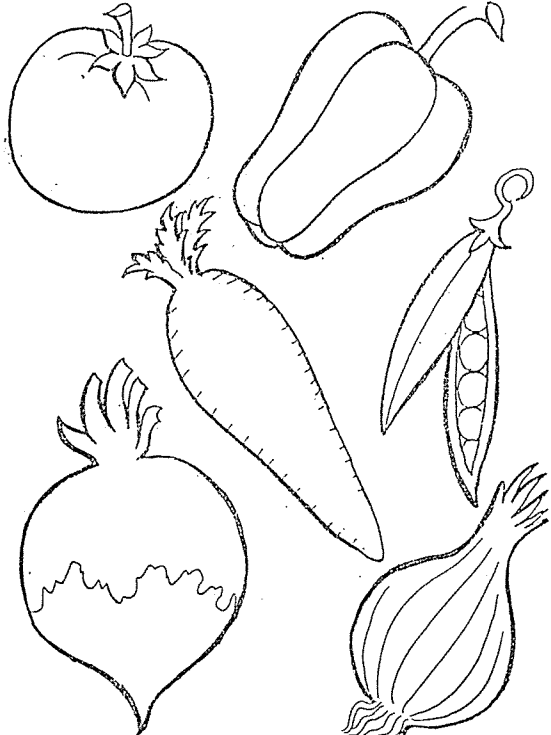
The last session of classes before the summer holidays has now commenced and our instructors are making excellent progress with the boys and girls and there have been very few fallouts during the year.



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## Clubs, Societies, Organisations

### MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association held its AGM in the ICA hall on Thursday 2nd May. Mrs. Marion Souhan was re-elected President of our Guild. In her President's address, Marion thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work in what was a very busy year for the guild. At this time last year our hall was the target for some vandals. As a result of this we had to erect grids to protect the windows. The outside of the hall was painted by some of our members during the lovely summer of '95. Marion thanked all involved in this work and also said she was pleased that the hall had been totally rewired in the recent past.

Marion congratulated the ladies who won the McCarthy Cup in the Table Quiz and those who won the AIB competition. Some of the other highlights of the year were: Helen and Felicity celebrating 30 years in ICA, Mary's trip to Arás an Uachtaráin and the presentation of a Souvenir Booklet by Old People's committee to mark their Pearl Jubilee. Marion welcomed the new committee members and said she hoped that she would have the committee's and the Guild's full support in the year ahead.

#### New committee

Vice president, An Grianán - Kay Burns  
Secretary & Produce Officer - Rosemary Hanley  
Treasurer - Anne Broughan  
Sports Officer & Timire - Margaret Houlihan  
Arts Promoter & Assistant Treasurer - Pattie Lavin  
Craft Promoter & Assistant Secretary - Jo O'Connell  
International Officer and Kitchen - Helen Finn  
Contest Secretary and Hostess - Mary Flynn  
P.R.O. & Entertainment Officer - Irene Matthews

#### Keys of ICA Hall

Mrs. Madeline Stynes, Moneycooley,

Maynooth is the 'key holder' for our hall for the coming year. Mrs. Souhan thanked Madeline for looking after the letting of the hall last year. Any person or group wishing to book the hall should contact Madeline at the above address or phone her at 6286443.

#### Guild Competition Winners

Competitions are held at each monthly meeting and at the AGM the ladies with the most points from these competitions are awarded prizes. In first place Jo O'Connell who receives free membership worth £20, in 2nd place Margaret Houlihan who gets £10 and in 3rd place Ursula Walsh and Rosemary Hanley who receive £5 each. Well done ladies.

#### Membership Fee Increase

It was agreed at our AGM to increase our membership fee from £18 to £20 for the year 96/97. This fee is now due and members are asked to please pay their fees as soon as possible. Ladies are reminded that they do not have insurance cover for Guild activities unless fees are paid.

#### Badminton Prizes Presented

Mrs. Marion Souhan congratulated all the ladies who entered the recent Guild Badminton competition and presented the first and second place prizes. Margaret Houlihan, Sports Officer, also congratulated the ladies. There were three categories and the winners were:

Category 1. 1st Rosemary Hanley and Veva Kearins, 2nd Margaret Houlihan and Yvonne Cher.

Category 2. 1st May Haren and Caroline O'Hurley, 2nd Mary O'Gorman and Ann O'Malley.

Category 3. 1st Patricia Murray and Bernadette Sweeney, 2nd Breda Lyons and Jo O'Connell.

#### 'Return to the Hill' Trip

The trip to see 'Return to the Hill' will be on 29 May. Over twenty ladies will be brought by coach to the Regency Hotel where they will see the play and have some refreshments. Thanks to Irene Matthews for organising this trip.

#### Collections for Charities

'Thank you' to the people of Maynooth who once again contributed generously to our recent church gate collection for

the National Council for the Blind. We collected a total of £125.

During the year our members collect for three charities. These three charities are chosen at our AGM and the charities for 96/97 are the same as last year i.e. The National Council for the Blind, Arthritis Foundation of Ireland and the Irish Cancer Society.

#### Guild Activities

Badminton in the Parish hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30 a.m. Calligraphy in the ICA hall on Fridays at 8.00p.m. Crafts in the ICA hall on Mondays at 8.00p.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS are welcome to come along to any of our Guild activities and to our monthly Guild meetings. Just drop in on any of our activities and if you like what you see then all it costs is £20 to join our very friendly and active group.

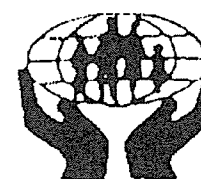
#### Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of Maynooth ICA will be held in the ICA hall, The Harbour, Maynooth on Thursday 6th June at 8.00 p.m. The competition for next month is an 'On the Spot'. Mary O'Gorman announced the winners of the 'Most Unusual Pincushion' competition at the AGM and they were: 1st Jo O'Connell, 2nd Julianne Kennedy and 3rd Rosemary Hanley. Marion congratulated the ladies and presented them with their prizes.

The AGM of the Kildare Federation will be held in Carragh G.A.A. Centre on 30 May at 8.00 p.m.

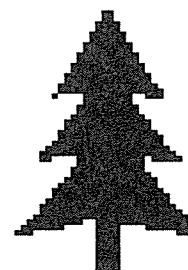
As my three year term of office as PRO comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during this time. I would especially like to thank the staff and editors of the Maynooth *Newsletter*, The Liffey Champion and The Leinster Leader. I would like to congratulate our new PRO, Irene Matthews, on her appointment and wish her every success.

Connie Harpur,  
Maynooth ICA.

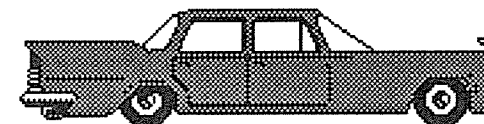


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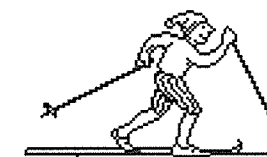
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### MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our final party for this season took place on May 12th in the Post Primary School and I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tom Ashe, Fr. David Boylan and Fr. John Dunne for making this and all our parties possible. We were joined for the evening by our friends from Dunboyne and Ballyboden and we thank them for taking the time to add to the enjoyment of the evening.



*Members of Dunboyne and Maynooth Clubs at May Party*

As promised we held a competition to celebrate "Bealtaine", the festival of the Arts. This proved to be very popular judging by the quality and the quantity of the entries. Congratulations to the winners and to all who took the trouble to enter into the spirit of the occasion. (See photo). You can see all their work on display in the Library. Many thanks to Jayne Savage and Maureen Dunne who had the unenviable task of adjudicating.



*On Sponsored Walk in Carton L-R:- Kitty Connolly, Marie O'Toole and Ellie Leavy.*

Meanwhile the Tony Smith Memorial walk was taking its annual route through Carton with the support of Minister Emmett Stagg and the Smith Family. Judging by the crowd and cards it will be as successful this year as in previous years. However we will report on that, and our annual outing next month.

Our club will close for the summer on Thursday June 27th and will re-open on Tuesday September 3rd.

Congratulations to Gearóid McTernan and Pat Malone both of whom celebrated their 80th birthdays in May, to Mary Coyne on her 90th birthday and of course Kitty Thomson, our oldest resident who celebrated her 96th birthday at Easter.



*Kitty Thompson our oldest resident with bouquet of flowers for her 96th Birthday at May Party.*

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Mary Parker, Cissie O'Neill and Pat Nolan all of whom died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

*J. Moore*

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Annual outing takes place on June 29th to Mount Stewart Gardens in Co. Down. This is a National Trust Garden and well worth a visit. Cost of the outing is £23.00 which includes morning coffee, admission to garden and house and evening dinner in the Ballymacscanlon Hotel. Enquiries to Sarah Angel 6287231 or any committee member. Non members are welcome on this outing. The A.O.I.F.A. Charity for the next two years is The Hospice Foundation. Our club has already started fund raising and it is hoped to have a plant sale at all meetings for this charity.

Next meeting is on 18th June.

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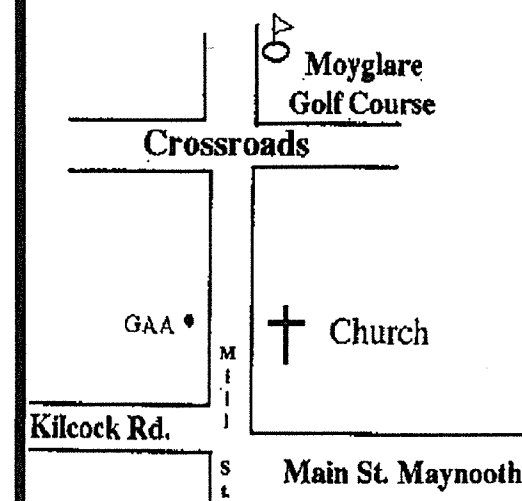
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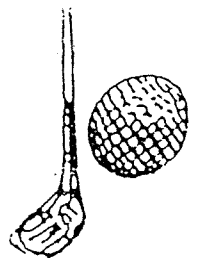
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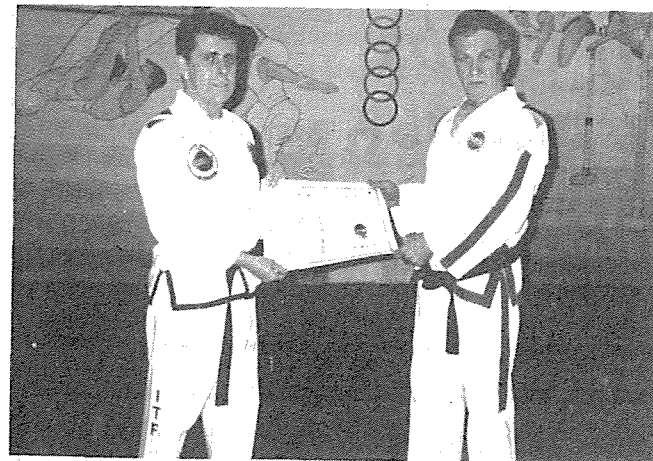
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### TAE KWON DO NOTES

Maynooth Tae Kwon Do school has been very busy in the past weeks. The senior instructor Mr. Gerard McClelland 4th Dan has recently received his Certificate of International Instructor and Referee. This is a very important certification and is only given to instructors who have shown the qualities necessary to hold this title.

