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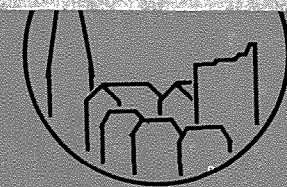
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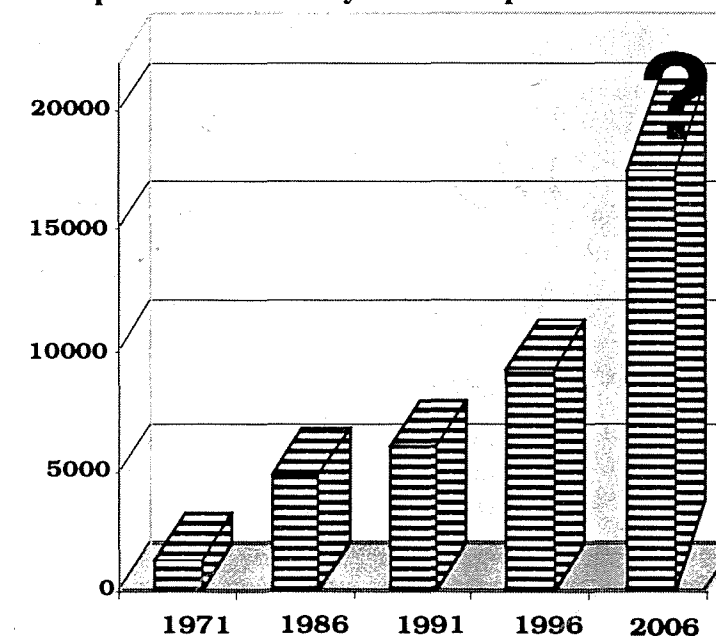
Rezoning and Amenities in New Development Plan

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

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

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

Rapid Growth in Maynooth's Population to Continue



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EDITORIAL

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

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

A simple mistake on the part of a reporter at the meeting but I believe I have now read five or perhaps six newspaper articles based on this mistaken report. Even within our own Newsletter there is an article, in Party Political Notes, repeating the content of these articles. It is not Editorial Board Policy to censor Political Notes but they should be based on fact. Thus I hope that the truth of the matter has now been outlined and it will rest here.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee are still hoping that there will be bands, representative of the two traditions in Northern Ireland, present at our parade.

DIARY DATES

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

Greenfield Residents' Association holding A.G.M.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

Re-opens from 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 24th March and Sunday 31st March

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

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

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

Maynooth Orchestral Players holding a concert.

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

Available from Maynooth Bookshop and University Bookshop.

RUNNING CURRENTLY:

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

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

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Special Kind Of Holiday

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

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

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

Brid Leahy
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Many thanks for your interest and help in the past.

Dear Editor,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We need cultural amenities — a

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Yours sincerely,
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

St. Patrick's Day Parade 1996

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

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

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

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

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

R. Farrell,
P.R.O.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

Question:

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

Answer:

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

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DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Councillors Divided

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

Ring Road

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

Co. Council to Consider Plan

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

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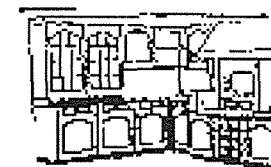
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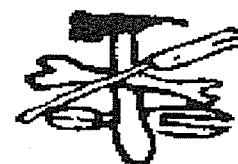
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Maynooth Development Plan

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

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

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

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

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

Maynooth Street Plan

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

Train Services to Maynooth

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

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

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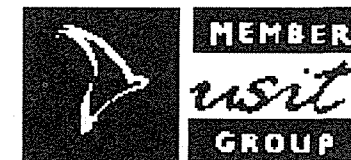
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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

Frieda Kelleher

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

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

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

Michael Mooney.

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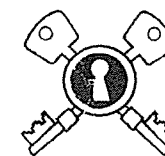
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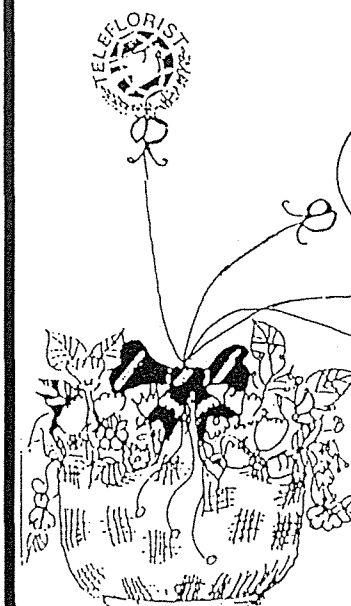
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

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

Lots of Competitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guild Activities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outing To An Grianán

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

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

Collections for Charity

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

Federation Meeting

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

Night Out

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

Bi-Lingual Quiz

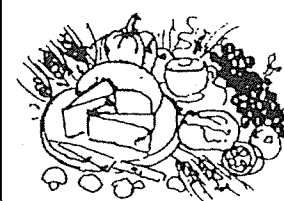
Our February meeting ended with a cup of tea and a bi-lingual quiz. Veva Kearins and Jo O'Connell were our quiz masters and the winning team was P. Healy, M. Killian, B. Duffy and L. Wright. Well done ladies.

Next meeting

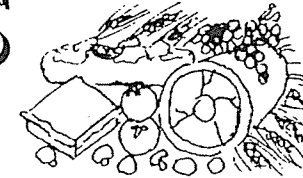
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th March at 8.00 p.m. in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth. The competition on that night will be "A Mother's Day Card" (home-made). Congratulations to the winners of last month's competition for "A Funny Valentine Verse". Some of the verses were very funny indeed!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

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

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

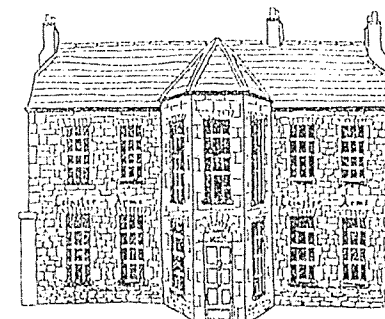
A special word of thanks to the Post Primary School teachers and students involved in the superb production of "Calamity Jane" for the complimentary tickets and courtesy extended to our senior citizens. Congratulations to the young people who performed so brilliantly, both on and off stage. They did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

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

J. Moore

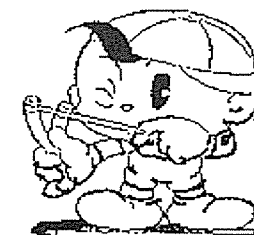
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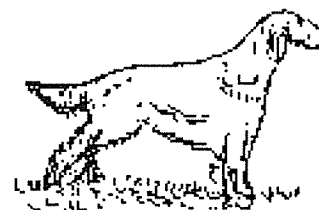


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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

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

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

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BAND BULLETIN

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

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

Sad Deaths

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



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The North Kildare Headquarters this year is the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth. Registration forms for your fund raising ideas can be obtained from the Hotel.

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

Something fun for each part of the community to get involved in.



For any help or ideas contact Claire at the Glenroyal Hotel 01-6290909 or Tracey Maher at the Eastern HQ in Newbridge 045-435509



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

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

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

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

Calamity Jane

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

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

Marching in March

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

Limerick Expedition

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

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

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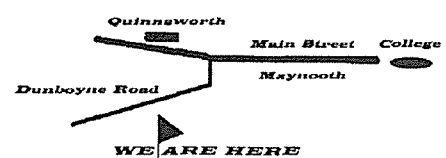
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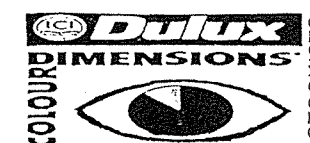
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Kilcock - March 23rd - Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup
Moate - April 20th
Courtown/Enniscorthy Weekend - May 24/26th - Christy Kenny Memorial Cup
Athlone - June 22nd - Shay Moore Memorial Cup
Glasson - July 13th - Captain's Prize (D. Nyland)
Portarlinton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

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tony Bean.

