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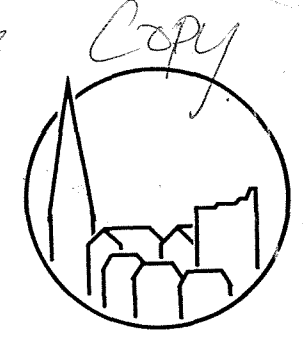
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Diary Dates

Wed. Oct. 2nd - Mother & Toddler Group, recommencing in the M.A.D.E. Centre.

Thurs. Oct. 3rd - Presentation Convent Primary School Parents Association A.G.M. - 8.15 p.m. in the Presentation Convent.

Sun. Oct. 6th - Scoil Uí Riada "Mór Shiúil" - Annual Sponsored Walk, starting from the School at 3 p.m.

Tues. Oct. 8th - A.G.M. of the Maynooth Post Primary P.T.A. to be held in the new school hall at 8 p.m.

Thurs. Oct. 17th - Fashion Show in aid of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, in the Glenroyal hotel.

- Also, St. Mary's Boys School A.G.M. at 8 p.m. in the Boys School.

Sun. Oct. 20th - Maynooth Old Peoples Committee 'Hallowe'en Party' will take place in the Post Primary School at 3.30 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 21st - Fri 25th; Children's Book Festival in Maynooth Library.

Editorial

Slow But Steady Progress

On the face of it the results of this years' Tidy Towns make disappointing reading for Maynooth. Once again our score of 159 is towards the lower end in the range of scores achieved by other small to medium sized towns. But such a reading fails to do justice to the town we live in, the small group of people associated with the Tidy Towns Committee, or the notable improvements which have taken place in the town in the last year. The adjudicator's comments published elsewhere in this issue continually stress the potential of the town which, we have to admit, is not presently being realised. The Harbour area, the College and Carton Avenue are mentioned in terms which would make any competing town envious.

Many towns present themselves far more positively than Maynooth even though they must work with far less promising raw material. On the other hand some problems, in the short term, are simply beyond the scope of the community. The very poor condition of the area around Doyle's Mart and the rundown appearance of Quinnsworth Shopping Centre are cases in point. However, other problems are our fault.

Maynooth scores 8 out of 20 for tidiness, largely due to the persistent problem of litter. 'Room for Improvement' is how the adjudicator generously describes our position. Residents and owners of land along the approach roads to the town where visitors get their impressions of the town also have a special responsibility to maintain hedges and grass verges. Attractive towns don't happen by accident. They are the product of good planning, hard work and persistence. And a little bit of effort by everyone.

Minister's Message to Our Councillors

At the time of going to press the Minister of the Environment, Brendan Howlin, has instructed Kildare County Council to defer the adoption of any future development plans, including the Maynooth Plan, until it has prepared a plan for the county as a whole. We can only assume that the Minister is not entirely impressed with the scale of rezoning which has already been adopted in areas such as Clane or the proposals in the pipeline for Maynooth and Kilcock. Many residents of Maynooth have been concerned that the scale of development in the area over the next 10 years, which would be the inevitable consequence of the extensive rezonings in the draft plan, had not been adequately thought through by our councillors. The implications of what is currently being proposed are considerable. Minister Howlin's intervention should allow all concerned to draw breath and consider carefully the significance of the decisions they are about to make.

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Community Council Notes

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

After my holidays in Maynooth I'm writing to say: "Thank You !".

I spent two weeks in your town (14 - 28 July) and I enjoyed my stay there. Congratulations for your Community Council Office where I found information and . . . Kindness.

Compliments also for your Summer Festival. A particular "thank you" to the S.V.D. institute, where I lived, because this experience was very interesting for me. I hope to see you again . . . God Bless You!

Yours,
Fr. Eusebio Stefanoni,
Milan, Italy.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Community Council support Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich

Maynooth Community Council unanimously supported a proposal from Chairman Tom McMullon to add our support to the application by Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich for recognition by the Department of Education.

Maynooth Community Festival Plans

Feedback from this year's Community Festival held in July has been very positive. The festival which was usually held in June, will take place in July in future. It is hoped that the next festival will have a theme possibly relating to the historical importance of Maynooth.

A meeting to review the feedback and start planning next year's festival will take place on October 17th in the Community Council Offices.

Litter biggest obstacle to Maynooth's success in Tidy Towns Competition

Maynooth's litter problem has meant that the town scored badly in two categories in the competition. Many people have praised the good work carried out by the Tidy Towns/FAS workers and the voluntary cleanup carried out by the committee and some civic minded people in the town each Sunday morning. Full details of our score appear elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Community Council to help No Name club to find a home

The Community Council will try to assist the Maynooth/Kilcock No Name club to find a premises. The club have failed to find a permanent home suitable for their needs.

Laraghbryan Cemetery - many people are concerned

The poor condition of the cemetery has continued to concern many people in the town. A special meeting was held in September to examine what can be done to improve the appearance of the cemetery.

New Community Council

The new Community Council held it's first meeting in September.

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The outgoing executive were returned and the vacant post of PRO was filled.

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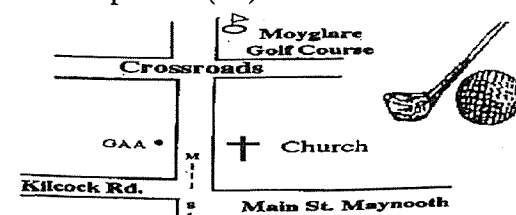
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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

No progress on our campaign to have our train service improved.....

Readers who use the Train service and who have been watching this space will know that progress on this matter has been very slow. As part of a group formed from representatives of all the towns along the line, we made a presentation to both the politicians and Iarnród Eireann last December. Firstly we were told that funding for this project would be sought by Christmas 1995. Then we were told that it must be part of an overall funding package for Iarnród Eireann. The £73m overall funding package for Iarnród Eireann was announced in July 1996, but of course did not include the funding for the upgrading of the Maynooth line.

We are now told that the funding request has been referred to a special group for consideration. It is important to remember that the cost of this work was estimated at £9.4m which in comparison to the cost of Luas (which is being funded from a different source) is certainly very small in comparison to the benefit it would achieve.