Mr. McClelland has been studying Tae Kwon Do for 17 years of which he has spent 10 years with the Maynooth School. He is one of the founder members of the school and is very much part of the day to day running and coaching of the school.

The photograph shows Mr. McClelland on left receiving his certificate from Master Robert Howard 7th Dan. The presentation of the certificate was done after Mr. McClelland had completed an instructors' course under the founder and most senior Master of Tae Kwon Do General Cho of Korea. Both the course and certificate are a great personal achievement for Mr. McClelland.



*Mr. Gerard McClelland 4th Dan receiving his Certificate of International Instructor and Referee from Master Robert Howard 7th Dan.*

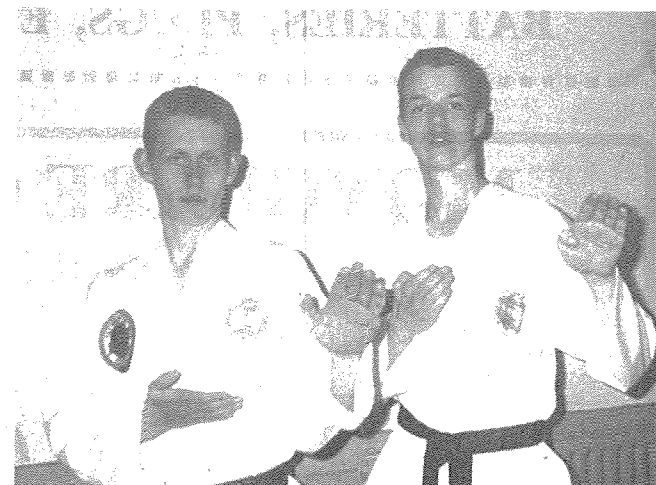
Following on from his recent certification Mr. McClelland completed his first full grading of Maynooth students on Monday 13th May in which 7 members were examined for progression to their next grade.

Meanwhile Mr. Cian McGinley travelled with the Irish Tae Kwon Do team to the European championships in Italy. The event was a four day competition based on the various components of the Tae Kwon Do training - Sparring - Patterns - and Destruction, with both individual and team competitions in the above sections. With over 30 countries taking part Ireland did very well and it was a great

opportunity for Cian to expand and develop his skills amongst the best in Europe. The knowledge and experience gained both in training for and participating in major events are indispensable to the participants and by spin-off the school in which the participants are involved also benefit.

Congratulations are due to Andrew Rowan on achieving the coveted black belt grade at a recent grading in the Spa Hotel.

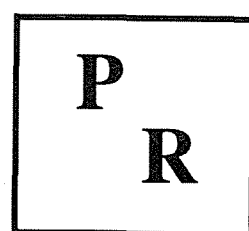
This is a special event in all Martial Arts students' lives and the culmination of much hard training and dedication.



*Cian McGinley 2nd Dan and Andrew Rowan 1st Dan*

Congratulations are due also to Theresa Mac An Airchinnigh and Vicky Draper who took first and second in the patterns section of an Open Competition held in Old Bawn, Tallaght.

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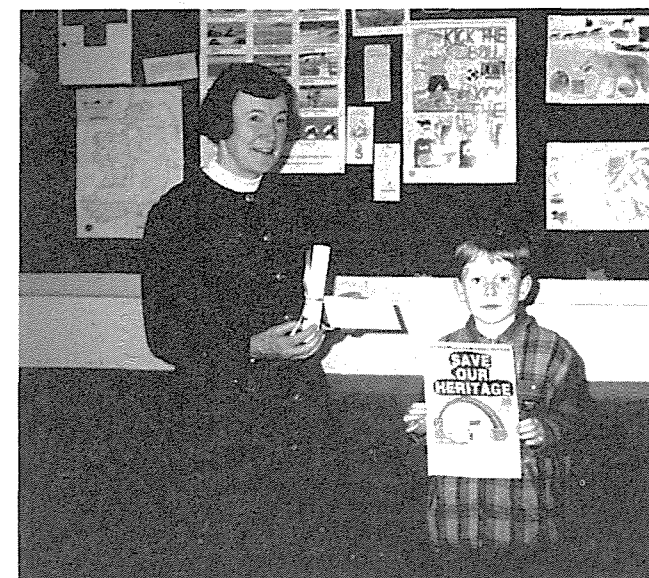
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### CARTON AVENUE ACTION GROUP

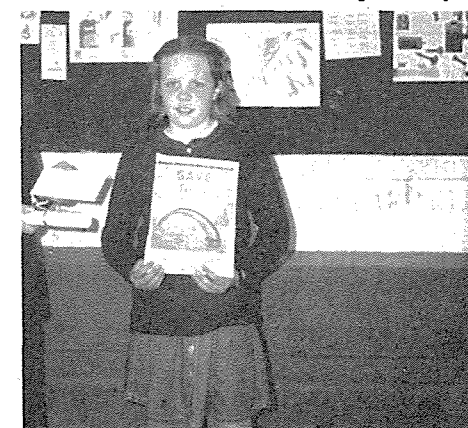
Prizes won in the children's colouring competition run by the group were presented by Mary Cullen at Maynooth Library on Thursday 16th May.

1st Prize went to Barry Stenson, Kilcloon.  
2nd Prize to Triona Cahill, Leinster Park.  
3rd to Orla Bambrick, Maynooth Park,  
4th to Roisin Carney, Aisleigh Grove.

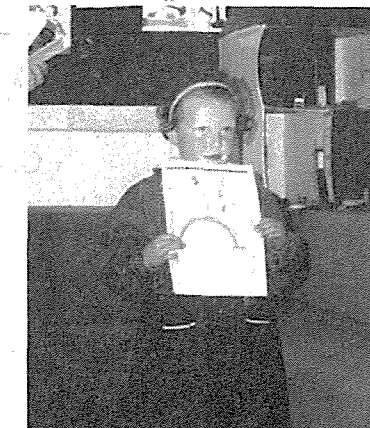
The house to house petition organised by the group is complete. There has been an overwhelming positive response to the petition. 99.9% of Maynooth residents do not want the lands adjacent to Carton Avenue rezoned for housing or industry. The petitions will be presented to Kildare Co. Council after all Co. Councillors have been lobbied to reverse the decision to rezone the lands. It is to be hoped they will listen and give the wishes of local residents the respect they deserve.



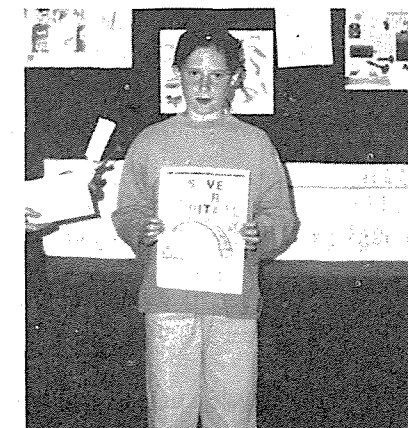
*Mary Cullen presenting Barry Stenson with his prize*



*Triona Cahill*



*Róisín Carney*



*Orla Bambrick*

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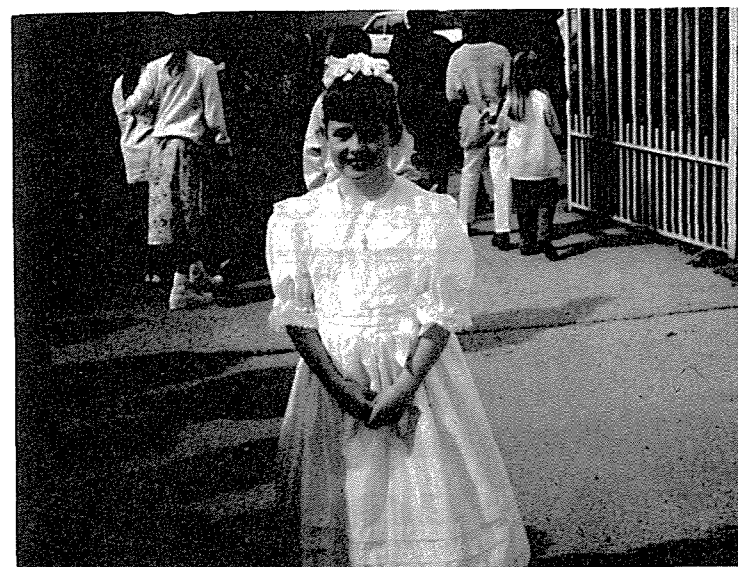
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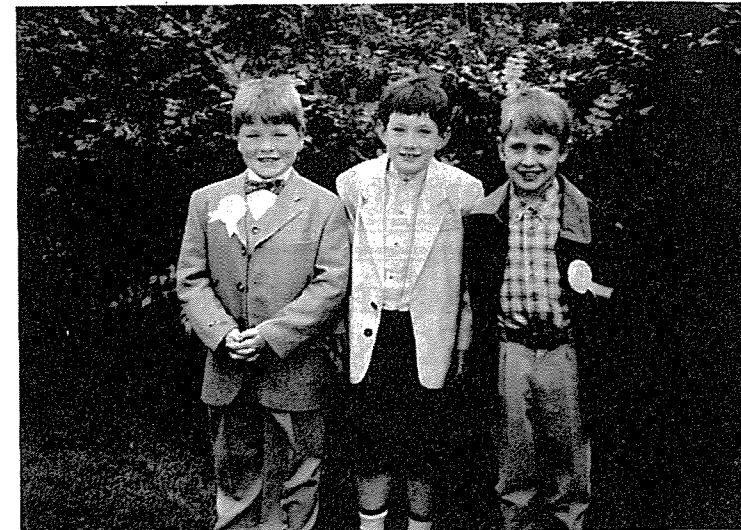
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Families always seem to go for the quiet areas but it has to offer plenty of activities for the children. We feel that Majorca and Portugal have been the first choice for most families. Alcudia in the north of Majorca has proved very popular and it has a lovely beach, shops and restaurants. Also, most of the apartments offer nightly entertainment plus kiddies' clubs.