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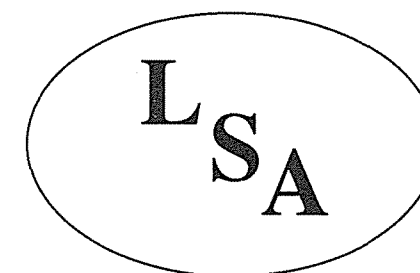
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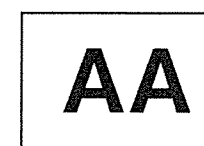
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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

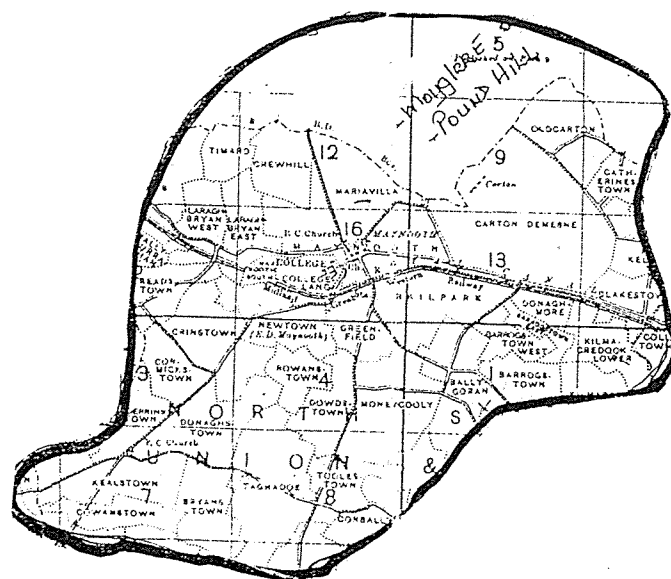
The Committee would like to see as many children as possible take part in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. Please assemble at Greenfield Shopping Centre at 10.30 a.m. on the day. Our Community Games jerseys sponsored by Maynooth Credit Union will be a feature again this year.

Dates to hand at present:

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

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

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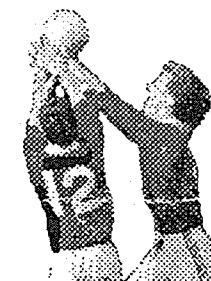
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Following announcements made at several masses and in the Parish Bulletin, the first meeting of the Maynooth Women's Forum took place on Monday 8th January in the Parish Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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R. Farrell
P.R.O.

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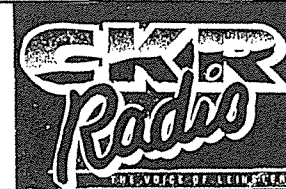
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7.20am Weather
7.51am Headlines from the papers
8.00am News and Obituaries
8.09am The Early Morning Riser
8.18am The Front Page with Caroline O'Brien
8.21am Weather
8.26am Provincial Traffic Update
8.30am Regional News
8.35am Traffic Update, for Carlow, Kildare & Dublin
8.47am Morning Sports Update
8.55am Birthday File

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1-4pm **VINNIE'S AFTERNOON CRUISE** with Vincent O'Sullivan.
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1.15pm Bargain Counter
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1.30pm Bingo
1.45pm Community Diary
2.05pm "For the Record" - (6 letters jumbled giving song title).
2.15pm Bargain Counter
2.20pm "For the Record" update
2.40pm "For the Record" update
2.40pm "A Lotto Fun" syndicate, 1 x Vinny + 5
3-4pm "Radio Romance" 3 back to back songs from a featured year.

4-6pm **DRIVETIME** with Noel McCaul
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4.30pm Music Business Birthdays
4.45pm Evening Papers
5.00pm Regional News
5.04pm Sports update
5.07pm The "Top 5 after 5" - Countdown of the Top 5 Records requested on CKR today.
5.15pm AIB Jobspot
5.20pm Traffic Update
5.25pm Dancetime on the Drive
5.30pm Community Diary
5.40pm Mart Reports Tuesday & Thursday
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SWAN RESCUED FROM ROYAL CANAL

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

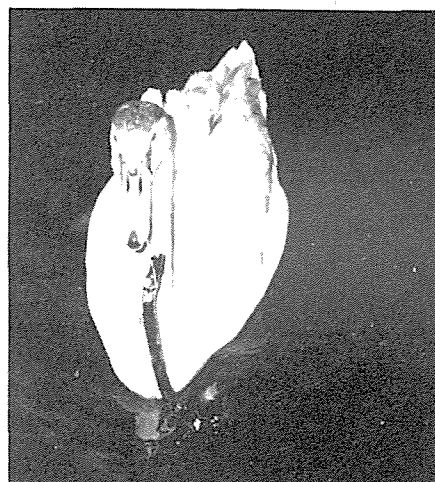
While walking by the canal on my way to Oscar's Coffee Dock (see attempted restaurant/coffee guide in last month's issue) I noticed a family feeding bread to some of the swans in the harbour. One of the younger swans was taking no part in the feeding frenzy but was drifting aimlessly towards Bond Bridge.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

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

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

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

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



"IceCube", the Cool Swan.

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

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

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

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

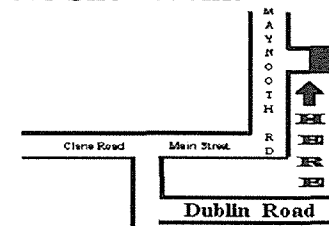
Back at the car park Paul took off his dripping waders and prepared to follow up a call about a horse seen in a very distressed condition near Naas. The K.A.R. are kept busy throughout the year answering calls from the public, according to Paul they get three or four calls a year about the swans in Maynooth.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

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

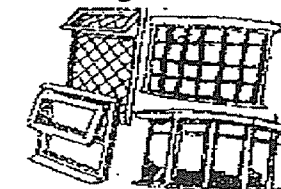
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"Make-A-Wish Foundation":

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

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

The Week's Events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

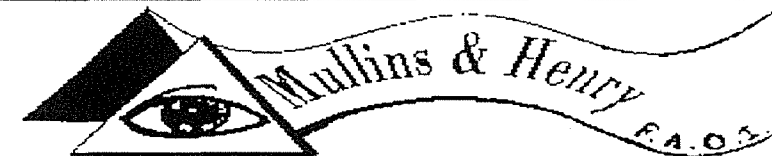


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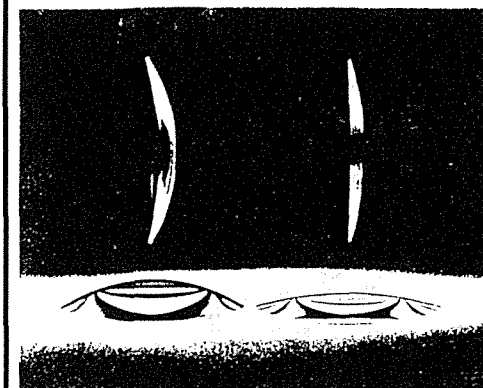
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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

(1) Production of Calamity Jane

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

(2) Transition Year

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

(3) Enrolment for next year

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

(4) Sport

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

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

(5) Debating and Public Speaking

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

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

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

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

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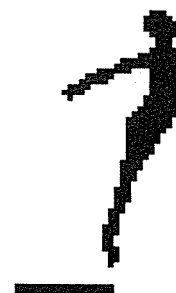
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Dermot Nangle,
Chairperson.*

EXIT '96 WEST STUDENT WORK AND TRAVEL PROGRAMME

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

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

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

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

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

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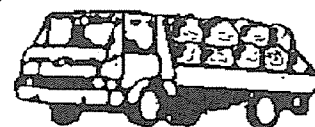
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L-R: Geróid O'Longáin, Coiste; Betty O'Hare, Asteoir; Colm O'Cearúil, Cathaoirleach; Maire Ní Ghúil, Rúnaí and Johnathon Meade, Oif. Cad. Pob.

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

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

Beir bua,

*Jonathan Meade
Oif. Cad. Phob.*

GARDA TALK

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

Garda Dinner Dance

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

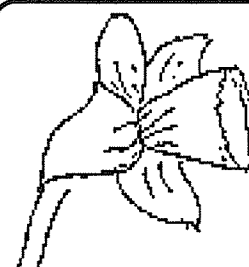
STREET TALK

New management at Vanity Fayre

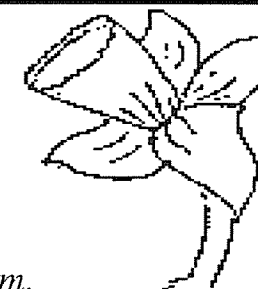
Vanity Fayre, a well established hair and beauty salon located at The Mall off Main Street, has gained a new Manageress. Ms. Mary Flynn who originates from Summerhill, Co. Meath has been in her new role for just two weeks but is thoroughly enjoying the challenge. This recent takeover by Mary is the only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