We have to now ask the questions again about who is delaying this project. It is clear that funding for important infrastructure such as this, is never easy to obtain, even if it is European funding. The capacity of the service has been increased since May '96 and already it is now overloaded again. In the short term we will be looking at getting another train between 8.00a.m. and 9.15a.m. and a service between 18.20p.m. and 20.55p.m., but the ultimate flexibility that will be available when we have a double line between Clonsilla and Maynooth must be pursued until it is in place.

Maynooth Development Plan... How should we provide Amenities?

The Maynooth Development Plan will be reviewed by the local Celbridge Area Councillors on October 4th next. Councillors are continuing discussions with the people of Maynooth about the various issues that concern the people

of the town. It is clear that everybody in the town has a point of view and many groups and individuals have made formal submission to the Councillors by the deadline in May '96.

The issue of amenities has been raised many times during the discussions on the plan. Indeed, it is very essential if the Councillors' proposals to increase the population to over 21,000 at least in the next ten years, occurs. It is important that a mechanism be found to ensure that the existing clubs be able to expand and provide the necessary facilities. However, many people who are not members of the G.A.A. or Soccer clubs would not want this matter handled as part of the rezoning process. The Development Plan does not consider the wider amenity needs of a town with the proposed population shown above. Everybody understands that as their responsibilities currently stand, Councillors cannot provide amenities, such as a public swimming pool (even though there is a public pool in Naas), or indeed a Gym. However no land has been designated for these and other amenity purposes in this plan. Maynooth parents would like to see the land being offered to the schools sited closer to them rather than the need for their children to travel a considerable distance up the Moyglare Road to access these football pitches.

Passive amenity such as a public park has been included even though Kildare County Council does not have a Parks Department to maintain it. Leixlip now has the new Liffey Valley Park recently purchased by the Government. It is important that the people of Maynooth preserve some passive amenity areas around the town, land may be very valuable in Maynooth but so also is the future quality of life for the present and future residents of the town.

Heritage Town Status - What we need to do.....

It is now several months since this issue was first raised and it now has the support of many groups in the town who have embraced the project

enthusiastically. At our next meeting we will be setting up the structures to progress the work to the next stage. The Heritage Town concept was devised by Bord Fáilte to develop a new tourism product which was funded under the Operational Programme for Tourism 1989-1993. A total of 34 towns have been designated as Heritage Towns. In Co. Kildare both Athy and Kildare Town have Heritage Town status.

It is important to note that it is not the intention of Bord Fáilte to approve any more towns as Heritage Towns, particularly as the funding has been exhausted. However, this is a medium term project and the minimum result could be recognition of Heritage or Historical importance which would allow us to be marketed by the Heritage Towns marketing programme. The following are a general summary of some of the criteria by which Bord Fáilte assessed the applications of towns who achieved heritage status under their last programme.

- A number of conserved buildings would be open to visitors.
 - An integrated signage system within and approaching the town.
 - Good range of quality accommodation, restaurants and pubs.
 - A visitors centre introducing the town's heritage theme, with evening entertainment linked to the town's historic and heritage theme.
 - An integrated traffic management plan incorporating parking.
- Following designation as a Heritage Town a limited company was formed usually including representatives from groups such as the following:
- The Local Authority
 - The Regional Tourism Board
 - The Chamber of Commerce
 - The Tidy Towns Committee
 - Local Historical Society
- Our Committee will consider the next steps at our meeting in early October and we will keep you informed of our progress on this most important project.

*Paul Croghan
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HOWLIN CALLS A HALT TO KILDARE DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROCESS

The Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin TD, announced on the 23rd September, that he has written to Kildare County Council, instructing it to defer the adoption of any further development plans until it has prepared a plan for the future development of the County as a whole.

This is the first time a Minister for the Environment has intervened in the process of adoption of a development plan and the move was prompted by increasing concern about controversial zoning decisions being made in County Kildare.

The Minister has, since he came to office two years ago, repeatedly warned that maverick rezoning was undermining public confidence in the entire planning process. "I have already made it absolutely clear that I will not be influenced by such zonings in determining priorities for the allocation of funding for infrastructural services", the Minister said.

"I had hoped that Councillors in Kildare would heed these warnings but they have not and I regret that I have now been forced to take this unusual step", he continued.

The Minister expressed concern that the adoption in Kildare of a series of town and village plans in the absence of a coherent overall strategy was a recipe for planning chaos.

In a letter to Kildare Council he has said that there is a clear need for Kildare County Council to set out in its development plan a strategic approach for the territory of the county as a whole. The Plan, he said, should identify policies and objectives for accommodating growth, including the relevant infrastructure. It should then set out a hierarchical settlement pattern of the towns and villages where growth is proposed to be distributed, the Minister concluded.

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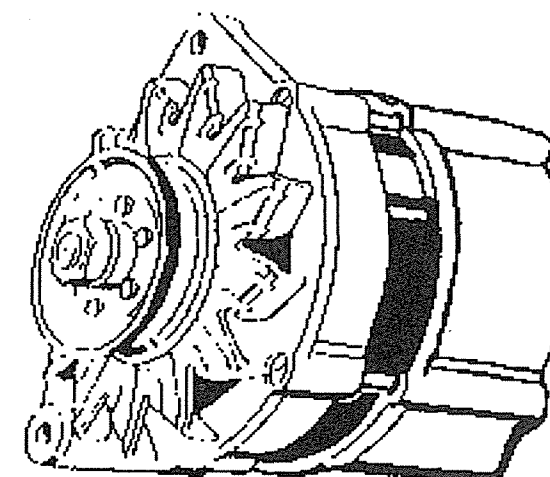
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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

This year the Tidy Towns competition format was redesigned. A lot of positive things were said about Maynooth. We thank our FAS Community Workers for all the hard work in the past year. Elsewhere you can read the entire report.

On the 24th of October, we will be holding a Public Meeting in the Maynooth Community Council offices at 8.30 p.m., to discuss the report and our plans for the future.

We would also like to thank all who helped on the Sunday morning clean-ups.

Next month we will publish the results of the Maynooth Best Area/Shop Front Competition.

Richard Farrell,
P.R.O.