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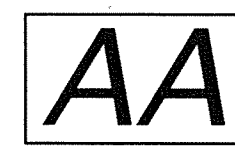
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### FEIS MAITIÚ

Maynooth students have excelled this year in various forms of creative drama in the Feis Maitiú competition held in Dublin during April. Two teams won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in creative drama bringing the cups to Maynooth. These were :-

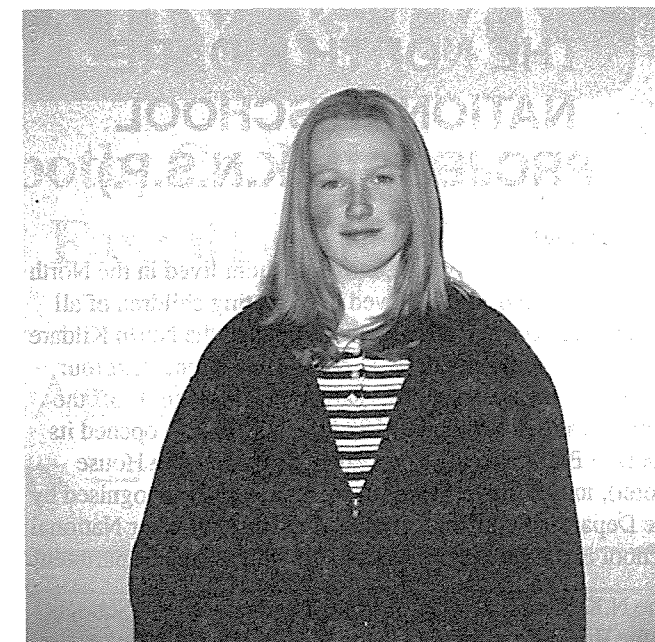


Under 14 :- Front:- Leah Richardson, Mark Watson;  
Back:- Ruth Cahill, Laura Bruton, Gillian O' Hurley, Orla  
Doyle and Sally Anne Grassick.



Under 12 :- Katie Rearden, Sarah Myles, Aileen Mc  
Ternan., Daithi Duignan, Aoife Dunning, Doireann  
Duignan, Seona McLoughlin.

Another team came third in Feis Maitiú.  
These included :- Richard Bruton, Fergal Molloy, Brian  
Downes, Louise Bruton, Micheal McLoughran, Sean  
McLoughran, Shona Doyle, John Richardson.



Marie Nagle gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in Junior Recital.  
She did works by Emily Dickson.

Congratulation goes to all the young people involved and their speech and drama teacher Monica McDonald.

### FIRST YEAR MASS AT MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The first year Mass at Maynooth Post Primary School was celebrated on Wednesday, 1st May, 1996. The celebrant was Father David Boylan and the liturgy of the word was carried out by first year students representing all five first year classes. This is an excellent way to begin the academic year. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and vice versa.

It was a very successful evening which was rounded off with refreshments and light conversation. Our thanks to Father Boylan and to the teachers of religion for their excellent organisation and hard work. Credit is also due to the students who participated in the readings, prayers of the faithful and offering of the gifts. The ceremony was enhanced throughout by the wonderful singing of the choir. Our congratulations to all of the students whose behaviour was exemplary.

Finally, we must thank the Home Economics Department and their assistants for providing refreshments, the caretakers for their co-operation and the parents for their large attendance.

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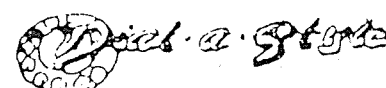


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### THE NORTH KIDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT (N.K.N.S.P.)

#### Background.

In 1990, a group of people, most of whom lived in the North Kildare area and who believed in educating children of all creeds and backgrounds together, founded the North Kildare National School Project (N.K.N.S.P.). Over the next four years the group worked tirelessly to get the school 'off the ground', and in September 1994 the N.K.N.S.P. opened its doors at Ballymakealy Lower (beside the Setanta House Hotel), in Celbridge. The School is now fully recognised by the Department for Education and is, like any other National School in the country, subject to the rules of the Department.

The N.K.N.S.P., as with all Multi-Denominational Schools in the Republic of Ireland is founded on four core principles:

1. It is Multi-denominational, that is, children of all creeds and none have equal rights of access, and the social, religious and cultural background of each child is equally respected.
2. It is co-educational, that is, the school is open to boys and girls on an equal basis. Furthermore, every effort is made to ensure that girls and boys are actively integrated, and sexual stereotyping is avoided, both in attitudes and teaching materials.
3. It is child centred, that is, the school aims to be a place where a child's quest for growth, self-development and knowledge is fully acknowledged, facilitated and encouraged.
4. It is democratically run, that is, it is run by management committees which are democratically elected and run, and the involvement of all parents is sought and encouraged.

#### Management of the school.

All National Schools in Ireland have a Patron and in most schools the patron is the local Bishop.

The N.K.N.S.P., however, has been set up as a company and the company is the Patron of the school. The school is controlled and managed by its members.

#### Aims, Objectives and Curriculum.

The curriculum of all Primary Schools in the Republic of Ireland is laid down by the Department of Education.

Within the boundaries set by the Department, the Principal of each school sets out the aims and objectives of their school and plans in detail the curriculum which is suited to the ethos of the school and the environment in which it is set.

The N.K.N.S.P. aims to create a warm and stimulating environment so that children attending may work towards realising their highest potential. In co-operation with the parents, the school works to instil feelings of self-

confidence, self-awareness and self-respect so that the children are equipped to deal with the world, both in and out of school.

Within the boundaries of the academic curriculum the objectives are two-fold:

- (i) the achievement of academic excellence for each child according to his/her individual potential and,
- (ii) the promotion of cultural enrichment.

#### Religious Education.

The religious education programme followed by children in the school is known as the Religious Education Core Curriculum which introduces children to the major world religions and promotes respect and tolerance for all traditions and cultures, and the personal development of each child. In addition to the core curriculum, the school facilitates classes of denominational instruction for children who are members of particular denominations and whose parents want them to receive the religious education of their denomination. These classes take place outside regular school hours.

#### The N.K.N.S.P. Today.

Today the N.K.N.S.P. has 79 pupils enrolled in classes from Junior Infants to Fourth, and employs three full time teachers. The children come from a wide catchment area including Maynooth, Celbridge, Straffan, Lucan and Leixlip and free transport is provided for the children travelling from Maynooth. The school itself is located at Ballymakealy Lower (beside Setanta House Hotel) in Celbridge, on a site which has been provided by Kildare County Council. The School also enjoys the services of a Caretaker on a Fás employment scheme. Parental involvement in the school is promoted at all times with parents involved in a range of activities including Drama, Swimming, Art and Craft, School Outings and in the formulation of School Policy.

#### Plans for 1996 and Beyond.

#### Enrolment.

1996 will see the enrolment of a further 35 pupils at Junior Infant level in the school. There is already a waiting list for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 year and there are even 10 children enrolled for the year 2000! The level of applications for places reflects the level of support and demand for the School in the North Kildare area.

#### New Staff and Premises.

The school will recruit a fourth full time teacher who will start work in September 1996. The school will also be applying to Fás for a Classroom Assistant and for a School Secretary.

A new classroom will also be constructed before the start of the new school year in September 1996.

#### Fundraising.

The N.K.N.S.P., like other schools, receives funding from the Department of Education. However, unlike other schools the N.K.N.S.P. is not associated with any Church body. It therefore receives no funding from the Churches. To make up the shortfalls a group of parents have set up a Fund

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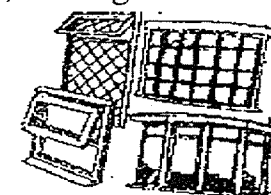
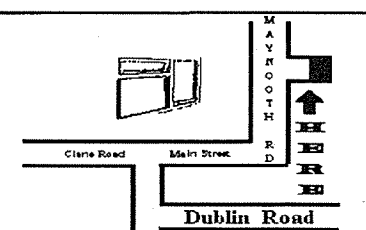
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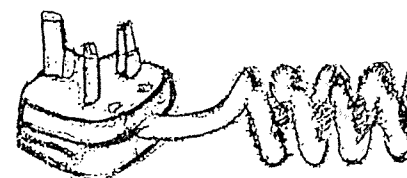
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Raising Committee and are very active in organising events which generate finance for the school.

### Conclusion.

Multi-denominational co-educational primary schooling is a relatively new and exciting development in primary education in Ireland. The demand for multi-denominational education is ever increasing and North Kildare now has its own multi-denominational school, the first, and to date only, such school in County Kildare.

The school is now up and running and successful, and judging from the enrolment figures to the year 2000, it would seem that the future will be bright.

The N.K.N.S.P. believes in educating children of all creeds and backgrounds together and will ensure that the people of North Kildare have the option of sending their children to a multi-denominational co-educational primary school.

Further information can be obtained from the N.K.N.S.P. Tel (01) 6274388

## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY NEWS

A party took place on May 15th in the New Assembly Hall for all the promoters of the Monster Draw. This party was a **thank you** to all of those parents and staff who worked so hard to make the draw a success. The hall is now complete and making a valuable contribution to life in the school and community.

Our next project is the furnishing and equipping of the Library and Oratory and the building of a Garden of Remembrance in memory of all our departed students, parents and staff. If any parent or student past or present would like to contribute to any of these projects then your contribution would be more than welcome. Our thanks to J.J. Costin for his design and planning of the Garden of Remembrance. Perhaps past students from different years might like to organise themselves in some way and make a contribution to this Garden in order to mark their years in the school. Hopefully before the year is gone we will have these three projects well in hand or even completed.

Next year we link up with Dublin City University and become part of a pilot project in Computers with them. Apart from the academic link, we will also have the benefit of fifteen new computers being supplied and installed for students use. Congratulations to Stephen McKeon and Aileen Flatley, both Junior Cert students for winning the Intel Award for best Third Year Students in Science and Maths. Well done.

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### Congratulations

Congratulations also to Roisin McCauley who has just been made a scholar of TCD. This is a most prestigious award which confers many privileges on Roisin during her stay in TCD. All of the staff of Maynooth Post Primary congratulate Roisin and wish her continued success in her studies.

A presentation of £100 each and a silver medal was made to Catherine Devaney and Jamie Lawlor by the Moulin Rouge Boutique and Maynooth Bookshop respectively for achieving the best result in the Leaving Certificate 1995. At the reception Mr. Ashe, Principal thanked Mrs. O Flaherty and Mr. Byrne for their sponsorship and asked all people in Maynooth to support local businesses particularly those which give sponsorship to the school.

Having said all that, both myself and the rest of the staff would like to wish all of our students 'bonne chance' in the Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations.

*Tom Ashe (Principal)*

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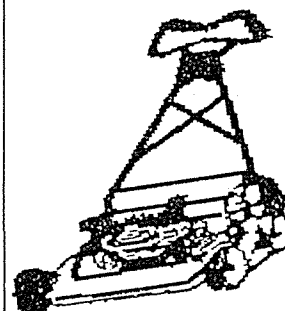
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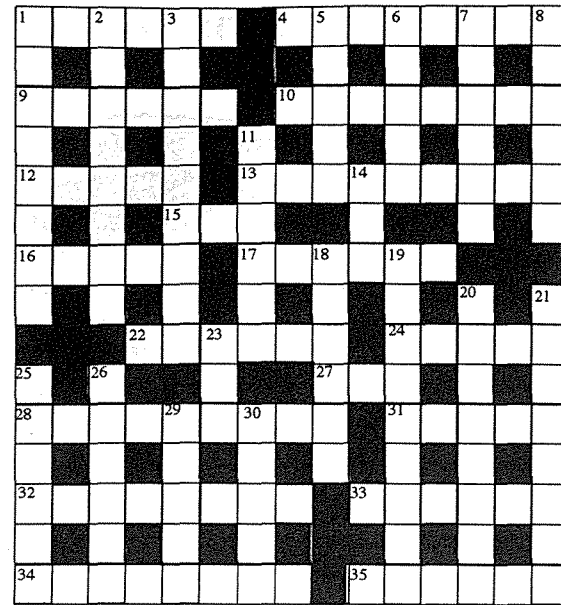
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## Crossword No. 103



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, 14th June, 1996.