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

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



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VIDEO REVIEW

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

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

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

M'LADY KILDARE

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

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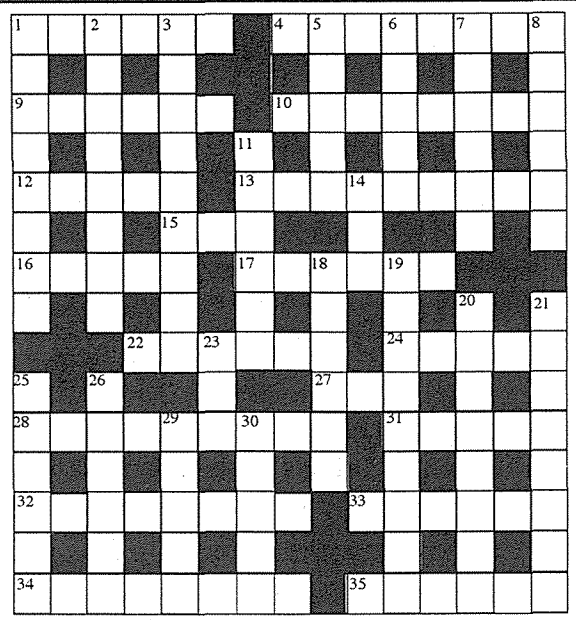
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Crossword No. 100



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

Name _____

Address _____

- Across:
- 1 Stout woman is a daddy! (6)
 - 4 They're sure to cry so don't let them in (8)
 - 9 About 101 for physical education produce the list of ingredients (6)
 - 10 That which is pre-empted was spotted after four, we hear (8)
 - 12 Cut in two, Henry has victory in Europe (5)
 - 13 This little seaside bird might sound abrasive to a Cockney! (9)
 - 15 Idiot juice! (3)
 - 16 Call three when you're in trouble (5)
 - 17 For most of us it will arrive with difficulty and out-go with ease (6)
 - 22 A serious way towards the back (6)
 - 24 They often love to show their green (5)
 - 27 A very long time in the USA (3)
 - 28 Firstly you get a letter (9)
 - 31 A fish to clean off the bottom of a ship (5)
 - 32 Do they touch you helpfully? (8)
 - 33 As in in company, it's where you're more likely to lose than win! (6)
 - 34 Points revolved and joined up! (8)
 - 35 Adorn the lower level, we hear (6)
- Down:
- 1 Old coin never close to hand (8)
 - 2 Raising a giggle as you mark fish (8)
 - 3 Makes a statement about rapid transport (9)
 - 5 Could you grow a tree from a foot sore? (5)
 - 6 Inclined to be expensive (5)
 - 7 Release from former politician's tangle with ET (6)
 - 8 Watchman gets three points for effort (6)
 - 11 Hope for a steeple? (6)

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

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

Solution to Crossword No. 99:

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

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

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

Features

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Bring your own shopping bag or basket when making purchases, or have a few reused plastic bags with you! Billions of non-recyclable carrier bags are given away in supermarkets every year. They are made from oil, need a lot of energy to produce and take about 500 years to biodegrade! They could be easily replaced by cotton or linen bags, baskets or cardboard boxes to bring groceries home.

Most of these measures are very easily done. So start to rethink NOW!!!

We all should be much more aware of the world we live in and in particular, the world our children will have to live in.

Florian Schönberger
Student

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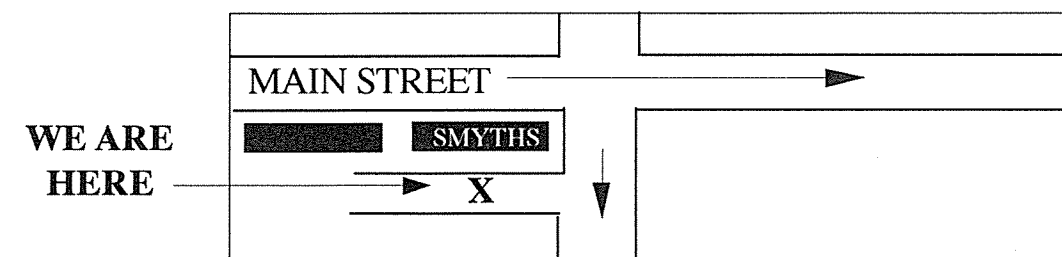
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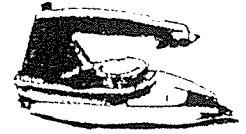
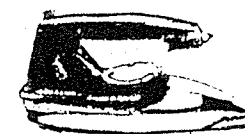
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M.A.D.E.

The year 1995-96 is the 10th anniversary of the foundation of M.A.D.E. This was one of only 4 Adult Education groups in the county at that time. There are now over 40 groups. To celebrate our 10th anniversary we intend to hold a party on Monday 29th April in the M.A.D.E. Centre from 11a.m.-1p.m.

All past and present committee members, tutors and pupils are welcome. As we need to know how many to cater for places must be booked by phoning Ann 6285219 or Bernadette 6286774. A cover charge of £2 payable at the door will include entry to a draw for a free place on one of our courses. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

M.A.D.E. Committee

MAYNOOTH FIRE BRIGADE



*Vintage Austin Fire Appliance ZW 8599
at Maynooth Fire Station*

The vintage fire appliance is still undergoing restoration. The joint effort by Maynooth fire-fighters and four students from Coláiste Chiarain, Leixlip, together with their Gaisce Award leader, has proven itself a success ever since it started.

The fire appliance is just about as good as new now. With Joe, Lennie, Tony, Philip, Paddy, Peter, Brendan and Christy working on the appliance on Wednesdays, Saturdays and any other free time they have, they have managed to rebuild the inside drivers cabin and the lockers, and worked on the roof.

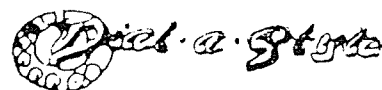
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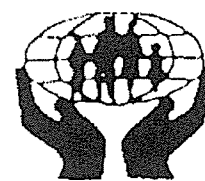
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The roof has been painted, the shutters stripped, the doors painted, and the wheel arches body filled by myself, Niamh, Claire, Linda and Martin. A total of 130 man hours have been spent working on the fire appliance.

We would all like to say a special word of thanks to Akzo-Nobel, Sutton, who kindly donated the paint for the outside of the fire appliance, to the DIY, Old Hill, Leixlip who donated the timber, to Housepride, Maynooth, who donated the paint for the inside cabin, and to Barton's Bus garage who gave us the loan of an appliance to steam wash the fire engine.

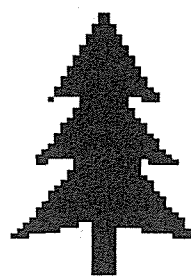
The Austin ZW8599 will be fully restored and be seen driving through the streets of Maynooth on March 17th in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Clodagh Ryan

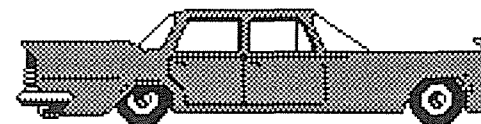


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ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN MAYNOOTH

On Tuesday March 26 at 8.00p.m., there will be a concert of orchestral music in St. Mary's Church, Parson Street, Maynooth. This concert will be given by the newly formed orchestra, the *Maynooth Orchestral Players*, which is based in the Music Department of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The orchestra was founded in February 1995 by Alan Kelly who now manages the orchestra and Trini Armstrong the current Conductor. Within two months of its establishment, the orchestra gave its first concert in the Music Department to an audience of 60. The immediate response to this musical venture was very enthusiastic and since the beginning of the academic year in October, the orchestra has progressed rapidly, doubling in size.

Membership includes students from all the departments and members of college staff. The orchestra is also a member of the *Irish Association of Youth Orchestras*.

For the forthcoming concert on March 26, the orchestra will perform a challenging programme of music by Norwegian, Czech, and French composers. The orchestra will also give the first performance of a new work by the College Composer-in-Residence, Martin O'Leary.

Tickets for this concert cost £3 with a concession price of £2 for children. Tickets are available from the University Bookshop and the Maynooth Bookshop in the town square.

The next engagement for the orchestra is on Friday April 26, when they will perform with the Army No.1 Band and other orchestras in a giant concert in aid of the R.T.E. People in Need Telethon. This exciting event will take place in the Garrison church of the Curragh Military Camp, Co. Kildare.

Alan Kelly
Orchestra Manager

THE GREAT HUNGER FAMINE EXHIBITION

The Leixlip Heritage Environment and Culture Project based in Scoil Mhuire, Green Lane, Leixlip, is presently holding an exhibition to commemorate the Irish Famine.

The Exhibition will recall the times and social conditions under which our great-grandparents lived. Areas of research include a brief history of the potato crop in Ireland and the causes of the blight of 1845-47; an investigation of the social effects of disease and hunger highlighting the destruction of the average family unit, the psychological ravages to the individual, and the disintegration of moral behaviour; the response of the governments of Robert Peel and Lord John Russell with special attention to the efforts and actions of Charles Travelyan; the forced emigration of millions of famine victims to England and the New World and how they fared; a graphic representation of the most common diseases of famine. The Exhibition concludes with a brief discussion about who was responsible for the famine and is highlighted by anecdotal quotations by political figures and survivors alike.