TIDY TOWNS 1996 - "CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT"

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Results
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	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	15
Tidiness	20	8
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	4
TOTAL MARK	300	159

Adjudicator's Comments

Overall Developmental Approach

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed questionnaire, which was helpful during the course of adjudication. The adjudicator looks forward to the submission of a detailed five year work programme. The completion of the by-pass and the ancillary roadwork facilities has transformed the town of Maynooth, particularly, through the reduction in through-traffic and has given back the town to the residents. This provides the opportunity for the community to shape the future of the town, especially in the refining of the town's unique character as a university and state town, not to mention its associations with the canal. The detailed

programme set out in your entry will contribute greatly to realising this objective - the town plan commissioned by Kildare County Council should act as a blueprint for the future improvement, growth and direction of the town. The input of Kildare County Council and the local community is very much in evidence throughout the town.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities

The canal and harbour area is a wonderful amenity resource for the town and in itself it constitutes a natural wildlife habitat in its own right. Attractive features noted by the adjudicator included clean water and many attractive water plants. Many flowering water lilies and fish, insects and birds were also evident. However, more could be made of this facility. For example, the provision of information plaques/boards would be both educational and would contribute to the attractiveness of the area and could form features in their own right. There is potential for increased nature conservation throughout the town and environs of Maynooth, a good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment areas and see what species of animals, fish, plants etc. these attract. Why not get involved with your local environmental experts and groups who could advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require.

Landscaping

Development work has been carried out throughout Maynooth over the past year, including tree planting, for example, at the new hotel/shopping centre. The major new improvements noted at the square are a welcomed improvement and removes this former eyesore. Tree planting has also been noted where roads have been improved, all these have contributed greatly in improving the appearance of the town, as have the landscaping from earlier periods, for example, trees on the Main Street; the University and Carton Amenity Walk. However, attention to detail is all important as many of these locations need maintenance in weeding, for example, the Celbridge road junction area; base of trees in the square; the entrance area to Carton Walk, which is somewhat shabby; painting of iron work and redressing of walls would help improve this appearance. In terms of landscaping, try to pay more attention to grassed areas, particularly in outlying areas, near housing schemes (long grass was a problem in parts) e.g. at residential park on the Celbridge Road - long grass was noted at the fencing. During the course of adjudication, the adjudicator noted the following in relation to landscaped areas: the new stone walls are very attractive, for example, on the approach from the by-pass bridge; on the Maynooth side of this approach road, the grass needed cutting at the time of adjudication. At the Celbridge Road/Maxol Station the unkept weeds detract from the overall appearance. On the Straffan Road, new footpaths and stone walls helped to improve the appearance immensely. Approaching the town square, the cobble locking and wrought iron work is very attractive. The



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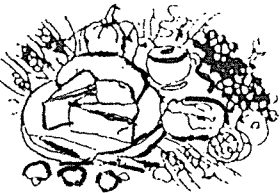


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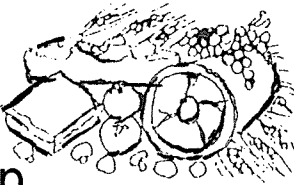
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grounds of the University were beautifully kept as were the campus area.

The Built Environment

Maynooth has many attractive buildings of note, including the University, several other public buildings, including schools, churches, fire station and, in particular, the Garda Station. There are several other attractively presented buildings located throughout the town, however, there are still too many unsuitable shopfronts and display signs throughout the town. Several premises on the Main Street require painting or at least cleaning.

The Cattle Mart and Quinnsworth is seedy in appearance. The area outside the Cattle Mart was very badly presented with weeds. The facade and forecourt of Quinnsworth needs attention. The new hotel and shopping area was attractively landscaped, with tree planting noted on the bank but weeds were tending to be a problem here. The rockery at the Maxol Station is a good feature and the forecourt area was clean. The railway station area needed more attention, as litter was evident, weeds were noted by kerbing, the iron railings needed painting and the footbridge on the canal also needs attention - perhaps a more attractive bridge could be put in its place over time, include this in your work programme. There are several shops still with signage which is out of keeping with the potential attractiveness of the town. Cassidy's pub could be improved. The school grounds were generally well presented. The Holy Spirit Convent was well presented. Centra would benefit from painting. Some hanging baskets and window boxes for business premises would be a major improvement - try to work on this for next year. Additional premises that were well presented included Caddie Shack and The Post Office (Donovans).

Litter Control

Maynooth has continuing serious litter problem and until the litter problem is tackled more vigorously, Maynooth will not look it's best. Litter control and tidiness now comprise 20% of the entire marks under this competition, so it is essential that you tackle this as other towns have done. It can be done, but it takes a co-ordinated and tough approach. Scatterings of litter were evident in many locations throughout the town, including the Main Street; the open gap areas and entrances. Residential estates were noticeable exceptions to this, which may suggest the source of the problem. Additional litter bins would help. A major litter campaign is required for the town. Try to include the university in this, as well as school children.

Tidiness

Considerable improvements have been noted since last years adjudication including several new stretches of stone walls, congratulations. Resurfacing has also helped here. The overall appearance of Maynooth would be considerably enhanced if litter control was improved. Other problems include unkept grass margins/verges on approach roads; more regular sweeping of footpaths, gutters and road margins would considerably sharpen up the appearance of the town. However, there is still room for improvement.

Residential Areas

One of the strongest features of Maynooth was the high standard of presentation of most of the residential areas. The majority were very well maintained, with good approaches, grassed areas, shrubbery and tree planting and several with attractive name signs. A number could be presented to a higher standard, particularly some entrance areas. The dumping of grass/cuttings was noticed opposite stretches on the Clane Road. At the housing scheme on the Celbridge Road (Rail Park) mature trees and grassed areas at footpaths were an attractive feature, but long grass at the wooden fencing is unsightly. Rockfield Manor had a similar presentation. At the entrance to Greenfield Estate, weeding was needed. Parsons Lodge was very attractive, as was Parson Court, Woodlands, Newtown Court, Beaufield. At the new estate on Moyglare Road, several trees on the grass verge needed replacing.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas

The majority of approaches, the Clane Road, Old Dublin Road and Pitch & Putt Road, would have benefited from more attention in terms of neater grass verges. Many of the road signs were also in need of attention, as they needed cleaning and painting. The footpath on the Main Street is another area that is unsatisfactory, the practice of parking cars on the footpath itself should be discontinued as soon as possible as it takes from the overall appearance. The plans to cobble lock these footpaths would be a major improvement - ensure bollards are put in place to avoid parking on them. Some of the back streets, for example, Pound Street were neat and tidy and litter free, well done in this regard. The tree lined Main Street is very attractive. There are several items of street furniture on the Main Street which could be improved - for example, cast iron green pump. The new square is a major improvement. In regard to the by-pass, the approach roads off the by-pass are a major improvement - some works are not yet completed so, perhaps, it will be next year before the results of this are fully noted. Tree planting on the motorway is also a welcomed improvement.