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### Across:

- 1 Stylish (6)
- 4 Board game (8)
- 9 Bosom (6)
- 10 Hoodlum (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink (5)
- 13 Down under (9)
- 15 Unit of resistance (3)
- 16 Tuna fish (5)
- 17 Eastern temple (6)
- 22 Far East (6)
- 24 Share out (5)
- 27 ... Thumb (3)
- 28 Secret agent's job (9)
- 31 Zealous (5)
- 32 Shrub (8)
- 33 On fire (6)
- 34 Cheese (8)
- 35 Stupid person (6)

### Down:

- 1 To list (8)
- 2 Coming into being (8)
- 3 Naval vessel (9)
- 5 Rocks (5)
- 6 Boring tool (5)
- 7 Container (6)
- 8 Cerumen (6)
- 11 Specimen (6)
- 14 Brace (3)
- 18 Water channel (6)
- 19 Amputate (9)
- 20 Barefaced (8)

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*Winner of Crossword No. 101: Yes, it's that man again! You may recognise our April Crossword winner because he is Mr. Patrick Donoghue, 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth, who also won the January prize. He is pictured above being presented with his prize by Ms. Ursula Byrne, on behalf of our sponsor, The Maynooth Bookshop.*

- 21 Spiny fish (8)
- 23 Hotel (3)
- 25 Recover (6)
- 26 Seem (6)
- 29 Small weight (5)
- 30 Boxing ring (5)

### Solution to Crossword No. 102:

**Across:** 1, Regard; 4, Stockman; 9, Circus; 10, Terminus; 12, Ahead; 13, Commodore; 15, Hic; 16, Glebe; 17, Rattan; 22, Adhere; 24, Tenet; 27, Née; 28, Bric-a-brac; 31, Rated; 32, Estimate; 33, Carbon; 34, Sedition; 35, Sheets.

**Down:** 1, Recharge; 2, Gardener; 3, Roundhead; 5, Therm; 6, Cameo; 7, Mentor; 8, Nissen; 11, Accrue; 14, Mat; 18, Trench; 19, Aftermath; 20, Unstable; 21, Students; 23, Hob; 25, Obsess; 26, Jilted; 29, Admit; 30, Ratio.

### Winner of Crossword No. 102:

Tony Myles, 10 Silken Vale, Maynooth.

## Features

### STRONG MAYNOOTH CONNECTIONS WITH NEW JAMES CONNOLLY MEMORIAL

The new memorial to James Connolly, the socialist, trade unionist and Easter Rising leader located in Beresford Place, opposite Liberty Hall, was unveiled by President Mary Robinson on 12 May 1996, the 80th anniversary of Connolly's execution.

The memorial was commissioned by the James Connolly Memorial Initiative. The chair of the Initiative is Michael Quinn of Lawrence Avenue and Mary Cullen of Main Street is a founding patron.



Mary Cullen, Michael Quinn and Hilda Dunne at the unveiling.

Designed by sculptor Eamonn O'Doherty, the memorial depicts Connolly standing before the Starry Plough, the flag of the Irish Citizen Army. The 7'6" figure of Connolly is in bronze and the 'flag' is cut and polished Wicklow granite. The principal inscription of the memorial is taken from Connolly's last editorial in his paper, The Workers Republic: "The cause of labour is the cause of Ireland, the cause of Ireland is the cause of labour."

Erection of the memorial was made possible by contributions from the Irish Government, Dublin Corporation, and over 30 labour movement organisations in Ireland and the United States, and from numerous other organisations and individual citizens.

The unveiling ceremony, as is the memorial itself, was a celebration of the ideas which Connolly represents. Music was provided by a folk orchestra from Sweden, the SIPTU band and the ballad "Where O Where is James Connolly"

was sung by Eleanor McEvoy. The actor Brendan Cauldwell performed extracts from two of Connolly's speeches.

The event was attended by approx. 1,000 people from all parts of Ireland, trade union delegations from Scotland and the U.S. and prominent labour movement leaders included An Tainiste, Dick Spring, Ruairi Quinn, Proinsias De Rossa, Michael O'Riordan and Gerry Adams.

Souvenir brochures and videos of the unveiling ceremony are available from Michael Quinn, 13 Lawrence Avenue (Tel 6285258) and the memorial, now entrusted to Dublin Corporation, belongs to the people of Ireland.

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## TRIBUTE TO PEARSE O'CONNELL

From the drumlins of Monaghan to the Esker of Lucan, ending up in the plains of Nuada, M. P. O'Connell journeyed through two generations of Maynoothites. These 35 years have seen an enormous change from the mainly rural to present urban satellite town of Dublin.



Just as the College campus is divided in two, the four-teacher school of 1961 was also divided, with young Mr. O'Connell taking second class in the hall, now Barry's newsagency — while Frank Walshe and his two cohorts held court up the Moyglare Road. The streetside schoolroom had its disadvantages, especially in the lack of playground facilities. You could set your clock by the procession of Second Class boys marching around Pound Lane up Buckley's Lane, returning to the Main Street. It had the advantage of a dance hall next door, where drill and P.E. were introduced.

Pearse's interest in music and singing is reflected in his dedication to choral work and voice training. The grá he instilled and the perfection he encouraged is echoed in the harmony he achieved.

The fruits of his deep, varied interest in sport was soon to be reaped by the youth. His influence in sporting achievements in Maynooth extended through successive decades. This interest was not confined to the *crème de la crème*. His sport for all philosophy shone through. His interest and dedication to sport was national, varied and embracing of all codes. He was the theorist and the constantly active participant and motivator. This ethos is evident in the school and its hinterland, as past pupils continue to utilise leisure time usefully.

*Tempus fugit* — the years rolled on. From 1961 to 1971 Maynooth B.N.S. was unique — as it was a lay secondary top school — in which children continued their education in primary school to Leaving Cert. In 1965 the first pupils sat Leaving Cert. In 1971 Maynooth Post Primary opened — product of the Free Education Revolution. Mr. Walshe resigned, having indelibly left his educational mark in Maynooth. Mr. O'Connell took over the onerous post as Principal — assisted by Mr. Patrick O'Connor and Joseph McBride.

From 1971 to 1996, during his tenure, Maynooth has expanded. The school was extended in 1975 and now boasts a 16-teacher staff. Mr. O'Connell proudly and efficiently steered his teaching career through the exciting waters of change in education.

During those years, he worked in close co-operation with Fr. O'Riordan, Fr. Duff, Fr. O'Higgins, Fr. Supple, Fr. Walshe and the present chairman of the Management Board, Fr. Cogan. He always received the full support and confidence of his school staff.

I am sure everybody would wish to associate themselves with the sincere wish that he enjoys years of health, happiness and success. Good wishes are also extended to his wife Eén, his ever-supportive pillar of support, and his four children. His two sons are David, aged 26, and Ronan, aged 25. His daughters are Shauna, 21, and Fiona, 13.

## PRESS RELEASE!!

### COONANS ACHIEVE PRICE OF £106,000 FOR BUNGALOW IN KILCOCK

Coonan Estate Agents, Maynooth, achieved a record price of £106,000 at auction last week for a detached 4-bed bungalow at Dollanstown, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. The bidding began at £70,000 and the property was placed on the market at £100,000. This strong price reflects the unprecedented increase in demand for property in the general area since the advent of the M4 motorway and easy access to Dublin. Coonans report a price increase of between 8% and 10% for property in the Maynooth area and their recent sales reflect this. They are currently looking for a similar property for a disappointed under bidder who is relocating to the North Kildare area.

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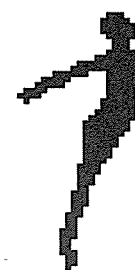
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1 large onion, peeled and cut into chunks  
2 tsp chilli powder  
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2 Tbsp plain flour  
150ml / ⅓pt red wine  
150ml / ⅓pt lamb stock  
150g / 5oz self-raising flour  
65g / 2½oz butter or margarine  
2tsp caraway seeds  
1 (200g / 7oz) can plum tomatoes  
100g / 4oz mushrooms, quartered  
Boiled long-grain rice  
mixed with fresh chopped parsley to serve  
Parsley sprigs to garnish

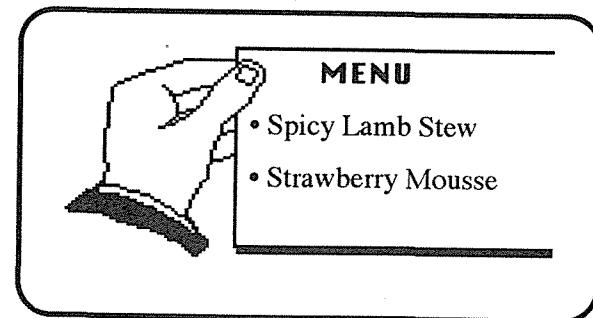
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1. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole. Add the onion and chilli powder and cook, stirring for about 4-5 minutes until softened. Add the lamb and cook, stirring for 5 minutes until browned.
2. Stir in the plain flour then the red wine and stock and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil, cover, reduce heat. Simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, make the dumplings. Sift the self-raising flour with a pinch of salt into a bowl. Rub the butter or margarine into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the caraway seeds, mix well.
4. Make a well in the centre and stir in 5 Tbsp cold water to make a soft dough. Shape into 12 walnut-sized balls.
5. Chop the plum tomatoes roughly and add, with the juices, to the pan. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the mushrooms and the dumplings and simmer for a further 20 minutes.
6. Serve the stew hot, with the rice, garnished with parsley sprigs.

#### TIPS:

As an alternative to caraway seeds, try flavouring the dumplings with fresh chopped herbs, grated lemon or orange rind or mustard, poppy or sesame seeds.

If preferred, use stewing lamb or boned shoulder instead of neck fillet.



### Strawberry Mousse

Serves 6

450g / 1lb strawberries  
25g / 1oz gelatine  
120g / 4½oz castor sugar  
juice of 1 lemon  
300ml / ½ pint whipping cream

1. Liquidise the strawberries and strain to make a puree.
2. Line a 450g / 1lb loaf tin with some cling film. Sprinkle the gelatine over three tablespoons of cold water in a small bowl. Place the bowl over a pan of hot water until the gelatine dissolves and liquid is clear.
3. Place 75g / 3oz of the sugar, half of the lemon juice and 150ml / ¼ pint of water in a pan and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the gelatine. Place in a bowl with 150ml / ¼ pint of the puree. Stand the bowl in iced water and stir continuously until it turns cold and thick.
4. Whip the cream until softly peaking, then whisk into the mixture. Pour into the tin and leave to set in the fridge.
5. Place the remaining sugar, lemon juice and puree in pan. Bring to the boil, strain. Chill.
6. Turn out the mousse and peel away the cling film. Slice and serve with the strawberry sauce. You can also serve the mousse with the strawberry sorbet or strawberries marinated in Grand Marnier liqueur.