The Leixlip Heritage Project was set up in 1990 and is co-funded by FAS and proceeds from the Leixlip Salmon Festival. The core work of the project is the indexing and computerisation of Workhouse Registers for the County Kildare Library Services that are up to 150 years old. This work is effectively carried out using a computer database system and is overseen by the Project Co-ordinator and an on-site historian. The aim of the project is to enable trainees to learn about and develop their knowledge of the latest technological equipment, their community and history, office skills, teamwork and leadership skills, and social and life skills.

The Exhibition is open from 10a.m. to 4p.m. daily and is available for group presentations. For further information, please telephone Angela McGee at 624 3085.

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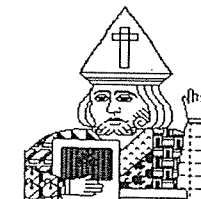
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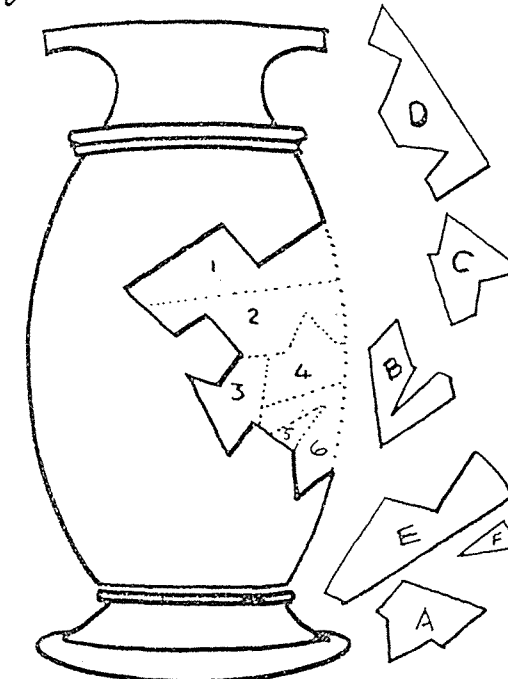


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MAYNOOTH NOW A GOOD ADDRESS!

It's official: Maynooth is becoming a very desirable place to live and house prices in the town will therefore remain rock solid. At least, so say the town's auctioneers, the firms that make a living out of buying and selling property.

They would say that, you might reply. However, they quickly list off the many reasons why: motorway, train, university, fresh air and prices still lower than in many parts of Dublin. Add in the housing demand from the huge workforce in Intel plus the thousands who will work in Hewlett Packard and it's not hard to see why people are clamouring to join us in the town.

House Prices Rise

House prices have been rising all over the country in the past two years but Maynooth has seen an above-average increase, say the town's auctioneers. "It has never been as buoyant here," says Gerry Brady of Gerard Brady & Co., Main Street. "It has been very good everywhere — but Maynooth has knocked on apace," he says.

"Two years ago the average three-bed semi was selling at £46,000-£47,000," says Conor O'Connor, an auctioneer with Regan Estate Agents, Main Street. "Now any three-bed semi makes well over £50,000. The good ones are hitting the mid to high fifties."

In the last year the increase has been dramatic, says Willie Coonan of E. A. Coonan & Son, Property House, Main Street. "The increase will continue this year, perhaps not as dramatically but it will be steady."

So we can congratulate ourselves on making the right choice when deciding to live in Maynooth. But is there any benefit for you if your house increases in value? It does not have a huge

effect if you do not intend to sell up and move. However, it does ensure your ability to repay your mortgage even if the worst of eventualities strike. It makes getting a second mortgage easier if so desired. However, it might push more Maynooth residents into the property tax net!



New apartment block at Glenroyal Centre

Maynooth a town for gentry - or a town for Dublin?

High house prices also mean Maynooth will become "gentrified". Bluntly, only people with employment and buying power will be able to buy a house in the town. The thought is politically incorrect, but a fact of life. We'd want to watch we don't get swelled heads! Before Intel opened it was rumoured that the giant company bought up every single new house that came on sale in the town. Not so, say the town's auctioneers, just another rumour. "But the arrival of Intel certainly lifted prices here," says Conor O'Connor. "And Hewlett Packard will drive demand on further."

What if Intel close down? "Intel are unlikely to go broke," says Conor. "Anyway, in such an eventuality house prices here would not suffer: we are beside the motorway. Maynooth is now a suburb of Dublin", he says.

Good Lord, we no sooner arrive on the map than we lose our identity! Who do we cheer for when the All-Ireland county football championships start?

Gerry Brady will have none of that: "Maynooth has arrived of its own right. There is natural growth there regardless of Intel and Hewlett Packard and Dublin."

Maynooth will continue to grow

And growth is the word. Maynooth is going to get a lot bigger over the next five years. "Building will go a bit further out the Moyglare Road, although they certainly won't go near the studs," says Conor O'Connor. "And the land between the motorway and the town will be filled in. There will be a scarcity of land for development unless there is more rezoning", he warns. Will the town bulge

out over the motorway? "In time it could," he says. Interestingly, he suggests that a light industry centre would be good for Maynooth. With the town's proximity to the motorway it is feasible, he argues.

But hold on, is the town going to get too big and spin out of control? "In comparison to other towns we have the facilities in Maynooth," says Willie Coonan. "We have the shops, buses, train, schools, sports facilities. Plus we now have a fairly mature population with a good spread of ages. We are very lucky, really."

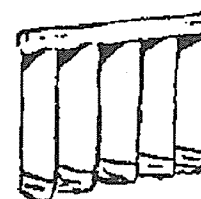
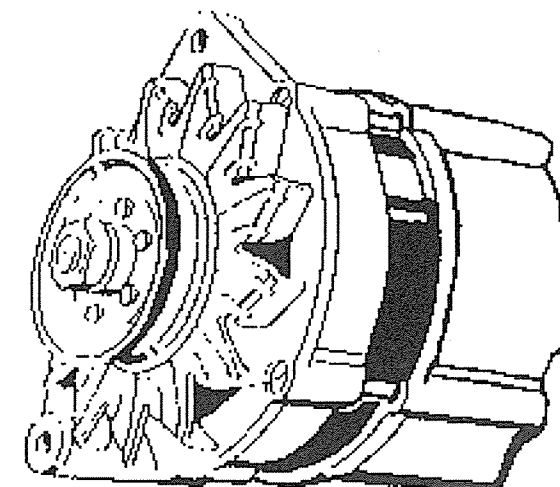
The infrastructure is there to carry the development taking place now and also more future development, says Gerry Brady. "Millions of pounds has been spent on that infrastructure. It must be used." He readily accepts that many residents are concerned that Maynooth will get too big.

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THE GLENROYAL WEDDING FAIR

The Glenroyal Hotel's Wedding Fair had its debut on Sunday 11th February in the Fitzgerald Suite. Planning for that special day involves careful organisation to ensure that it is immortalised as a momentous occasion. To attain this it is often necessary to shop around but to assist those planning to 'tie the knot', the Glenroyal congregated as many of the essential services needed as possible under their roof.

The Wedding Fair was presented in the excellent surroundings of the Fitzgerald Suite. Ms. Helen Courtney, Assistant Manageress was on hand during the day to give advice on the services available in the Glenroyal for the engaged couple in organising their special day. Admission was not only free but on entering a brochure was presented to each person containing a synopsis of what the Glenroyal has to offer, with light refreshments provided by Douwe Egberts and Finches.

Music was provided for the afternoon by "Partners" who played a sample of their music to entertain the guests at the reception. A limousine service for your wedding was provided by Cassidy Chauffeur Drive which specialise in vintage cars so you can travel in style down the aisle. The Elite displayed a sample of the wedding cakes available either two tier or three and in an arrange of designs.

The Glenroyal Hotel has a special Wedding Package which includes:

- Complimentary and discount Accommodation for the Couple and their guests;
- Complimentary tea and coffee on arrival;
- Red carpet;
- Cake stand;
- Presentation set of Newbridge Cutlery as a memento of your special Day;

Financing the Big Day:

The services available at the Wedding Fair were limited but the services offered by the Glenroyal were not lacking. Three financial institutions were represented as if to reiterate the expense involved in planning the perfect day. Patricia Campbell was on hand from Coonan's to give advice. Engagements may be expensive but weddings can be extravagant. Peadar O'Connor represented Regan's also to give advice on successfully financing the big day. Irish Life gave advice and information relating to expenses and finance for life insurance and other grants or loans.