General Impression

Considerable improvements were noted since last years adjudication, however more attention to detail is needed. Litter control and maintenance of grassed areas, margins and weeds at base of kerbs and stone walls reflected lack of attention. Weed control, in general, needs more attention also. However, the adjudicator commends the considerable improvements that have been made in Maynooth in the last year and wishes the committee and residents, in partnership with the commercial sector, every success as the adjudicator is confident that Maynooth will see major improvements over the years to come.

In reply to many queries, the seats have been removed from Carton Avenue to facilitate painting and repairs, as they were unsafe.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Our morning club is back in full swing now with all the familiar faces and a few new ones, including our holiday group who spent the first week in September at Kerdiffstown House. This was by all accounts, a most enjoyable week and I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, especially Leo and Johnny, who gave so generously of their time, to help make it such a memorable occasion.

Our Halloween party will take place on Sunday October 20th, in the Post Primary School at 3.30p.m. Transport will be at the usual time. All Senior Citizens in the area are welcome to this, and all events throughout the year. With all the talk of holidays and parties, one would assume that all was well with the world. Not So! Around every corner there is an opportunist and they come in many guises, whether its on the pretence of mowing your lawn or fetching a football from your garden, or indeed in uniform with the most plausible I.D., they are still opportunists who prey on the most vulnerable people in our society; our Senior Citizens. A lot of words spring to mind, but contemptible is probably the only word I could use here, to describe such people. So let me remind you once again. Do not open your door to anyone unless you are certain you know them and can trust them. If you are in any doubt at all, phone someone. Always keep the Garda number beside the phone. The new numbers are 6291444 and 6291413. If you must open the door make sure the safety chain is in place and keep your back door locked at all times. Remember it's your home, you decide who you let in. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Reach out to your neighbour and they will meet you half way. There is no substitute for a kind neighbour.

Finally we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Cissie Richardson, Eithna Mc Donald and Ted Kelly. Cissie was a treasured member of our club and a good neighbour and friend. Eithna was a member of our Committee from 1967 - 1970 and Ted was a much loved and respected member of our community. During the twenty years of dedicated service that Marie gave to our Committee, Ted gave the support that is so vital to an organisation such as ours. May they all find rest in the peace of Christ, which they so richly deserve.

Josephine Moore



From left to right:-Ciara Baxter, Triona Cahill, Mattie Callaghan, Emma Cullinane, Bríd-Ann O'Shea

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Maynooth's U16 Girls Pitch & Putt team repeated last year's impressive achievement by again taking fourth place in the National Finals of the Community Games held in Mosney, Co. Meath, on Monday 2nd September.

Twelve teams had won through to Mosney and following an exciting contest the triumphant counties were: Kerry (gold), Clare (silver), Cork (bronze) and with the Kildare champions a close 4th, they were awarded certificates.

All the Maynooth players turned on the style and their best performer was Bríd-Ann O'Shea of Smithstown, with a best round score of 66. This magnificent score won her the third best individual score of the finals. Emma Cullinane of Kingsbry carded a 77, Ciara Baxter of Kilcock Road a 93 and Triona Cahill of Leinster Park scored a 97.

Manager of the team, Mattie Callaghan, was delighted with the performances and having now come fourth in Ireland twice he declared that "with more experience and practice, next year we'll be going for gold". He paid tribute to the girls, their parents and fans who supported them so well throughout the County, Leinster and National finals.

He also paid tribute to Tony & Mary Bean of Maynooth Pitch & Putt Course, Noel Power of the Caddyshack, Norah Mc Dermott of the Community Council, Marie Gleeson & Kathleen Mullarkey of the Community Games, Mick Gillick of the G.A.A. club and Fr. David Boylan - all of whom combined to ensure that the team's success was also another success for the community spirit of Maynooth.

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BAND BULLETIN

Following the brief bulletin of last month, we have a slightly more "Newsy" report for October.

Rocking in Cashel

Our trip to Cashel in September was an outstanding success both socially and musically. A bus load of excited musicians, headed for Cashel on Saturday 7th September with great plans for a night to remember and boy oh boys (sorry, girls as well) did their wishes come through. Guided by 'inside' information from the local Cashel Brass Band, they went to all the right places for enjoyment yet still managed to appear bright as buttons and on time at 9.30 a.m. for the competition next day. The Band gave a splendid performance and while not winning the single overall prize, managed a Silver Star Rating which was our original target. Here's to the next away competition in 1997.

Meath Magic

All plans for a triumphant parade of the Meath footballers through Dunboyne on 16th September were put on hold for two weeks following the drawn All-Ireland Final. By the time you read this, we hope to have lead them through the town on the 30th September as All-Ireland Champions which I think will be a first for our band.

Classes

Our classes will be resuming this month with almost all of last year's contingent returning to us. A sure sign that the Bulletin is well read can be gauged by the appearance of quite a number of new beginners at the enrolment on 18th September. Unfortunately, we had not planned for beginners until our main classes had been organised but we will be taking on a new class before the end of the year. Watch the Bulletin next month for details.

Race Night

Just a reminder, that our Annual Race Night will be taking place next month in the G.A.A. club. Please contact any band member if you would like to sponsor a race or a horse.

More information next month.

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Emmet Captures Presidents Prize

Forty-one golfers competed for the Presidents (John Carey's Geraldine Bar) Prize at Longford Golf Club on Saturday 14th September. Played in ideal conditions, this tricky inland course tested the best and despite Joe Greene's 42points (sadly Joe was not qualified) Emmet Savage emerged victorious with 37points. Congratulations to Emmet!

Thanks to Peter O'Connor, Maxol Garage - for prize donated on Day of Outing.

Recent Lotto Winners: Ken O'Brien - Seamus Grant - Ray Delemere.

Next Outing - Joe Murray Perpetual Cup.
Venue - Edenderry Golf Club.
Date - Saturday 12th October.
Tee Time - 9.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.