## SUCCESSFUL HANGING PLANTS

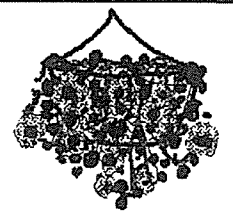
There are lots of different hanging baskets to choose from. The best type is an open mesh basket which can be planted on the sides as well as the top. Cram in as many plants as possible for a really top-class display. As well as traditional hanging baskets, there are terracotta wall pots in lots of designs and 'manger' style wall troughs. 'Swags' are a wonderful way of growing plants against a wall. They're tough bags which are filled with compost, then you cut slits in the bag through which to put the plants. After growing them on for a couple of weeks, they can be hung in their final position.

Always use a good potting compost. It's well worth adding a controlled-release fertilizer before planting. Although it's a little expensive, it gives good results and there's no need for additional liquid feeding until late summer.

There's a vast range of summer-flowering plants available in many colours, so you can make up your favorite colour schemes. Geraniums are available both as trailing ivy-leaved varieties, and upright types suitable for planting in the centre of the basket. The main colours are red, pink and white, though there are lots of different shades.

Fuchsias are also available in trailing and bush forms, with both single and double flowers in an enormous range of colours. Fuchsias dislike too much sun, as do Busy Lizzies (*Impatiens*), so they're ideal for a cooler shady site.

Petunias come in a wide range of colours. The new 'Surfina' trailing petunias are superb hanging basket plants that provide masses of colour. Tuberous begonias are excellent in baskets. The tubers can be bought and potted individually earlier in spring to



## GARDENING HINTS

get them off to a flying start. Pendulous begonias provide a cascade of colour, while upright varieties make good plants for the centre of the basket. But these slightly fragile plants are only for a sheltered spot.

Tender perennials include some marvellous trailing plants that make a long-lasting and unusual display of flowers, like *Bidens ferulaefolia*, swan river daisy (*Brachycome*), *Lysimachia congestiflora*, *Portulaca*, *Scaevola* and *Verbena x hybrida*. *Lotus berthelotii* has claw-shaped, dark red flowers and its needle-like silver leaves are particularly attractive. Plants with cool foliage colours provide an excellent foil: *Helichrysum petiolare* has silver, lime-green and variegated leaves, *Nepeta* produces long trails of leaves, and *Lysimachia nummularia* 'Aurea' has yellow leaves and golden flowers. The latter two are usually hardy.

## PLANTING UP A HANGING BASKET

Hanging baskets can be planted and put outside this month. If there's room in the greenhouse, they can be planted up in May and grown under cover for several weeks.

1. Line a mesh basket with a coir, wool or plastic liner, and put a circle of plastic in the bottom to help keep the moisture in.
2. Sit the basket on a large pot to keep it stable. Fill it with compost and, starting in the centre, fill round with lower growing plants, including trailing plants at the edges.
3. Hang the basket on a stout bracket which is securely fixed to the wall. Push trailing plants through the coir, so the whole basket will be a globe of colour. Water it thoroughly.

## MAKE YOUR OWN POT-POURRI

Bowls of fragrant pot-pourri are easy to make, and they're a wonderful way of bringing the garden's perfume into the house all year round. Their delicate lingering fragrance is far more pleasant than the smell of those ghastly chemical air fresheners.

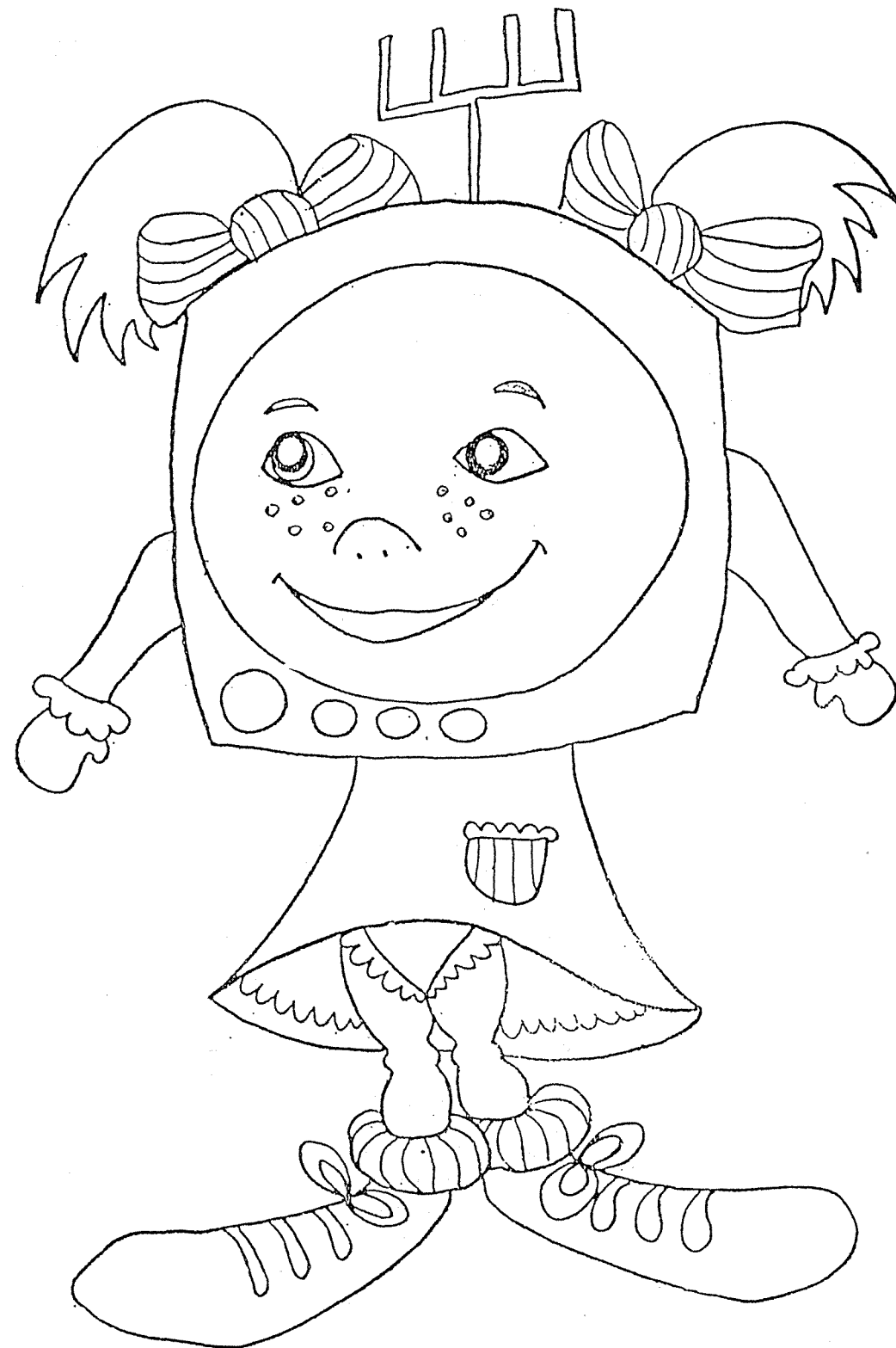
Any scented flowers or leaves can be used to make pot-pourri. Fragrant flowers include roses, lavender, violets, broom, pinks, jasmine, honeysuckle and wallflowers. Plants with aromatic foliage include lemon verbena, lemon balm, eau-de-Cologne mint and pelargoniums with scented leaves. For extra colour add a few flowers of marigolds, pot marigolds, love-in-a-mist, cornflowers or sweet peas.

Pick the flowers and leaves early in the day when the weather's dry. Choose flowers that are nearly, but not quite fully open. Spread the flowers and foliage to dry outside on wire mesh that's fixed above the ground to let the air circulate thoroughly, or put them on trays in a very low oven with the door open.

When the material is dry and crisp to the touch, mix it together in a large bowl with some chopped citrus peel and about half a cup of powdered orris root to 'fix' the fragrance. Store it in an airtight container for a month or so, then put it in decorative bowls or jars around the house.







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## Party Political

### FINE GAEL NOTES

#### Laraghbryan Cemetery:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has the following motion on the next agenda for the Celbridge area meeting of Kildare County Council: "That Kildare County Council take urgent remedial action to eliminate any further dumping at Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth, and remove household rubbish which is now causing the site to be infested with rats."

Cllr. Griffin is seeking from the Council a commitment to level the site, lay rat poison and to lock the gate to prevent further dumping. The present condition of the site is totally unacceptable and is disturbing for relatives of those who have members of their family buried in Laraghbryan Cemetery.

#### Cul-de-sac at Parklands:

Following a meeting with the County Engineer, Senan Griffin is happy to report that the County Engineer has no objection to the proposed cul-de-sac at Parklands. The realignment of the proposed link road will be surveyed by the engineering staff before a final decision is made. Deputy Bernard Durkan and Senan Griffin met with the residents' association and assured them of their support to have Parklands road a cul-de-sac.

#### Main Street plan:

The Main Street plan was discussed on Friday, May 17th 1996.

- (1) Agreement that the priority will remain with Parson Street Junction.
- (2) Fagan's Lane will be two-way without an exit onto the Main Street.
- (3) That Doctor's Lane be closed off at the Dublin Road.

(4) That the engineering staff further examine the drop-off and collection point for students at the Girls' Convent School.

#### Main Street lights:

Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. has expressed serious concern at the new system of traffic lights on the Main Street. Deputy Durkan has informed the County Engineer that the lights as presently programmed are a danger to the people and pedestrian users of the Main Street.

#### Bond Bridge:

Bernard Durkan and Senan Griffin attended the recent meeting regarding Bond Bridge and gave their support to have the listing of the bridge upgraded to No. 1 in the order of priority.

#### Intel / Hewlett Packard / Celbridge interchange:

At the recent Celbridge area meeting the County Engineer, Mr. John Carrick outlined the suggested position for a new interchange to accommodate Intel, Hewlett Packard and Celbridge.

#### Student Summer Job Scheme:

Any student keen to have a summer job should contact Deputy B. Durkan at 7043729 for information on the above scheme.

The Maynooth branch of Fine Gael meet on the third Tuesday of every month in the Glenroyal Hotel. Any new resident wishing to become a member should contact Deputy Bernard Durkan at 7043729 or Senan Griffin at 6285177.

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

**Bond Bridge**  
Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting on the 27th May.

"That the Council adopts the following policy in relation to Bond Bridge, Maynooth:

a) That Bond Bridge be treated as a project in its own right and not together with the Rathcoffey Road and further that Bond Bridge be included in the Top 3 of the priority list for Regional Development Funding.

b) Bearing in mind the following in relation to Development Levies for the New Bridge.

Account paid to 2/2/96	£286,533;
Still to be paid	£67,243;
Total	£353,776;
Amount spent in buttressing the Bridge	£120,900;
	£232,876;
Cost of New Bridge	£750,000;
Shortfall	£517,124.

N.B. Land zoned residential in the area and yet to be developed - 50 acres.

That Kildare County Council seeks approval from the Department of the Environment to take out the loan necessary to build the New Bridge forthwith and that this loan would be repaid from Special Development Levies on the 50 acres still to be developed."

In addition the council have asked a contractor to carry out signage work i.e. "Slow" and "Caution" painted on the road. A continuous white line will also be painted on the centre of the road. This work should be completed by the end of May.