Beautiful Brides:

"Something Special" from Naas and "Fitting Image" based outside Clane were on hand to give advice about the perfect

wedding dress whether it be traditional or romantic. A fashion show was the perfect way to display what these two Bridal and Evening Wear specialists had to offer. Annmarie O'Brien displayed her designer made dresses which may be made to order. The fashion show began with designs from Something Special for the Bride who was accompanied by the Father of the Bride who wore a suit from the Mens Shop in Newbridge. The range of fabrics were as diverse as the styles of gowns on display - everything from satin embroidery bodices to flowing chiffon skirts. Full and straight skirts were the evenly popular. Dresses by Aileen Cross made an appearance on the catwalk. Very popular were the empire style dresses designed and made by Annmarie O'Brien.



*Katie Delaney, from Katie's Flowers,
with her bridal arrangements*

Kevin Carr who is based in his photographic studio in Kilcock was available to display his wide selection of professional wedding photograph packages. Kevin will discuss in detail the style of photography you would like and exactly which photographs you have preference for. Prices start around £300 - depending on the number of photographs and the type of album cover required.

The videographer and photographer Pat Foley also had a stand at the Fair. Pat is based in Kilcullen and he had a splendid example of what he offers. He suggests having the most important moment in your life immortalised for life and he guarantees covering all important aspects of your big day. He emphasises that a video of the day is much less hassle and more personal than the traditional wedding photographs.

Helens Hair Affair, Newtown Shopping Centre, in Maynooth specialised in Upstyles and head dress ideas for the bride and attendants. Ms. Helen Grehan on the day was demonstrating

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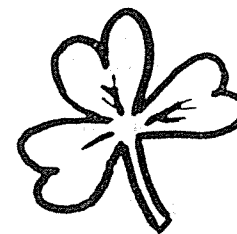
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the various styles which look best on each individual. She specifically gave advice on the dilemma of suiting a veil with the desired hair style. Helen suggested that the bride or bridesmaids try the style they desire at least two or three times before the big event.

Katies Flowers had a fabulous stand at the Wedding Fair demonstrating the range of floral arrangements available for the Church, reception and also bouquets for the bride and her attendants. Advice on colours and arrangements for all your floral needs will be available from Katie Delaney or any of her staff.

The Wedding Fair was a beneficial exercise for the Glenroyal Hotel but it must be said that the services on offer for the intended couple on the day were lacking but it was encouraging for a first attempt and we look forward to hearing about their first Wedding reception!

Party Political



Alison modelling bride's dress from "Something Special", Naas.

FINE GAEL NOTES

1. At the recent meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee the Maynooth Development Plan was finalised. Cllr. Senan Griffin who has been pushing hard for amenity land for the residents of Maynooth is reasonably happy with the proposals for the development of lands in the area. The proposals include as follows:

- Amenity land for the schools.
- 2 playing pitches for the G.A.A. club.
- A 10 acre park to be developed on the Celbridge Road area.
- Eleven acres of amenity land on the Dublin Road, (Co. Council land).
- Three playing pitches for the soccer club.
- A 6 acre site for a National School, Celbridge Road area.
- A 2 acre site for church.
- A ring road around the east side of Maynooth, (Blacklion to Straffan Rd. Interchange).

The proposals also include the rezoning of approx. 238 acres of land. Cllr. Senan Griffin is reasonably happy with this type of development but he has stated that at least 100 acres of amenity is required for the future and the people of Maynooth.

Bernard Durkan, Minister for State welcomed the Government Allocation of £146 million for the improvement of non-national roads. He pointed out that Kildare Co. Council was granted as follows:

- £1,991,000 Restoration Improvement Grant
- £541,000 Maintenance Grant
- £232,000 Discretionary Improvement Grant
- £220,000 Discretionary Maintenance Grant
- £120,000 Shaw Bridge Kilcock
- £476,000 Monread Road Naas
- £1,500,000 Barnhall Bridge

This gives Kildare Co. Council an increase of 20% on the grant of 1995.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has submitted the following motions to Kildare Co. Council:

- Roads
 - Maynooth/Celbridge Road
 - Re-align and complete Dunboyne Rd, at Dillons Row/Convent lane.
 - Moneycooley/Ballygoran Road
 - Lady Chapel/Taghadoe
 - Pike's Bridge
 - Laraghbryan/Timard
 - Dublin Road to the Mart
 - Greenfield Lane
 - Crinstown

B) That Kildare Co. Council erect a "No Dumping" sign at the E.S.B. sub-station at Moneycooley.

C) That Kildare Co. Council take in charge Leinster Park Estate.

Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin recently expressed concern at the development of the Square in Maynooth; it is their opinion that insufficient space is being allocated to the proper management of traffic through the Main Street/Square onto the motorway.

Despite numerous requests the traffic lights which are now out of service since Christmas have not been repaired thereby making it extremely dangerous for school children to cross the Main Street.

Dep. Durkan and Cllr. Griffin have asked Kildare Co. Council to correct this situation immediately.

At a recent meeting of the Fine Gael Branch Dep. B. Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin encouraged people to inspect the proposals for improving the Main Street, Maynooth, which are currently on display at the local library.

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Kildare Republicans Organise

On February the 12th Ard Comhairle member, Cllr. Joe Reilly (Navan), along with Cllr. Paddy Wright (Athy) and former political prisoner Cllr. Mossey Reilly (Athy) met with Grew/Devoy cumann (North Kildare) in Rathcoffey. Topics for discussion were the crisis in the peace process, the housing problem, development without allocation for local authority housing or sufficient amenities, the jobs crisis and Grew/Devoy cumann's proposals for the Ard Fheis and the organisation of Sinn Féin in Kildare.

Following this meeting it has been decided that:

(i) A Saoirse group will be formed in Maynooth. Saoirse is the campaign to free Irish political prisoners as part of the peace process. Saoirse is open to people of any political persuasion.

(ii) Contact must be made with ordinary people wishing to form peace groups in order to co-operate with them in a peace campaign.

(iii) That given the appalling situation regarding the provision of local authority housing with over 1,400 on the waiting list in Kildare and slum landlords being subsidised by the Eastern Health Board through the Rent Allowance Scheme, a campaign is needed. We call on people on the housing waiting list and others concerned to organise.

(iv) That a Community Centre is needed in Maynooth and should be campaigned for.

Anyone interested in the above campaigns should contact Sinn Féin at (045) 861814.

Anyone interested in joining Sinn Féin should contact Head Office at (01) 8734931.

Orange Order invitation

Following representations from Sinn Féin, the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade committee have withdrawn an invitation to the Orange Order marching bands made by Cllr. John McGinley (Labour). While we would welcome any Protestant or Unionist bands, the Orange Order are Catholic hating bigots. Their nature is shown by General Law No. 4 of their constitution: "Any member dishonouring the institution by marrying a Roman Catholic shall be expelled and it shall be deemed an offence for any member to facilitate in any way Sunday sports, amusements or dances organised by Roman Catholics."

Sinn Féin are now attempting to secure a non-sectarian band for the parade.

Job losses at Intel. Record profits for the bosses — dole queues for the workers

Intel, a company whose annual revenue was up by 41% in 1995, making record profits for the sixth year running, was "forced" to lay off 234 workers at its plant in Leixlip. It appears another 260 "temporary" workers may not have their contracts renewed, while some employees are working on a week-to-week basis.

These job losses expose the bankruptcy of successive governments' policy of attracting multinationals to Ireland as a solution to the unemployment crisis. Multinational companies are not a sort of job providing charity as some politicians and sections of the media seem to believe. Foreign multinationals will come here to exploit our labour, pollute our environment and send their profits overseas. Only development of Irish industry, under democratic control in a planned economy, can provide a real solution to unemployment with the creation of secure, not temporary, jobs.

1916 Commemoration

Sinn Féin commend the work of both the 50th and 75th anniversary 1916 memorial committees. The 50th Anniversary Committee are erecting a memorial in the new Square, while the 75th Anniversary Committee are restoring the plaque in Pound Park and publishing a pamphlet. We ourselves are planning to organise a commemoration, a social night and publish a pamphlet.

It is important to remember when commemorating 1916 that the ideals expressed in the writings of Pearse and Connolly represent not the past but the future. They did not strive for the Ireland of today.

They strove for national self-determination, a pluralist Ireland united and free. An inclusive secular republic with equal rights and equal opportunities for all Irish citizens not for discrimination against women or minorities. Most importantly, they strove for a socialist republic, which could give its people jobs and houses, its young people a future.

New Cumann

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

Gardening Hints - Time to Prune!

There's a secret behind well-shaped shrubs and hedges - commonsense pruning at the right moment.

There's a lot of nonsense talked about pruning. If the phrases "outward-facing buds" and "paint the wound with XYX" don't exactly fill you with enthusiasm, here's an approach that may sound a little bit more practical. Firstly, it's true that perfect pruning, shrub by shrub, would be a year-round labour. But who has enough time or can remember? So, plan a general spring prune in the next few weeks.