Presidents (John Carey) Prize

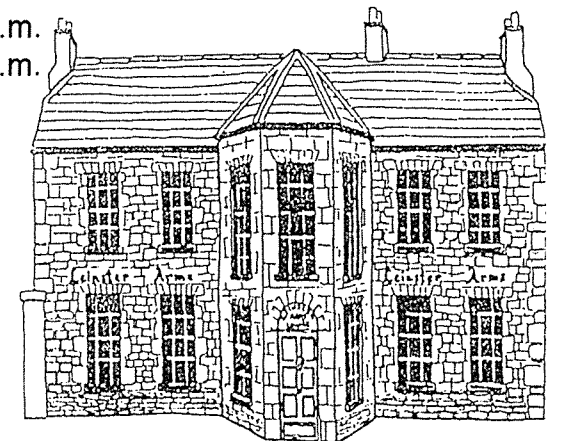
Overall:- Emmet Savage	37 Pts.
2nd Overall:- Joe Greene	42 Pts.
Class 1: 1st -Terry Moore	36 Pts.
2nd - Sean Tracey	35 Pts.
3rd- Ken O'Brien	33 Pts.
Class 2: 1st -Dominick Nyland	33 Pts.
2nd -John Murray	32 Pts.
3rd -John Nolan	27 Pts.
Class 3: 1st -John Doyle	34 Pts.
2nd -John Carroll	32 Pts.
3rd - Tom O'Haire	28 Pts.
Front 9 - Norman Kavanagh	18 Pts.
Back 9 - Barry Desmond	17 Pts.
Visitors - Denis Brosnan	32 Pts.

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Longest Drive - Ray Delemere.

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

It is gratifying to be able to report at last some success. As most people will be aware, on Monday 23rd September the Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin, responded to the various representations made to him by the Maynooth Planning Alliance and other groups throughout north Kildare and intervened in the County Kildare planning procedures. His request for a regional scale appraisal of the impacts of the rezonings proposed represents a common sense response which the Maynooth Planning Alliance welcomes unreservedly.

At the time of writing it is not yet clear what the impact the Minister's action will have on the intended timetable for consideration of the Maynooth Development Plan. Currently, the Area Sub Committee comprising the five local councillors for the Maynooth area are scheduled to begin their decision making process on Friday 4th October. At this, and any necessary follow on meetings, the future of the town of Maynooth will be decided and recommendations made to the full County Council meetings which follow. In the light of the Minister's action it would seem likely that much greater consideration of the overall regional context in which Maynooth is to be planned must occur and this will require a rethink by the five councillors.

These events brings close a phase in the history of the town when the publication of the first Draft Development plan, prepared by the planners of Kildare County Council, met with the general approval of the inhabitants of the town. This proposed that Maynooth's population would rise to between 11,363 and 12,227 by 2001 and that this could be accommodated without rezoning any additional land for housing. To permit further increases to the year 2006, however, an additional 67 acres was proposed for housing.

This was a sensible and professional plan for the development of Maynooth town - one which made provision for amenity, employment possibilities and the preservation of the unique character of a historically significant town aspiring to heritage status. Unfortunately, it was not to be.

In the Amended Draft Plan the five local councillors were responsible greatly for inflating the residential provision by a policy of excessive rezoning over and above what the planners projected as necessary. Instead of a population of around 12,000 in five years Maynooth was provided with lands for 21,189 people in the next five years. Its current population is 9,292. It would seem we are to have more than double the people, more than double the schoolchildren, more than double the cars, more than double the congestion and pollution. In return though we will get few football pitches at the extremities of the town.

Maynooth Planning Alliance have actively campaigned against the adoption of this plan. On behalf of the residents

associations represented on it, intensive lobbying of councillors and national politicians has been carried out. Pamphlets and media campaigns have alerted every resident in the town to what is being proposed for their future. The Minister for the Environment has been persuaded to intervene. If all of this falls on deaf ears, then a heavy responsibility for the future of Maynooth must be borne by those who chose to ignore the recommendations of their electorate and those who ignored the expert recommendations of professional planning officials paid for by the tax payers of Maynooth.

What are the key issues in Maynooth?

1. Amenity Provision should not be only in return for housing

This is best exemplified in the Moyglare Road area where 395 houses are proposed on an area of 46.5 acres. This includes 5 acres of public housing. Associated with this proposed rezoning are 18 acres for playing fields on the northern perimeter of the town.

Reasons why MPA objects and what we propose

- Since there is only one access/exit to the Moyglare area, this means traffic must go through the Main Street, causing further congestion. Maynooth Planning Alliance suggests holding off on development until alternative access roads are available.

- Both Boys' Primary and V.E.C. School are located in this area. This enhances traffic congestion, particularly in the mornings and afternoons. Maynooth Planning Alliance proposes no large scale housing development pending accessibility improvements.

- There is no potential to widen Moyglare Road to cope with the traffic associated with an additional 1,200 people. Pedestrian safety is compromised along a road where many schoolchildren would have to walk a substantial distance to playing fields.

- The location of the football pitches is at the furthest point possible from the schools. The Parent- Teacher council have voiced concerns about the safety of children travelling to/from these pitches.

Maynooth Planning Alliance proposes that the designated lands be all zoned amenity with purchase of them by clubs envisaged. Funds for such purposes either exist or (in the case of the schools) could be raised locally without the excessive rezonings proposed.

2. Ring Roads through Residential Area Financed by Development Levies

Councillors propose that they build a new road circling Maynooth to the east side linking the Leixlip (N4) old Dublin Road with the M4 link road (Straffan Road). Since no money is available for this, it is proposed that it be financed by housing 4,000 people on 158 acres of rezoned land and levying each new house.

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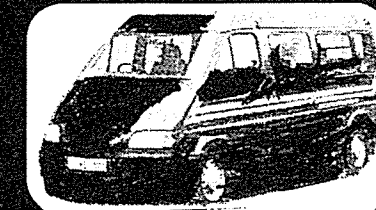
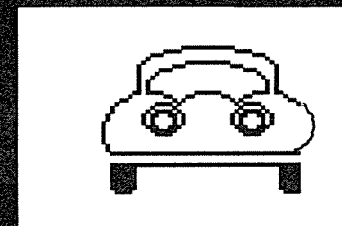
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Reasons why MPA objects and what we propose

- The road can only be completed after the 1,200 houses are built. The experience of development levies elsewhere in Maynooth suggests that the houses will precede the road by many years, if the road is ever built.
- The Department of the Environment do not recommend running ring roads through residential areas on safety grounds.
- The road would require a compulsory purchase of some lands to complete. The owner of this land has not sought rezoning at present.
- The rezoning in this area is implicitly allowing for pitches for Maynooth Soccer Club which like the GAA football pitches in Moyglare are at the extreme end of the road, quite a distance from Maynooth. The status of this arrangement is unclear.
- A 10-acre public park is proposed for this area, despite the fact that Kildare County Council do not have a Parks Department to maintain it. Maynooth Planning Alliance propose that with the completion of the M50 Northern Cross, together with the new M4 interchange link to serve Hewlett-Packard that the need for the proposed ring road will be unnecessary. It is also possible to upgrade the existing local road network east of Maynooth which is already being used by local traffic.