**Parking By Laws**  
There are no parking by laws for Maynooth. Gardai representatives attended the Council meeting on the 10th May and they agreed to Councillor John McGinley's request that they submit their proposals for double yellow lines to the Council before our next meeting on the 14th June. The Area Committee will then draft parking by laws for the town and the Gardai will enforce them.

**Tony Smith Memorial Walk**  
Our Annual Walk in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee was held on Sunday May 12th at 3.00 p.m.

The route for the walk was along Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank Michael Barry and Lee Mallaghan for opening Carton on the

day to the participants. The proceeds of the walk will be handed over to the Senior Citizens Committee by Minister Emmet Stagg during Maynooth Festival Week and we expect the final proceeds to be in excess of £1,500 this year. This will be a record amount for the walk and we thank all those who sponsored our walkers.

**Bollards at Greenfields**  
Following complaints from local residents Minister Stagg has requested the Area Engineer to immediately put in place bollards on the footpath link between 861 and 1170 Greenfields to prevent motorists using the pedestrian area.

**Congratulations to Cian McGinley**  
We would like to congratulate Cian McGinley on his achievement in representing Ireland at the European Tae Kwon Do Championships held in Italy recently.

**Dumping at Greenfields.**  
Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have requested the Area Engineer to remove the large volume of rubbish which has been dumped in the Square at the back entrance to Greenfields.

**Laraghbryan Cemetery.**  
The lack of response by Kildare County Council to the dumping near Laraghbryan Cemetery was condemned at a recent Branch Meeting by Minister Stagg.

Both Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley reported the problem to the Council and the Health Board in early April.

The Council have now pledged to clear up the area but the delay in doing so is simply not acceptable.

**Parson Street**  
At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the County Engineer has agreed that Council Officials will meet the committee of Parson Street Residents' Association in order to get their agreement to the proposed traffic calming measures for Parson Street. Cllr. John McGinley also asked the County Engineer to erect proper signage in the area, i.e. 30 M.P.H. and Hump backed bridge signs.

**Doctor's Lane Planning Application**  
A planning application has been submitted to Kildare County Council for 16 Apartments between Doctor's Lane and Leinster Park. Cllr. John McGinley proposed at the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on the 10th of May that this application be rejected on the following grounds:

1. It is not a suitable location for apartments.
2. The proposed 3 storey blocks would over look the bungalows in Leinster Park.
3. The site already has planning permission for 4 bungalows.
4. The number of bed spaces will be far in excess of those permitted in the Maynooth Development Plan.

**Maynooth Street Plan**  
The following was agreed at the Celbridge Area meeting on the 17th May.

1. Main Street/Mill Street will still be the main road.
2. Parson Street will still have priority over the College Road but realignment of Parson Street will take place. There won't be a pedestrian crossing at the Parson Street/College Road junction.
3. Fagans Lane will be open to traffic in one direction only. Traffic will enter from Main Street and exit onto Pound Lane.
4. Public seating will not be located outside private houses.

Further investigation will be carried out on the provision of a mini traffic island at Main Street/Mill Street/ Parson Street junction and the closure of Doctor's Lane at the Dublin Road end. Decisions will be made on these at our meeting on the 14th June. It is hoped that the work between Carton Avenue and the College entrance, including undergrounding overhead wires and paving of the footpaths, will take place this year.



Tony Smith Memorial Walk

MAYNOOTH  
FIANNA FÁIL  
CUMANN

The A.G.M. of the above was held on Thursday the 18th of April in Gerry Brady's office, Main Street, Maynooth. A well attended meeting (with standing room only for late comers!) heard reports of a successful year. Many new members have joined the Cumann in recent months.

The meeting was also attended by Cmmr. Paul Kelly, recently selected as a candidate for the party in the next General Election, to run with Deputy Charlie McCreevey. Paul addressed the meeting and outlined his views on the forthcoming campaign and strategy and assured the members of his availability to attend meetings and to deal with any problems or queries they might have.

Elected as officers of the Cumann for the coming year were the following:

**President** - Mrs. Eileen Kennedy; **Chairman** - Michael Caden; **Vice Chairman** - John Gillick; **Secretary** - Ruairi Newman; **Treasurers** - Conor McManus and Conor O'Dwyer; **Delegates to Comhairle Dáil** - Peter Finan and Michael Caden; **Membership Officer** - Conor O'Dwyer; **Youth Officer** - Anne Finan.

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## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY QUALIFY FOR THEIR FIRST KILDARE HURLING FINAL

Maynooth Post Primary school's under 14 Hurling Team qualified for the inaugural Kildare Hurling Final by defeating St. Farnans, Prosperous on a scoreline 4.8 to 0.0. played in St. Mary's Park on Friday 3rd May. Prosperous were no match for a Maynooth side determined to get a return crack at a Naas CBS Team, who defeated them in the under 14 North Leinster Final last year with a last minute goal.

Maynooth elected to play with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half, and early scores from play by Mickey Gleeson, Eoin Murray and an opportunist goal by corner forward Sean Brady enabled them to hold a 3-7 to no score half time lead.

While Prosperous tried hard for major scores in the second half, a resolute Maynooth defence led by captain Tommy Masterson and ably assisted by Alan "Nuller" Nolan and Joey Brennan held out for a convincing win.

Maynooth Team:  
Mickey Mathews, Tommy Masterson, Michael Ryan, Joey Brennan, Aidan Doyle, Alan Nolan, Conor Diggins, Sean O'Flaherty, Mickey Gleeson, Aidan Molloy, Andrew Dalton, Sean Brady, Eoin Murray.

Subs used:  
John Kinsella for Sean O'Flaherty (Half time).  
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Scorers:  
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#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

##### Sunday 14th July

Tug-o-War, Harbour Field, from 3.30p.m.  
onwards. Children's under 12 years Tug-o-War

A Festival of Folk Dancing in the Square from  
7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m.

Guinness Jazz Band - Glenroyal - 9.30p.m.

##### Monday 15th July

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band in the Square -  
7.30p.m. - 9p.m.

Smithwicks' Music Night Leinster Arms

Guinness Table Quiz - Prize Money - £175  
Caulfields - 9p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

##### Tuesday 16th July

Young Bands - Square 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m.

KARAOKE - G.A.A. 9.00p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

##### Wednesday 17th July

Accordion Band - The Square 7.30p.m. -  
9.00p.m.

Irish Dancing - G.A.A. 8.30p.m.

Set Dancing - G.A.A.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

##### Thursday 18th July

The Wackadoo Drama Theatre Group  
Parish Hall 8 - 10p.m. (Children's Variety Group)

Traditional Music in the Square 7.30p.m. - 9p.m.

Maynooth Old People's Committee Cabaret  
Caulfields 9p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45 p.m. Harbour Field

##### Friday 19th July

Young Bands in Square 7.30 - 9p.m.  
Miss Royal Canal - Glenroyal 9p.m.  
Music - Leinster Arms - 9.30 p.m.

Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. - Harbour Field

##### Saturday 20th July

Children's Teddy Bears Picnic  
Fire Brigade Display  
Face Painting - Baby Show  
Harbour Field 3p.m. - 5.30p.m.

Adult Car Treasure Hunt - 4p.m. Town Centre Mall  
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##### Harp Lager Talent Competition

Roost - 9p.m.  
Soccer 7-a-Side 6.45p.m. Harbour Field

##### Sunday 21st July

Irish Music and Dancing in the Square 7.30p.m. -  
9p.m.

Women's and Men's Guinness Soccer Final  
Presentation "Barperson of the Year" Roost 7p.m.

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## MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the season now nearing a close on the Senior and Schoolboy scene our Ladies have just commenced their season. Once again, we will be looking forward to our Ladies for a good showing during their campaign and in this respect we can be assured of some exciting fare during the season. With the bulk of last year's panel still available and the recruitment of new players during the close season it is certain that we will be up there fighting on all fronts in the quest for honours.

### Old Trafford Trip

As mentioned in our last report, our trip to Old Trafford has come and gone and once more it was a great success. As with all games, a win for your favourite team is the main objective, but when the outcome is so clear-cut and decisive it makes it an added bonus.

Departing from Dun Laoghaire on Saturday, 27th April, on the new high-speed Sealink vessel with a party of 16 boys and 10 adults, it was no wonder that happy faces were to be seen all around us. Joining our party was the ever-genial Shay Weafer from the Manchester United Supporters' Club, who as always arranged match tickets, accommodation, etc., with his usual efficiency.

With the outward sea journey only taking 99 minutes, we had very little time to organise our usual sing-song and card games, but the return journey saw us put the record right. Our journey by coach through Wales was a joy to behold with the beautiful scenery making us feel as if we had never left home. A short stop at Conway for refreshments during the coach trip before we made the final part of our journey to Manchester and the home of League and Cup winners Manchester United. On arrival at our hotel the Lansdowne rooming arrangements were made and keys duly issued. When everyone settled it was quickly discovered that McDonald's was close by and a great exodus took place from the Lansdowne by our younger set under the supervision of some of the older group. With the young ones settled down for the night some of the night owls made the usual trip to the Irish Centre at Queens Road where we duly started an impromptu sing-song much to the enjoyment of the usual Saturday night regulars. At closing time it was back to the hotel for a few night caps before getting some shut-eye in preparation for the task in hand against Notts Forest next day. Sunday morning saw the usual shopping for presents to take home to Mams, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, etc. Some paid the obligatory call to Old Trafford to acquire the usual long list of mementos for the supporters back home. Shortly after lunch our coach took us to the ground in preparation for the big game. While most were Manchester United fans there were a few who secretly wished that the result would go against the Reds and therefore spoil the fun. By the time 5.45 arrived even the doubters were singing the praises of a wonderful team who ultimately did the double

and thereby silenced the knockers who had questioned the quality of a side who finally answered all the questions asked of them. Seeing Brendan Kelly and Tony McMahon wearing the Manchester United colours later in the evening must qualify them as honorary members of the Real United fan club.

### Something Special

The atmosphere outside the ground gave one the feeling that something special was about to happen. The carnival atmosphere and good humour among the fans left our younger fans in total awe and made a lasting impression on their minds. The towering new stand seemed to reach to the heavens and when we later entered the fabulous new structure it made us feel as if we were there. The magnificent bronze bust of the late Sir Matt Busby, whom I once had the pleasure to meet personally, stood above the plaque of the Munich air crash victims outside the main entrance.

One felt that the great man was surveying all that was happening about him and I could almost hear him whisper in his soft Scottish brogue that "Everything is going to be all right, laddie".