Except for plants from warmer climates that are not absolutely hardy, and very slow-growing plants (see The Untouchables), the worst that could happen if you prune sensibly at the wrong time is that you delay fruiting or flowering; shrubs and trees rarely suffer permanent damage. Secondly, forget all about pruning diagrams and technical talk, and prune for shape. Let your eye tell you what to trim and it's hard to go wrong.

Priority Pruning - attend to these shrubs now - anytime from mid-March onwards.

Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) - prune hard to just above the old wood.
Ceanothus - deciduous varieties. Shorten vigorous stems to two buds and remove weak growth.

Clematis - late summer or autumn flowering varieties. Cut out thin growth and shorten remaining stems to just above the old wood.

Dogwood (*sornus*) - prune bushy varieties almost to ground level for strong growth and better winter stem colour.

Elder (*Sambucus*) - to promote well-coloured foliage, prune stems back close to old wood.

Fuchsia - cut out all dead stems at base of plant

Heather - winter flowering. When flowers fade trim lightly with hand shears.

Rose - bush, climbing and standard forms. Shorten strong stems to outward-facing buds. Remove any weak, damaged and misplaced growth.

Rose of Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*) - cut back last year's growth to within a few inches of the ground.

Tamarisk - summer and autumn flowering varieties. Shorten stems to two or three buds.

Bush Roses

Prune when new leaf buds swell. Cut back damaged stems to healthy wood and remove those growing across centre of the bush. Shorten remaining stems to about 45 cm (18 in), cutting weak growth slightly harder. Retain some unpruned stems on cluster-flowered (*floribunda*) roses, as this should result in earlier blooms.

Shrubs

Shrubs grown for colourful winter stems, such as dogwood and willows, should be pruned hard to wood in March to give vigorous stems of bright colour. Prune ornamental brambles back to ground level. For stronger coloured foliage, rather than summer flowers, prune cotton lavender (*Santolina*) and elder (*Sambucus*) close to the ground.

Others that benefit from a hard pruning in spring are the butterfly bush (*Buddleia*) and Rose of Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*), which will flower more profusely in the summer. The gum tree (*eucalyptus*) can be grown as a bushy foliage shrub if cut close to the ground level each spring. Check deciduous and evergreen shrubs in the spring for damaged or dead wood, and cut it out.

Climbers

Clematis varieties flowering between July and September on newly formed stems should be pruned in spring when growth begins. Common examples are 'Jackmanii' and 'Ville de Lyon'. Cut back all the previous year's stems to plum buds on older wood, about 30 to 45 cm (12 to 18 in) above ground level. Without this treatment, the stems will become tangled and there will be few flowers towards the base of the plant.

Wisterias can quickly get out of hand if not regularly pruned. In spring, shorten shoots formed the previous year to two or three buds. Prune again in August, cutting new trailing stems to 15 cm (6 in) long.

Japanese honeysuckle and other species that flower early in the year on growth produced the previous year may be cut back and thinned now if too rampant. Give overgrown ivies

the same treatment.

Newly Planted Trees

Some new shrubs and trees may require a little pruning during the first spring to improve their shape.

Standard trees should have side stems on their trunks cut off. Snip out any damaged or misplaced stems. Cut them back neatly, either just above a growth bud or at the junction with another thicker stem. Retain clusters of leafy side shoots, however, because they will help to thicken the trunk.

In March, cut down the canes of newly planted summer and autumn fruiting raspberry varieties just above ground level. New, strong canes will soon form.

The stems of newly planted bush gooseberries should be shortened by half in early spring. Cut back side shoots to 5 cm (2 in).

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

The Draft Plan was agreed at the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council at its meeting on the 2nd February. While there was not unanimous agreement among the five Councillors on the decisions reached, it is in our view a good Plan based on proper planning and development of the area. The school children will at long last have pitches to play on, as will the GAA and soccer Clubs. In addition to the 100 acres of Green Belt between O'Neill Park and Carton Estate there will be a Public Park off the Celbridge Road and 10 acres zoned for Amenity in the Newtown area. The three link roads between Newtown/ Straffan Road, Straffan Road/Celbridge Road and Celbridge Road/Blacklion have been approved in order to take the traffic away from the Main Street.

The following are the major details of the Draft Plan:

1. Satchwells Land

46 acres zoned housing (includes two lots of 5 acres for Kildare County Council) + 12 acres for GAA and 6 acres for school pitches.

2. Divine Word

5 acres for housing.

3. Doyles Land (O'Neill Park/Carlton).

100 acres Green Belt.

4. Left of Celbridge Road (O'Toole/Bruton).

118 acres housing (includes two lots of 5 acres for Kildare County Council) + 10 acres for soccer Club + 10 acres Public Park + 8 acres for School/Church. Special Development Levies to fund the link road between Blacklion and Celbridge road.

5. Right of Celbridge Road (Opp. Greenfield Drive-Feeney/Brady).

45 acres housing (no longer any industry). Special Development Levies to fund the link road between Straffan Road and Celbridge Road. Also Special Development Levy to fund the development of the Public Park. All Councillors supported the Carton Court residents' wish to have the link road realigned to the motorway side of Noones. Unfortunately, the engineering Section ruled this out on safety grounds.

6. Kingsbry to Motorway (Dunnes Land).

Special Development Levies to fund the link road from Newtown to Straffan Road. Traffic calming measures to be part of the design. Land zoned general but excluding retail shopping.

7. Newtown Area.

Four small lots, totalling 24 acres, zoned for housing and

10 acres zoned amenity.

The Draft Plan will go to the full Council for approval on the 26th February. It will then go on public display for a period of two months. The public and landowners can make written submissions during this period. The Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council will then consider these submissions and make a decision on a final Draft Plan which will then be submitted to the full County Council for Final Approval. The plan will govern all development in Maynooth for the next 10 to 15 years.

Kingsbry Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted a motion to the Council asking that Kingsbry Estate now be taken in charge by Kildare County Council.

Responses by Kildare County Council to Letters from Residents Associations and Community Groups.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted a motion to the Council asking that letters, from Residents Associations or other community groups, to the Council be answered within two weeks, with a copy to the Area Councillors.

Bond Bridge

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., will be contacting Residents Associations in the Newtown area shortly with a view to forming the Bond Bridge Action Group.

Kildare County Council have approximately £140,000 in Development Levies collected towards the cost of realigning the bridge. Just under £70,000 is owed by Developers.

Land zoned but not developed under the 1985 Development Plan amounts to 30 acres. This when developed could generate a further £231,000. A large portion of this land was sold recently and we can expect development in the near future.

There is also a further 24 acres of land in the Newtown area proposed for re-zoning under the current Development Plan.

The cost of realigning Bond Bridge has been set at £750,000. Minister Stagg said the aim of the Bond Bridge Action Group will be to apply pressure to get top-up funding to complete the job. The balance of funding would be sought from the Department of the Environment.

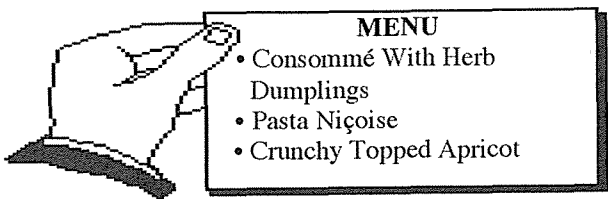
Convent Road/Dunboyne Road.

Minister Emmet Stagg is continuing to pursue Kildare County Council and the Department of the Environment to reduce the status of Convent Road/Dunboyne Road at the junction near Kildare Bridge in order to divert traffic onto the new Blacklion Road thus relieving traffic in the Lyreen area.

Hobbies & Interests

DELICIOUSLY SIMPLE

BUSY COOK'S MENU - A QUICK SUPPER FOR FOUR!



CONSOMMÉ WITH HERB DUMPLINGS

By adding sherry and home-made dumplings to canned consommé you can create a stunning starter.

For the dumplings

60g (2oz) self-raising flour
30g (1oz) beef suet
1 teaspoon dried parsley
1 teaspoon dried chives
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the soup

Two 395g (14oz) cans chicken consommé
2 tablespoons dry sherry
Flat-leaf parsley sprigs, to garnish

To make the herb dumplings, sift the flour into a bowl and stir in the suet, dried herbs and seasoning. Add enough cold water to mix to a soft but not sticky dough. Shape the suet mixture into cherry-sized dumplings. Chill until required.

Pour the consommé into a pan and heat gently. Add the dumplings and simmer gently for 5 to 10 minutes, or until the dumplings are puffed and cooked through. Using a slotted spoon, carefully remove the dumplings from the pan and keep warm.