3. Unsuitable Drainage Conditions for Housing Development

In the Newtown Area 24 acres of housing are proposed between the Rathcoffey Road and the Royal Canal. Parts of this area of Maynooth suffer from poor subsurface drainage. Sewage from the new developments would have to be electrically pumped 24 hours a day out of the area. Maynooth Planning Alliance considers this to be an example of unsustainable development and recommends that further building not proceed until alternative natural drainage gradients are provided.

4. Compromising of Historically Important Precincts

This is exemplified in proposals to zone 123 acres around Carton Avenue.

In summary the Maynooth Planning Alliance have a view of Maynooth which is not driven by the need to provide benefits for a few at the cost of the community as a whole. There are approximately 2,450 households in Maynooth. From these a total of 4,000 objections to the Amended Draft Development Plan were received by Kildare County Council. If your councillors see fit to ignore this overwhelming statement of opinion, as well as the concerns of the Minister himself, then democracy as well as Maynooth will have been a casualty this autumn.

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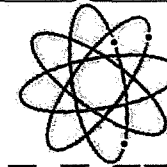


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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The September meeting of the Maynooth Guild took place on Thursday 5th. Marion, our President welcomed all the members both old and new and hoped that they all had enjoyed their Summer Break. Marion sympathised with Connie Harpur on the death of her uncle and Jo O'Connell on the death of her aunt.

Marion congratulated all the ladies who had cleaned the hall during the Summer months.

She also congratulated Bernadette, Helen, Rosemary and myself on winning the Dillon Shield missing out on the McCarthy Cup by 1 point.

Crafts

Our Craft Promoter Jo O'Connell hopes to see many old and new members at the regular craft classes in our Hall on Monday nights (8.00p.m.) and Wednesday mornings (10.30a.m.).

Badminton

Our Sports Officer Margaret Houlihan is putting the sports ladies through their paces on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall. Margaret is there from 10.30 a.m. and new members are very welcome.

An Grianan

A draw for two part scholarships to An Grianan was held at our September meeting. All paid up members had their names entered in this draw and the two lucky winners were Yvonne Cher and Mairéad Scanlon. These ladies can avail of the scholarships in 1997.

The winners of our September competition "Pot of Homemade Jam":

- 1st. Ursula Walsh
- 2nd. Connie Harpur
- 3rd. Jo O'Connell

Our next Guild meeting will be held on 3rd October at 8.00 p.m. Our October competition is a "Photo Caption". Looking forward to seeing new members.

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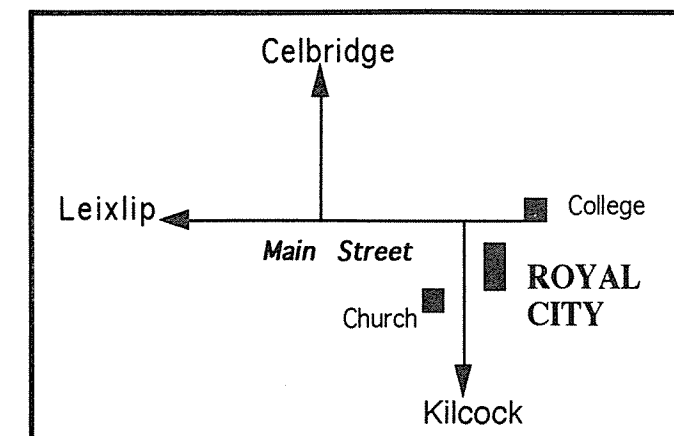
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MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

With the growth of Maynooth in recent years there are now many young parents, new to the town, at home minding babies and toddlers. In this situation it can seem almost impossible to find a way to get out of the house for a few hours and at the same time meet people. The Mother and Toddler Group is a solution to this problem as it provides an ideal opportunity for parents and children to mix.

The Group is starting up again on Wednesday the 2nd of October. We meet in the M.A.D.E. Centre which is situated beside the secondary school on the Moyglare Road. That's just a few minutes walk from the Main Street, up past the Catholic Church and the Parish Hall.

The Mother and Toddlers Group is run by the parents. The parents themselves are expected to 'muck in' and help in organising games, sing-songs and refreshments for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults.

To cover costs there is a small charge. This includes the refreshments for adults and children:

Please note that the Group is not a crèche, you cannot drop your child off and go elsewhere. Each parent is responsible for their own child while attending the group.

Mams, Dads, babies and toddlers are all welcome. Hope to see you there.

Further Information:
Contact Imelda at 6286783

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

We would like to welcome back all our club members and their parents and hope you had an enjoyable summer. As you know from last months Newsletter we have a new committee. We would like to thank our outgoing Treasurer Michelle Palmer for her hard work during the year. Geraldine Feehan and Florence Cullinane have now taken over the position.

There are still vacancies on our waiting list for experienced swimmers, please give names to committee members. Please don't forget that fees are now due for this Term and also any outstanding fees.

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R.C.A.G. NOTES - NOTA  O CHOMHAIRLE AISINTEACHTA AN CHANAIL R GA CUMANN MAIGH NUADH

As many of you are aware we have just completed a survey of the town and its businesses. Our aim was to obtain a reasonably accurate view of the opinion of the people of Maynooth with regard to the Canal and our work to date. We were very pleased with the initial reaction we received from those questioned. If you have a survey which has not been collected we would appreciate if you would perhaps drop it into us at our office (opposite Donatello's restaurant) or telephone 6290980 to arrange for it to be picked up for you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who answered the questionnaire for us, your help was greatly appreciated. We hope to have the results completed by the end of October.

At the moment the water levels in the canal are low due to problems with the supply from Lough Owel. The Office of Public Works are presently looking into the situation. There was a reported fish kill in the canal between Kilcock and Maynooth. The Fisheries Board have investigated the situation and have informed us that it was due to a virus in one species of fish and it should be clear in a few weeks. No pollution was indicated in the tests and oxygen levels are within the acceptable limits.