### Theatre of Dreams

Having bought our usual assortment of hats, scarves, etc., it was now time to enter the stadium, which is now rightly acclaimed as the "Theatre of Dreams". As our seats were located in the higher regions of the new stand it was going to be a new venture for us on this occasion and the excitement was evident among all sections of our party. On reaching our seats Johnny Thompson was heard to quip: "You'd need a parachute to get out of here." The view of the vast arena was unbelievable with a perfect view of all sections of the ground. The pre-match warm-up was met with a continuous chant of the players' names with the loudest cheer of all for

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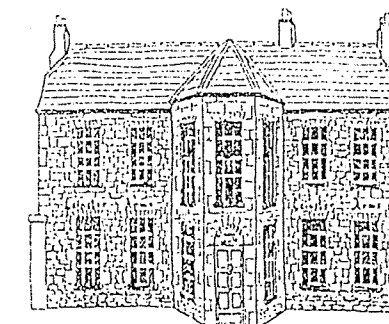
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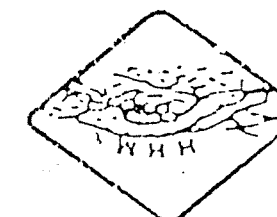
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the man now dubbed "The King", Eric Cantona. The game kicked off with the usual deafening roar, which was to build to an ever-increasing crescendo as the game progressed. Two goals for United just before the break eased the pressure for the more hardened supporters among us and greatly reduced the pulse rate among the older ones. Half-time arrived with the usual scurry for refreshments. Half-time would not be the same without the traditional cup of beef tea. Mattie Carroll provided the necessary with a tray of the famous brew. The second half brought some of the most inspired singing ever witnessed at Old Trafford and it was a great feeling to be part of it. With three second-half goals from Giggs, Beckham and Cantona, an unbreakable seal was put on a most wonderful experience. The feeling leaving the ground was one of great satisfaction, having been a witness to a game which effectively wrapped up the Premiership title. Spirits throughout the rest of the evening were of the highest order and after our evening meal we retired to "Dutty Nellie's" to partake of the local "craic". Being our last evening in Manchester, the revelry went into the early hours before retiring for a few hours' sleep. An early breakfast was had by those who were in the mood before departing for Holyhead and the return voyage to Dublin. The longer return boat journey lent for more sing-songs and craic with many talents being unearthed during the process. A smooth passage left everyone in good form and looking forward to that evening's game between Leeds and Newcastle. A Newcastle win meant that the celebrations would have to be put on hold for a while longer. Subsequent results will show that United achieved the double in style and we can take pride in being present to see part of that notable feat.

## Worthy Ambassadors

The young members of our group behaved admirably during a packed itinerary and were worthy ambassadors of the club — a credit indeed to their families and themselves. Thanks once again to Shay Weafer and the Manchester United Supporters' Club. Thanks also to Mícheál Dempsey, who ensured that everything went smoothly and who ironed out a few minor hitches during the trip. John (Bolla) Fleming always ensured that the frolics were kept going with his never-ending repertoire of songs.

## Babysitters

When it came to babysitting at night, Tom Dempsey, Eugene O'Neill and Tony McMahon could always be relied upon to provide a first-class service. Joey Dempsey and Mattie Carroll acted as scouts and sought out the various watering holes and were more than capable of advising us on the best local brews. Brendan Kelly acted as master of ceremonies during the sing-songs and always ensured that the tables were full, but admitted that there is no pint like a home pint. That master of the one-liners, Johnny Thompson, was his usual inimitable self throughout the trip. Having roomed with myself, he described the experience as like "trying to sleep at a rock concert". I'm sure there will be many abiding memories by the various individuals and perhaps some will be recalled in the near future. My most abiding memory was

that of the bust of Sir Matt Busby towering above the entrance. Having presided over the "Busby Babes" era of the 'fifties, he now seems to be guiding the new crop of Babes. Many thanks to Noel Brady for his generous donation to the kiddies' pool.

Some match results to date:

## Premier Division:

### Maynooth Town 2; Inchicore Rangers 1

Maynooth left it late before securing three valuable points in this League fixture. A very solid defence was the main asset of this win and nobody performed better than Keith Cooke, Fergal Barton and star young 'keeper Niall Naughton. Maynooth dominated the early exchanges with Joey Dempsey in commanding form. Easily winning the midfield battle, he set up several chances for his front line, who were thwarted by a sound Inchicore who also had a top-class 'keeper who brought off several top-class saves. Inchicore opened the scoring from the spot early in the second-half only for Martin McTernan to bring the home side level, also from the spot after Joey Dempsey had been tripped in the area. With time running out Paul Byrne sent a glancing header to the net following a Martin McTernan free kick.

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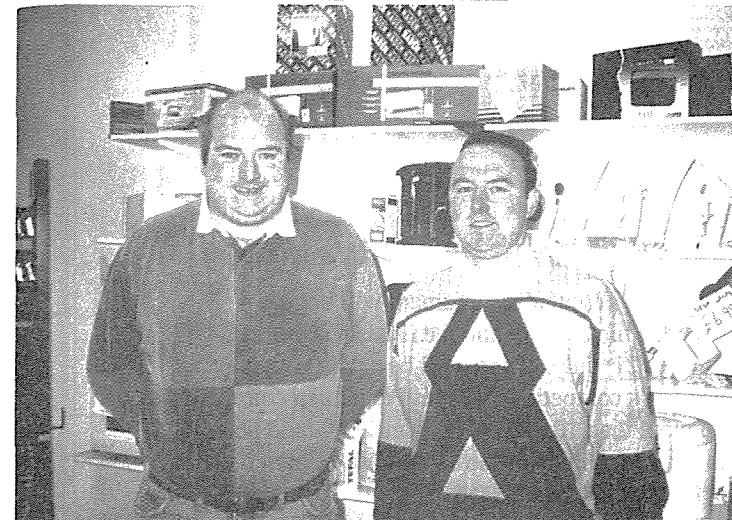
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Vincent Mulready photographed at Carton House  
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## Sports

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

#### Greenfort Utd. 1; Maynooth Town 3

An under-strength Maynooth side had to fight hard to keep pace with the leaders and were good value for this win. There were several heroes in this victory and the depth of talent within the squad was emphasised in no uncertain manner. Being short a number of regulars, the overall efficiency of the side was hardly affected at all. Maynooth found it hard to break down a stubborn home defence but Freddie Clarke made the vital breakthrough in the 70th minute when he beat a number of players before firing home the opening goal. Martin Byrne increased the lead shortly afterwards but Greenfort were not going to give in easily and came back to reduce the deficit. David Coughlan made the points safe when he netted a late penalty to ease the pressure.

### Dublin Women's League — Premier Division 'B'

#### Maynooth Town 1; R.S.L. F.C. 0

Maynooth finally laid the RSL bogey to rest with this narrow home win. Having been beaten three times last season in League and Cup, Maynooth were in determined mood to reverse the trend. The very experienced South Dublin side made matters difficult for Maynooth and did not give in easily. With some players not available to Maynooth until later in the season due to age restrictions, this performance augurs well for the remainder of the season when the full panel becomes available.

Antoinette Mooney was in top form throughout this game with other notable performances from Finola Healy, Irene Kearney and Ginny Breslin. Bríd Ann O'Shea hustled and harried in relentless fashion and she got good support from the fleet-footed Maedbh Flood and Leanne Hughes. Maedbh Flood was just wide with a shot on the run after a left-wing break. Just on the stroke of half-time Leanne Hughes split the RSL defence with a pin-point pass into the path of the stylish Cáit Ledwith, who slotted the ball home for what proved the winner. Eileen McGrath bravely battled through the second-half despite a first-half injury which greatly impaired her mobility. 'Keeper Paula O'Shea dealt capably with anything that pierced the Maynooth defence and never looked in trouble while Laura Kearney unsettled the RSL defence with her bustling style of play.

The club was saddened recently by the untimely death of Kathleen Murphy. Her husband Michael was one of the founder members of the club. To Michael and his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

To all those interested, our A.G.M. has been fixed for Sunday, 9th June, at 11.00 a.m. in the I.C.A. Hall, The harbour. New members are especially welcome.

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

### Maynooth are Féile Hurling Champions

The County Kildare Féile hurling championship was held in Clane over the weekend 11/12 May. The competition was run off on a "Blitz" basis. Maynooth emerged as winners, beating Coill Dubh in a closely contested final by the narrowest of margins.

On route to the final Maynooth beat the pre tournament favourites Celbridge, who themselves had accounted for Clane and Leixlip in earlier rounds. Coill Dubh beat Eire Og/Corrachoill in their opening match and met Naas in the Semi-final. Naas had already beaten Ardclough and Confey in earlier rounds. A major disappointment for the organisers was the late withdrawal of Rathangan, Kilcock and Moorefield.

The competition was played in almost perfect conditions and the Clane and Celbridge clubs are to be congratulated for the facilities laid on for the teams.

In the first semi-final (3.30 Saturday afternoon) Coill Dubh ran out easy winners, despite having been behind at half time following a spirited display by Naas. However the superior strength and physique of Coill Dubh, coupled with some fine individual performances, told in the end.

### Second Semi-Final

The second semi-final (7.30 Saturday evening) had all the ingredients of a thriller - two neighbouring teams, Celbridge the pre-tournament favourites who had had two tough matches earlier in the day and Maynooth, who have made great strides in hurling in recent years. In addition the two teams had met a month earlier in a division one league match when Celbridge emerged one point winners after getting a goal in the dying seconds of the game.

And the match lived up to all expectations with the result in doubt to the final whistle. Both teams brought a large contingent of supporters to add to the tension of the occasion and the players delivered a tightly fought low scoring contest. The skill level in the game was high giving hope for the further development of hurling in Kildare. Both sets of backs were dominant throughout but two lapses by the Celbridge backs let Maynooth's Michael Gleeson in for a goal in the first half and a point in the second half. Maynooth's backs were excellent and held a very good Celbridge forward line scoreless for the game. While all of the Maynooth backs played extremely well Tommy Masterson, Sean O'Flaherty and Aidan Molloy excelled. At mid-field Mark Kavanagh and Michael Gleeson were nearly always in control and there were good attacking performances from Peter Guinan, Damien Travers and an outstanding display of skill from Morgan Sweeney.

### Underdogs

On a beautiful afternoon for hurling, with the pitch in perfect condition, Maynooth again found themselves as underdogs against the traditionalists Coill Dubh. While not playing with the same intensity as the evening before, Maynooth

went into an early two point lead. Coill Dubh got a point and a goal to go into the lead, but Maynooth quickly responded with a Michael Gleeson point to reduce the arrears to one point. Coill Dubh scored another point before half-time to turn around with a two point lead. A further exchange of points in the frantic opening stages of the second half still left Maynooth with an uphill battle. The turning point came when Morgan Sweeney, ten minutes from time, lobbed a long range shot to the back of the Coill Dubh net, which was quickly followed by a Peter Guinnan point to give Maynooth a two point lead. From here on Coill Dubh laid siege on the Maynooth goal but the character and resilience of the Maynooth backs stood firm until conceding a sixty five in the dying seconds. Coill Dubh scored a point from the sixty-five but full time was blown on the puck-out leaving Maynooth winners by one point.

### Team Performance

This was a marvellous team performance from Maynooth and much deserved congratulations must go to Kieran Diggins and the other mentors for the way this team was prepared. While again there were brilliant individual performances it was the team commitment on the day that made the difference. Maynooth now have the onerous responsibility of representing Kildare in the National Feile Finals in Waterford from 20 June to 23 June. An intensive regime of coaching is being put in place by the Maynooth club and a number of fund-raising events will take place over the coming weeks to ensure that Kildare is well represented in the Finals.