Quickly strain the consommé, return to a rinsed out pan and add the sherry. Reheat until piping hot. Taste and adjust the seasoning, as necessary.

Pour the consommé into warmed bowls, add the dumplings and garnish with flat-leaf parsley. Serve at once.

PASTA NIÇOISE

The colourful sauce is made mostly from canned foods that are well worth keeping in store for emergency entertaining. It is perfect served with pasta.

230g (8oz) pasta bows
2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 large clove garlic, crushed
395g (14oz) can chopped tomatoes
400g (14oz) can tuna chunks in oil, drained
85g (3oz) pitted black olives, drained and halved
110g (4oz) frozen peas
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
30g (1oz) fresh Parmesan cheese

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Add the pasta and simmer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a heavy-based pan. Add the onion and garlic, and cook until softened but not coloured. Stir in the chopped tomatoes and their juice. Coarsely flake the tuna and add to the pan with the olives and peas. Cook gently for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Drain the pasta and add to the tuna mixture. Season with the salt and freshly ground black pepper and transfer to warmed serving dishes. Quickly, using a vegetable peeler, make curls of Parmesan and scatter over the top of the pasta. Serve at once.

CRUNCHY TOPPED APRICOT

This dessert is a deliciously light and fruity way to end a meal. You may not have crème fraîche in the house, but this recipe tastes just as good with 140ml (1/4pt) frozen double cream (thawed and lightly whipped) - which is worth keeping in stock.

230g (8oz) sliced white bread, crusts removed
85g (3oz) soft, light brown sugar
411g (14 1/2oz) can apricot halves in fruit juice, drained
230 ml (8 fl oz) crème fraîche or 140 ml (1/4pt) frozen double cream (thawed and whipped) and 1 tablespoon of icing sugar, sifted.

Set the oven at Gas Mark 6, 400 degrees F, 200 degrees C.

Crumble the bread coarsely in a food processor or liquidiser. Mix the sugar and breadcrumbs, and scatter on to a baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.

Blend the apricots in a liquidiser or food processor. Tip purée into a bowl and fold in the crème fraîche. Divide the purée between 4 tall glasses and top with the crispy bread mixture.

COUNTDOWN

Get all the ingredients together. Set the oven at Gas Mark 6, 400 degrees F, 200 degrees C.

- 30 minutes before - Prepare and cook the breadcrumb and sugar mixture for the apricot dessert. Leave to cool.
- 25 minutes before - Make and shape the dumplings. Chill.
- 20 minutes before - Complete the dessert and chill.
- 15 minutes before - Heat the consommé and cook the dumplings.
- 10 minutes before - Cook the pasta and make the tuna sauce.
- 5 minutes before - Complete the consommé starter.

DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

Almost 200 people attended a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday, 15th February, to hear Cllr. Catherine Murphy outline the dramatic expansion proposed in the draft Maynooth Development plan.

According to Cllr. Murphy proposals for rezoning from agricultural to residential land mean that almost 20,000 people could be living in Maynooth by 2006 if all of this land is built on. The main residential rezoning is planned for the Moyglare Road — on Satchwell's land and around the Divine Word, and a large swathe of land around the Celbridge Road behind Parklands, Rockfield, Laurence's Avenue and Carton Court as far as the Grangewilliam road. A small proportion of this land is to be rezoned for amenity use — for GAA pitches in Moyglare and soccer pitches opposite the SIAC site midway between Maynooth and Celbridge.

Cllr. Murphy has supported the Moyglare rezoning because this fits in with a coherent and orderly growth strategy for Maynooth.

The Celbridge Road rezonings on the other hand emerge, not from an orderly planning strategy, but from the need to fund the long-proposed ring road linking Blacklion to the Straffan road from development levies. Cllr. Murphy pointed out that development levies collected over the years from the Newtown-Rathcoffey road developments have never been used to upgrade Bond Bridge as they were intended to. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the link road would be finished until long after three or four thousand people have moved into this area.

Cllr. Murphy is aware of the difficulties experienced by the Soccer Club in finding a permanent home, but the price that will be paid for locating their pitches in the Celbridge Road area is far too high. She would support the purchase of land in a more accessible and central location, which would not be tied to the requirement to build almost 1,000 houses, with the attendant costs of providing footpaths, lighting and other services, and the amount of traffic congestion which would arise.

Cllr. Murphy reminded those present that the Maynooth Development Plan is our plan — it will shape our lives in Maynooth, and we must become involved in deciding our future. She advised people to contact the five local area County councillors to give their views, and to write to the County Council. The plan will be voted on by the full County Council in March, and groups and individuals will have another opportunity to object to proposals. However, she stressed the importance of acting now, rather than reacting later.

A broad-based ad hoc group was formed to consider action in the immediate future. In addition, residents from the Newtown Rathcoffey Road area came together to form a joint campaign for upgrading Bond Bridge. Parklands residents used the opportunity to take the first steps in setting up a residents' association.

Cllr. Murphy will be happy to provide information on the Maynooth Development Plan to individuals and residents' associations and other community organisations and groups. Telephone: 6244903.

NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

News since September 1995

- Our members enjoyed their Sunday morning activities during the months of September and October. Many members also availed of squad coaching with Ms. Judy Smyth. Our 5-7 year old members took part with great enthusiasm in the indoor short-tennis sessions with coach, Ms. Caoimhe O'Sullivan.

- Congratulations to our members who were selected to attend The Leinster Provincial Towns Tennis coaching sessions at Naas, Clane and Celbridge venues. These were as follows: Niamh Byrne, Dioreann Duignan, Barry Keenan, Damian Moloney, Róisín Lally, Orlaith Toibin, Grainne McManus, Ciadhra Duignan, Aoife McTernan, Gillian Corbally and Donal Houlihan.

Special congrats and good luck to Barry Keenan who has been selected for the second round of coaching which is taking place at Riverview Tennis Club. We hope he enjoys the experience.

• Proposed Spring/Summer Activities:

We hope to resume our activities in March with two Open Days on Sunday, 24 March 1996, and Sunday, 31 March 1996.

Time: 10am - 12 noon
Age: 5-17 years
Venue: North Kildare Club

Participants: All members past and present and anyone who might be interested in joining our club. New members are always welcome. Committee members will be available to answer queries on open days. Following our open days we will be resuming our Spring/Summer Programme. All members will be circulated with our forthcoming club newsletter detailing a list of upcoming events.

WALKIN' IN WICKLA WALK NO. 6

The six hills to Kippure

The six hills to Kippure is a fairly tough, long walk. It is different to all the walks I have offered to date in one particular way: instead of being a circuit, on this occasion it is a case of go and return by the same route. The round trip is about 14 miles, so this is definitely a case of watching the clock to leave yourself sufficient time to get back to base before it begins to get dark if you intend to take it on at this time of year. It will possibly take you seven to eight hours. The fact that it is about the closest Wicklow walk to Maynooth is helpful because this at least saves travelling time.

You start out from the Stone Cross, which is located at Ballinascorney Gap. This is best reached by turning right at Old Bawn Cross (Bridget Burke's pub), after having approached from Tallaght direction. A little less than three miles' drive along this road will see you at Ballinascorney Gap. As you approach the gap, which is at the highest point of this road, you should notice a turn off to the left and having taken this turn you will find the Stone Cross after approximately 50 yards. A convenient parking spot can be found at a broad gateway which is about 100 yards further on to your left, which is where your walk begins.

You climb over the steel gate and make your way along a track up Slievenabawnoge. The top of this will be very quickly reached as it is less than a mile away. As you gain height you will be looking down on the road you arrived by, as it stretches back to Old Bawn — you will also be getting good views of Dublin city and its surrounds. You will continue from the top of Slievenabawnoge at a bearing of 130 degrees. After approximately a half mile you will arrive at the first of what are possibly the two most inconvenient barriers of the walk.

This first barrier is a loose stone wall which is about five feet high. The wall runs up from the valley on your left and ends at a forest perimeter fence. It is possible to circumvent the wall by climbing over the fence and entering the forest. You need only walk a very short distance through this dense forestry before leaving it again to cross over a much lower wall. You will now be able to continue walking alongside the forestry for about another half mile before reaching the next similar-type nuisance barrier. You will have the very pleasant view of Glensmole with its two

reservoirs down below you as you make your way along this fairly flat section of the walk.