We welcome two new committee members, Brian McGlinchey and Kieran Finnegan, both from Greenfield Drive. Brian is a final year engineering student at U.C.D., is a native of Maynooth and the group's treasurer. Kieran is originally from Edenderry, Co. Offaly, and moved to Maynooth from Dublin in 1995.

The group only has to fundraise twice a year (The Miss Royal Canal and the Steam Train) so our major efforts are concentrated on the Canal and its environment. If you have a passing interest in the Canal locally for whatever the reason - history, environment, fishing, generating employment - we would love to have you associated with our group. You can phone our permanent office (directions indicated above) at 6290980, or call in at any time and leave your name and contact number.

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- * The Royal Canal is 90.5 miles long.
- * It cost  85 million in today's values.
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OLD GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Tidy Estates Competition

Following our success last year in the Tidy Estates competition for Local Authority areas in Kildare, it is now time again to out those weeds, pick that litter and sweep those sidewalks. An extra effort will be made by one and all for the judging, which is to take place in early October. A "wheelie bin" is available at Leo McGlynn's for any litter collected from the open areas.

Hedges

Hopefully at time of judging our hedges will be looking extremely well due to their recent haircuts.

Grass Cutting

We take this opportunity to thank "the lads" for the great work done all summer. The greens have never looked better.

Trees

Nothing can be more demoralising than the utterly mindless act of destroying trees. Our, your, Residents' Association purchased over 45 trees this year and lost over half of them to these brainless vandals. Someone knows these people and are shielding them which must, in my mind, surely make them worse. Shrubs and bulbs are going to be planted this Autumn. We ask everyone to be involved in their "long term growth".

Litter Bins - Name Plates

We still await a decision from Kildare County Council in regard to our application for the erection of above projects. Applications were made originally in April this year. Litter wardens elected for each own area are as follows:
 Mairead McCarron - The Bungalows
 Rebecca Rochford - Phase 2
 Michelle McGovern - Greens at Fronts of Phase 2
 Other areas are still unmanned. Volunteers to Secretary at No. 1.

Community Council Elections

"A more important issue"
 The Community Council are our Community. It is vital for all areas to be represented and all voices to be heard. Issues which demand public attention are for example the proposed draft plan, the atrocious state of Laraghbryan Cemetery etc. To solve the problems and issues we must act as a community. We thank Leo McGlynn for forwarding his support to the council once again. Anne Birchall and Margaret McCarron will also be co-opted this month. Anyone who feels they want to get involved please contact Margaret McCarron at No. 2.

We offer sincere congratulations to all our exam students, wishing them every success with their futures.

We offer sincere sympathy to Mrs Leavy on the recent death of her sister-in-law.

Congratulations to David and Mary Tracey on their recent marriage. A great day enjoyed by all. Wishing them long life and happiness together.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The first of our social activities was David (Hammy) Cunningham's sponsored run from Heuston Station to Greenfield. It started at 12 midday and finished at 1.37p.m. in Greenfield Estate on the 17th August. He achieved a fantastic time; Well done Hammy! On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Hammy for his time and effort on the day, also Keith and Laura who followed behind with drinks and encouragement. It is especially nice to see two lads from Leixlip helping us to get our committee up off the ground and running.

The second of our activities was the 7-A-Side inter estate football. The estates involved were Beaufield, College Green, Railpark and Greenfield. Our referee for the week was Michael (Heggo) Hegarty, who appeared every night without fail at 7.00p.m., many thanks Heggo.

Our sponsor was M.C.L. Cabs, who gave us all the medals and a plaque for player of the tournament, which went to Gareth Moan, Well done Gareth. We would also like to thank Lenny Murphy for giving us a loan of the bibs for the week. It was an outstanding success and was wonderful to see all age groups getting together and enjoying themselves rain or shine. As one parent from a visiting estate asked 'When is the next tournament?'. Thank you everyone for your help and support throughout the week. Ann Higgins, Secretary Social Committee.

Boys U11 Winners:

The Villans
 Paddy Broughan
 David Prendergast
 Conor Canning
 Paul Broughan
 Dermot Canning
 Daithi Harkness
 Laurcass Lachenson
 Aidan Curran
 Fergal Molloy

Boys U8 Runners Up

Barry Kilduff
 Jason Cleary
 Adam Cleary
 Andrew Birchall
 Daragh O'Reilly
 Brian Conway
 Richard Hawkins
 Philip McCarron
 Austin Behan
 Steven Thompson

Boys U11 Runners Up:

The Rebels
 Paul Farrelly
 Wayne Byrne
 John Fleming
 Shane Fleming
 Roland Hawkins
 Richard Hawkins
 Carl Tindle
 San Tally

Girls U8 Winners

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Mary O'Sullivan
Elaine Farrell
Sub: Lorna Burke

Girls U15 Runners Up

Rebecca Rochford
Elaine Carruthers
Jennifer Lee
Lynsey Behan
Pamela King
Cheryl Naughton
Pamela Lee

Boys U15 Winners, Greenfield: The Deadly Seven

William Farrelly
Thomas McGovern
Aidan McCarron
Alan Geoghegan
Andy Madden
Ned Bright
Trevor Naughton
David Leavy
Gareth Moan

Boys U15 Runners Up, Beaufield

Jody Connolly
Peter Kinsella
Karl Ennis
Pierre Ennis
Robert Moris
Sean Lennon
John Kinsella
Brian Sheils
Conor Diggins

Girls U11 Winners:

Bad Girls
Sinead Conway
Lynsey Behan
Siobhain Madden
Arlene Corr
Cheryl Naughton
Mary Hawkins
Emma Bradley
Elaine Carruthers
Pamela King
Pamela Lee

Girls U11 Runners Up:

GirlZone
Jade McTeague
Jennifer Byrne
Tara Thompson
Debbie McGovern
Michelle McGovern
Nora Fleming
Charlie Byrne
Antoinette Jago
Regina McGovern
Emma Murtagh

BEAUFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

You may have noticed that the dustbin at the entrance to Beaufield just beside the telephone has been re-located outside the shops. This decision was made to help reduce the amount of litter that is normally scattered around the phone area, as a result of people incorrectly using the bin for normal domestic use. You may recall reading about this in earlier notes.

Sports Day 1996

Our 1996 Sports Day took place earlier this month. It was a great success despite the fact that it rained all day. On the morning of the sports day the organising committee were forced to change the venue, from the green outside the shops, to the Parish Hall.