### North Kildare U.13 Football League

### Maynooth 3-6 Confey 3-5

In an entertaining game played in atrocious conditions in Confey Maynooth had a one point win over the home side. Indeed the scoreline does not do justice to Maynooth's performance as they dominated the second half but were guilty of some poor finishing in front of goals. Star of the game was mid-fielder Morgan Sweeney whose handling and ball control stood out in the greasy conditions. He was ably assisted by the hard working Pierre Ennis and between them they gave the forwards a good supply of the ball. Goals by David Comerford and David Redmond in the first ten minutes gave Maynooth a commanding lead. However two defensive lapses let Confey in for two goals and Maynooth's lead was down to one point by half time. Second half points by Morgan Sweeney and Fintan O'Donoghue and a great goal by Donal Houlihan put Maynooth on the road to victory. However Confey rallied in the last ten minute with a goal and a few points and Maynooth were relieved to hear the final whistle. Apart from those already mentioned Maynooth had good

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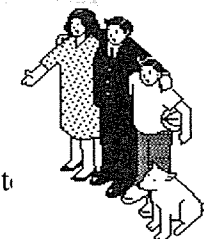
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# Sports

performances from Goalkeeper Alan Sweeney, Full back Peter Sheehan, Killian Carr, Stephen Curran, Eric Roberts and Dermot Canning.

**Scorers:** David Comerford 1-1, David Redmond 1-0, Donal Houlihan 1-0, Morgan Sweeney 0-2, Pierre Ennis 0-2, Fintan O'Donoghue 0-1.

**Team** Alan Sweeney, Colin O'Neill, Peter Sheehan, Stephen Curran, Eric Roberts, Killian Carr, Jason Murtagh, Pierre Ennis, Dermot Canning, Donal Houlihan, Brian Downey, David Comerford, Fintan O'Donoghue, David Redmond. Sub. Fergal Molloy.

## Celbridge 6-10 Maynooth 4-2

Maynooth U13 footballers were well beaten by a strong Celbridge team in this fourth round league match played in ideal conditions at the college grounds. Maynooth started off well and had a goal after three minutes by Paul Broughan. However as the game wore on the Celbridge Midfield pair started to dominate and most of the play flowed towards the Maynooth goals. Despite good defensive work by goalkeeper Fergus Devereaux and full backs Joseph Brennan and Peter Sheehan, Celbridge had gone twelve points clear at half time. In the second half Morgan Sweeney started to come more into the game and the forwards got a good supply of the ball. Goals by Brian Downey, Paul Broughan and Morgan Sweeney put a more respectable look on the score sheet. Apart from those already mentioned Killian Carr, Alan Baxter, Donal Houlihan, Fintan O'Donoghue and Tadhg O'Corcora had their moments.

## Team and Scorers

Fergus Devereaux, Joseph Brennan, Peter Sheehan, Stephen Curran, Graham Quinn, Killian Carr, Jason Murtagh, Alan Baxter (0-1) Morgan Sweeney (1-0), Paul Broughan (2-0), Donal Houlihan, Brian Downey (1-0) Fintan O'Donoghue, Alan Sweeney, Tagh O'Corcora (0-1). Sub. Paul O'Rourke.

## Under 14 Challenge Game

### Lucan Sarsfield's 1-10 v. Maynooth 1-4

The first game of the season Maynooth found the going hard against a Lucan team who are topping their league. However in the second half Maynooth fared a lot better eventually losing by 6 points.

**Team and Scorers:** T. Masterson, J. Brennan, D. Travers, S. Pidgeon, M. Dolan, S. O'Flaherty, S. Devereaux, D. Campbell (1 pt), P. O'Sullivan, P. King, M. Kavanagh (1 pt), P. Ennis (2pts), P. O'Rourke, C. Flynn, M. Sweeney.

**Subs:** S. Brady 1 Goal, A. Molloy, J. Newton, B. Doyle, D. Lawlor, A. Baxter.

## U-14 Féile

### Maynooth 4-7 v. Ballyteague 5-5

In their first competitive game Maynooth started well by scoring 1-4 in the first 15 minutes. However conceding two goals before half-time left a lot to be done. In the second

half Maynooth played very well but try as they did time ran out before they could get the equalizer.

**Team and Scorers:** B. Doyle, D. Travers, T. Masterson, S. Pidgeon, M. Dolan, M. Gleeson (0-3), S. Devereaux (0-1), P.O'Sullivan, S. O'Flaherty, P. King, M. Kavanagh, P. Ennis (0-2), J. Brennan (0-1), S. Brady (3-0), A. Molloy.

**Subs** A. Baxter 1-0, J. Newton, G. Flynn, A. Brown.

## U/14 League

### Maynooth 5-11 v. Suncroft 1-2

Maynooth had an easy win over Suncroft yet it was not until 10 minutes to go that Maynooth sealed a good victory, half time score 1-7 to 1-2. Best for Maynooth M. Baxter (3-1 pt), S. Brady (1-2pts), P. Ennis (2 pts), M. Dolan (2 pts), M. Kavanagh (2 pts), M. Gleeson (1 pt.), D. Campbell (1 pt.), G. Quinn (1 goal). Also to play well, P. King, P. Sullivan.

## First for Maynooth Camogie

### Maynooth 1-2 v. Leixlip 1-1

Maynooth beat a strong Leixlip team by 1 point in the Junior Camogie League last week. Maynooth girls fielding for the first year in Junior Ranks deserved this narrow victory. Playing their best camogie in the first half Maynooth opened the scoring with an excellent point from a well struck free. Two minutes later Teresa Hession pointed for a two point lead at the interval. After the break Maynooth's full forward Patricia McCann drove the sliothar to the back of the net. Leixlip were now playing their best camogie of the match and scored a great goal with a strike from the right corner of the pitch. Two minutes later Leixlip added a further point. Leixlip continued to press forward but the Maynooth girls held firm right to the final whistle for an historic victory by the narrowest of margins.

**Maynooth:** Anne Marie Farrell, Roisin Feeney, Catherine Duff, Tracy Burke, Deirdre Cassidy, Michelle Gillick, Teresa Hession, Jackie Kinsella, Patricia McCann, Fiona Cassidy, Margaret Callaghan, Ann Comerford, Naomi Devereaux, Margaret Farrell, Geraldine O'Gorman, Aisling Kelly.

## Joe Ryan Cup Football Tournament Final played in Sallins

### Maynooth 4-7 v. Caragh 3-2

Maynooth had a very good win over Senior Team Caragh in Sallins Football tournament Final. M. Nevin had a great game at centre field and scored 2 goals and 2 points. It was only with 5 minutes to go that Caragh got 2 goals. **Best for Maynooth:** M. Nevin (2-2), H. Purcell (1-1), P. Garvey (2pts), J. Riordan (1 pt), E. Dunne (1 goal). Also to play well P. Ennis, P. Styne, D. Mahoney and D. Casey.

## Senior Football League

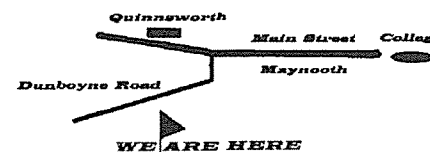
### Maynooth 2-9 v. Monasterevin 12 pts

Maynooth had a very good win over Monasterevin in the Senior Football League played before a large attendance in

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## Sports

St. Mary's Park. Maynooth played their best football in the first half and at half time were 2-4 to 5pts ahead, goals coming from M. Nevin and J. Riordan. The second half saw Monasterevin draw level it looked bad for Maynooth but they fought back to run out good winners. **Best for Maynooth:** J. Riordan (1-1), M. Nevin (1-1), M. Nugent (3pts), P. Garvey, H. Purcell, E. Dunne, K. Fagan (1 pt each). Also to play well M. Noone, D. Casey, P. Burke, D. Mahoney and P. Stynes.

**Junior Football League Division 3C**  
Maynooth 1-7 v. Kilcock 2-7

Maynooth lost this match to lack of scoring power. Their forwards had plenty of ball but could not score. **Best for Maynooth were:** D. Naughton, (2pts), B. Desmond (1 goal), N. Horan, D. Moran, C. O'Grady, D. Myles, J. Murray (1 pt each). Also to play well, M. Byrne, D. Graham, V. Carthy.

**Junior Football League Div 2**  
Maynooth 13 pts v. Clane 1-6pts

Maynooth had a very good win over Clane in this Junior Football league Match played in Maynooth. **Best for Maynooth:** M. Nugent (3pts), J. Gilligan (4pts), H. Purcell (2 pts), J. Edwards (4 pts).

**Junior Football League Div 2**  
Maynooth 1-12 v Confey 3-10

Some bad defending by Maynooth let Confey in for 3 soft goals in this Junior League Match played in Confey. Maynooth tried hard but could not get the scores. **Best for Maynooth were:** D. Flaherty (1-1), S. Molloy (2 pts), M. Flaherty, M. Nugent, H. Purcell, R. Tobin, J. O'Toole, J. Edwards, L. O'Toole, D. Casey (1 pt each); G. Delaney had a good game in goals.

**Lotto Result: 28/04/'96 - Jackpot £1050. Numbers 2-11-14.** One winner: Aidan Synott, Moyglare Village, Maynooth.

**Lotto Result: 5/05/'96 - Jackpot £300. Numbers 8-20-24** Winner: John Keegan, Castletown, Celbridge.

**Lotto Result: 12/05/'96 - Jackpot £300 Numbers 1 - 11 - 18.** No Winner. 5 X £10: Bernie Dempsey, Bernie O'Meara, Carmel Kelly, Michelle Carey, Ann Cunningham.

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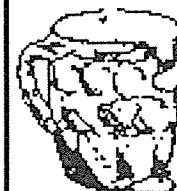
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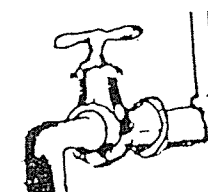
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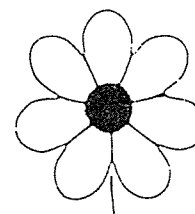
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Happy 31st birthday to Declan Travers. Hope you enjoy your Big Day. From all the Nolans and Birchall clan.

Séan McTernan, Moyglare Village. Age 8, June 24th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, sisters Aoife, Aileen, Grannies and Grandad.

Mrs. M. McTernan, Laurence Avenue, June 24th. Best wishes from Martin and Rikki.

Tony McTernan, Silken Vale, June 7th.

Joan O'Brien, Newtown. Age 16 on June 1st, her sister Mrs. A. Kiernan, Celbridge June 2nd, her cousin Stephen Cummins, Kilcock, age 5 June 4th.

"Happy Birthday ANTONIO, from the Maynooth Newsletter Staff!"

## SYMPATHIES

Sympathy to Tony Morgan, Carton Court, on the recent death of his wife Kay.

Deepest sympathy to Mollie Maxwell, 94 Kingsbry, Maynooth on the recent death of her brother George O'Rourke in Scotland.

Husband, Sons, Daughter, Father, Sisters, Brothers-in-law, Sisters-in-law, Aunts, Uncles, Relatives and Friends of Kathleen Murphy (née Rowley), Maynooth.

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