After you have crossed the second barrier you will take a sharp turn uphill, walking close to the forest as you go. This section is a bit steep and as you rise the views of Dublin city and Dublin Bay become more and more extensive. You will be leaving the upper end of the forest behind you after about 1½ miles, at which stage you will have about a quarter of a mile to go to the top of Seahan (2,131 feet). This is your first major high spot of the trek and it provides nice views in all directions. To the south you should be able to see Blessington Lakes, while to the north the views of Dublin will still be with you. As you look south-east you will see the rest of the walk looming before you. Corrig Mountain, your next high point (2,036 feet), is less than a mile away and you set out at a bearing of 118

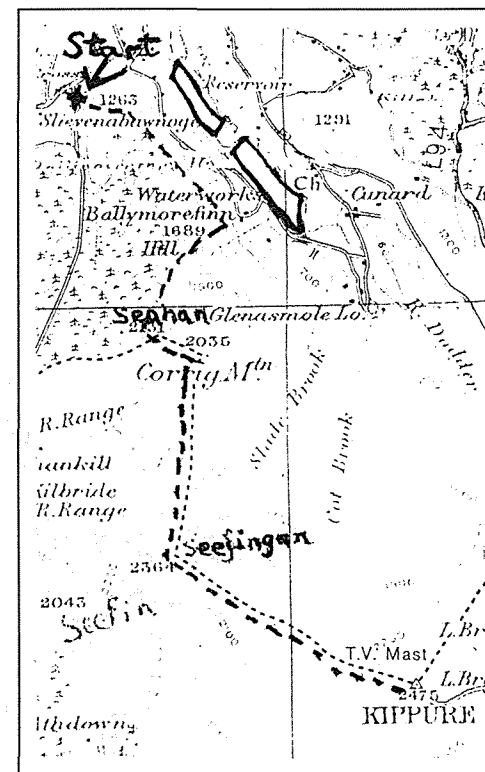
degrees. At the top of Corrig you change your bearing to 183 degrees as you make for Seefingan about 1½ miles away. As you walk from Corrig to Seefingan you will have Kilbride Rifle Range hundreds of feet below on your right, so it is not a wise place to go down into, especially if you can hear the army spending taxpayers' money.

When you reach the top of Seefingan (2,364 feet) you will have a grand mountain picture before you in all directions. You may notice small concrete pillars sticking out of the ground from time to time with the letters "WD" on them — these are left-overs from the days of British rule and stand for War Department, not Wicklow-Dublin as I once wrongly thought, because at this point the county boundary between the two counties is drawn from one mountain top to the next. At a bearing of 120 degrees you will be able to see the two TV masts on top of Kippure (2,475 feet), which is the highest and

last mountain of this trek, about two miles away. The ground between you and Kippure is fairly level, the height loss is not great and the worst problem you may have to contend with is boggy conditions. When you reach Kippure you'll be at your turning point, from which you now make your return to base by the same way you came.

I trust you have enjoyed this series of walks, which I am now bringing to a conclusion. I hope they have been of interest and some help to you, and I wish you pleasant walking in the hills.

Paddy Caulfield



MAYNOOTH GAA CLUB

Kildare Club of the Year 1995

Newly arrived in the Maynooth area?
Interested in Gaelic Football or Hurling?
Enjoy good social facilities?
Want to join a progressive club?

ALL AGES CATERED FOR:
Hurling and Gaelic Football skills training for underage players (8-13 years) will be held every Saturday morning from **February 17th, 1996.**

Hurling: 10.15 to 11.30 • Football: 11.30 to 1.00

At adult level the club fields intermediate and junior football and hurling teams. Junior Hurling Champions 1994: Junior Football A and B Champions 1995.

If you are interested in playing football, hurling or handball, contact any club member.

Handball alley will be ready shortly in Club grounds.

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Membership charges:
Full: single member/player £15;
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Social member, £12;
Husband/Wife social members, £17.

Address: Moyglare Road, Maynooth. Phone 6285020.

Senior Football League Division 2 Fixtures 1996

Sunday 3rd March - Maynooth v Celbridge - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 10th March - Maynooth v Cappagh - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 17th March - Maynooth v Milltown - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 24th March - Maynooth v Kilcullen - Away - 3p.m.
Sunday 14th April - Maynooth v Sallins - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 28th April - Maynooth v Ballymore - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 12th May - Maynooth v Monasterevin - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 26th May - Maynooth v Eadestown - Home - 3p.m.
Sunday 2nd June - Maynooth v St. Kevin's - Home - 3 p.m.
Sunday 9th June - Maynooth v Rheban - Away - 3p.m.
Tue. 18th June - Maynooth v Clogherinkoe - Away - 7.30p.m.
Tue. 25th June - Maynooth v Ballyteague - Home - 7.30p.m.
Tue. 2nd July - Maynooth v Rathangan - Away - 7.30p.m.

Lotto Results

14/1/96: Numbers 2-19-22. Jackpot £300. No winner.
5 x £10 Anne Garrett, Joe Nevin, Nora Fegney, J. J. Thompson, Florence Cullinane.

21/1/96: Numbers 2-7-10. Jackpot £350. No winner.
5 x £10 Treasa Moloney, Anne Treacy, Joey Edwards, Rose Edwards, Gerry Connellan.

28/1/96: Numbers 17-21-22. Jackpot £400. No winner.
5 x £10 Big Mac, Mrs N. Treacy, Patricia Cassells, Teresa Moloney, Jimmy Kyne.

11/2/96: Numbers 7-11-13. Jackpot £500. No winner.
5 x £10 Richard O'Sullivan, Richard Moran, Dermot Myles, Marie Connolly, Brian Marlborough.

NORTH KILDARE RUGBY

Here we have the North Kildare Rugby team under 12's proudly displaying their new jerseys, sponsored by Steel Services Ireland, Palmerstown.



Back Row L-R: Jason Dillion, Ronan Farrell, Gavan Satchwell, David Robinson, and J. Smith.

Front Row L-R: James Mullarkey, Daragh Toner, Eric Roberts, Denis McCarthy, Killian Corcoran, Tommy Fox and Mark Dunne.

Trainers: Jim Doogan and Pat Dunne.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The husband and family of the late Brigid "Bid" Collins, Rail Park, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who attended the removal and funeral mass, sent mass cards, and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. Loftus, nurses and doctors who cared for her at home. The medical team of Blanchardstown and Mater Hospitals, also to our very kind neighbours and friends for all their help and support, to Oliver Reilly, Undertakers, for their kindness, help and efficiency in handling the funeral arrangements.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for their intentions.

The wife sons and family of the late Liam Bean, "Lemar", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with and supported them in their recent sad loss; those who attended the removal and funeral mass; those who called personally to the house, sent mass cards, letters of sympathy, perpetual enrolments and floral tributes. The priests of the parish, Dr. Maurice Cowhey, nurse Campbell, the doctors, nurses and staff of Blanchardstown Hospital, the ambulance service, Paddy Desmond and Murphy Bros. for their help with the funeral arrangements. Mrs. Ita McCormack and the choir for their singing at the funeral mass. Special mention to Fr. George Millar for his kindness to Liam during the latter years of his illness and to all our neighbours who helped in so many unforgettable ways. Special thanks to Joan Carroll for her selfless kindness to our family.

For all of these people the holy sacrifice of the mass has been offered and the memories of their support will remain with us forever.

BIRTHDAYS

Sinéad Farrell, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne, whose birthday was February 7th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, Sisters, Deirdre, Fiona, Niamh and your many friends in Dunboyne, Maynooth and elsewhere.

Jean Leonard "Jean's Foodstore", Moyglare Village, Maynooth. Birthday 14th February. Best wishes from all your customers and neighbours.

Mrs T. Richardson, Mariaville, Maynooth, January 28th, her husband Tom, February 14th. Best wishes from all your family and friends.

Gerard McTernan, Curravilla, Greenfield, age 19, March 4th, his cousin Paul McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock age 20, February 4th. Best wishes from Mams, Dads, sisters, brothers, grans and grandads.

Happy birthday John Paul Perry who will be 12 on 25th February, lots of love from Mam, Dad, Jess and Tina.

Happy Birthday Jessica Perry from Mam, Dad, John and Tina.

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SYMPATHIES

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

Nephews, nieces, Beaumont Community, Archbishop, Priests, parishioners and friends of Very Rev. Fr. Fergus O'Higgins, Chaplain to Sisters of Mercy Beaumont Convalescent Home, formerly Parish Priest, Maynooth.

Wife, sons, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, relatives and friends of Liam Bean, Lemar, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and late of Main Street.

Wife, daughters, sons, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Sean Nolan, Harristown, Navan, late of Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

Wife, daughter, brother, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Edward Cassidy, Innskeer, London and Maynooth.

Husband, son, daughters, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives, friends of Brigid (Bid) Collins, Rail Park, Maynooth, formerly Curravilla, Ballina, Co. Tipperary.

Wife, sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brother, sisters, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends of James (Jimmy) Geoghegan, Crew Hill House, Maynooth, formerly Corr House, Portumna, Co. Galway.

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

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