There were many events such as sack races, three legged races, 50m/100m boys and girls running, egg & spoon races, boys & girls obstacle races, ball games, tug of war and there was a bouncing castle and face painting for added enjoyment as well as a two hour disco.

The Prizewinners were as follows:

9-13 Sack Race 1st: Peter Kinsella 2nd: Phillip O'Shea 3rd: Macdara O'Shea.

5-8 Sack Race 1st: Mandy Fallon 2nd: Sarah Prendergast 3rd: Sarah Murphy

0-4 Sack Race 1st: Aine Ball 2nd: Shane Collins 3rd: Daniel Marcello

9&Over Egg&Spoon 1st: Peter Kinsella 2nd: Jody Connolly 3rd: Phillip O'Shea

5-8 Egg&Spoon 1st: Liam Hendrick 2nd: Niall Prendergast 3rd: Karl O'Sullivan

0-4 Egg&Spoon 1st: Sean Hendrick 2nd: Daniel Macrello 3rd: Shane Collins.

9-13 100 Boys/Girls 1st: Collin O'Donnell 2nd: Sarah Prendergast 3rd: Mandy Fallon

5-8 50m Boys 1st: Sean Murphy 2nd: Niall Prendergast 3rd: Ciaran Doyle

5-8 50m Girls 1st: Emma Collins 2nd: Cassandra 3rd: Siofra Larkin

0-4 50m Run 1st: Aine Ball 2nd: Marco Marcello 3rd: Shane Collins

Over 14 Obstacle Race 1st: John Kinsella 2nd: Peter Kinsella 3rd: Jody Connolly

9-13 Obstacle Race Boy 1st: Colin O'Donnell 2nd: Phillip O'Shea 3rd: Macdara O'Shea

5-8 Obstacle Race Boy 1st: Daniel Marcello 2nd: Glen Weafer 3rd: Sean Murphy

9-13 Obstacle Race Girl 1st: Maris Kinsella 2nd: Sarah Prendergast 3rd: Sarah Murphy

5-8 Obstacle Race Girl 1st: Siofra Larkin 2nd: Emma Collins 3rd: Aoife Kelly

5-8 200m Relay 1st: Emma Collins 2nd: Siofra Larkin 3rd:

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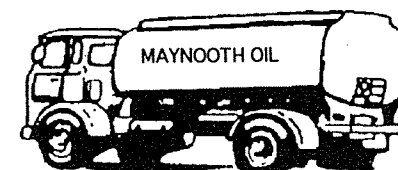
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Daniel Burke& Mandy Fallon
9-14 Ball Game 1st:Colin O'Donnell&Louise Ball 2nd:
John Kinsella
9-13 200m Relay 1st: Louise Ball 2nd: Colin O'Donnell
3rd: Sarah Murphy
14+ Relay 1st: Maria Kinsella&Sarah Murphy 2nd: Phillip
O'Shea &Peter Kinsella

Congratulations to all winners and Participants!

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We would like to say thanks to all our sponsors for making
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A special thanks to the T.S.B. Maynooth for their very
generous donation and sports person of the year plaque.
Further thanks to Mr. Finan who kindly arranged for the use
of the Parish Hall at such short notice.
We hope everybody enjoyed themselves and look forward to
seeing you next year.

Ken Prendergast,
P.R.O. Beaufield Residents Association.



*Pictured above is Sinéad Connelly, age 5, being awarded the
T.S.B. Perpetual Trophy for "Sports Star of the Year" by T.S.B.
Manager, Gerry Bolger.*

PARSON STREET RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We faced the Summer Holidays happy in the knowledge that
things were finally beginning to happen. On the 8th and
11th of July, the surveyors were in our street. On the 25th
somebody was seen measuring the length and width of our
street. All the meetings were finally bearing fruit; a plan
would finally be drawn up.

Last Friday, 12th September, we received the long awaited
drawing. Could we have been wrong? Could K.C.C. have
finally come up with a viable proposal for traffic - calming?
What is proposed is laughable and indeed was laughed at,
when it was outlined to a meeting of residents on 21st June.
The Roads Design Department, of K.C.C. has drawn up a
proposal which we told them would not be acceptable and
couldn't work and in the process totally ignoring our own
proposal for which we have never even received any
acknowledgement.

In the words of one Councillor: -
"The (Celbridge Area) committee were united that this is not
what is needed and we have asked them to, as a matter of
urgency, come up with proposals."

I was optimistic when I wrote notes for the July issue about
innovative measures which we hoped to agree with the
engineer. I'm wiser now. Traffic calming to K.C.C. is
painting white lines, innovative traffic calming would be
painting yellow lines. Never has the phrase "back to the
drawing board" been more apt. Good things did actually
happen in the street in July. On the 12th the Tidy Towns
workers were out in force weeding and clearing upon the
street side of the Joan Slade Wall.
On the 13th the Council-supplied skip arrived and departed
having been well filled, almost. On the 16th, a tractor came
and finally cut the weeds which were spreading over the
Joan Slade Wall and impairing visibility. "A tractor came"
sounds very simple but it might never have come if Maureen
Fortune had not been on the phone to K.C.C. on an almost
daily basis in the weeks previous.

Our committee met on 17th September, to discuss the Roads
Design drawing. It was unanimously agreed that it doesn't
approach what is needed and that we will have to meet the
engineer urgently. Apparently the previous Friday 13th, did
prove unlucky for some when the proposal was brought up,
even though it wasn't on the agenda, and given the thumbs
down by the whole Celbridge Area Committee.

I have a newspaper cutting of the 24th February 1996 in
relation to Parson Street reading "MCGINLEY INSULTED
BY MAYNOOTH TRAFFIC SAFETY PROPOSALS."
In the article he is quoted as having said "the proposed plans
placed before the Celbridge Area Committee last Friday
(16th Feb) were outrageous". Déjà Vu? There is an
anomaly in the time-space continuum, Jim!

I have older cuttings from Nov. 95. It will soon be a year!
R. Freeney
Parson Street Residents Association

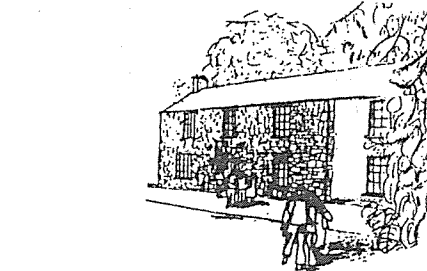
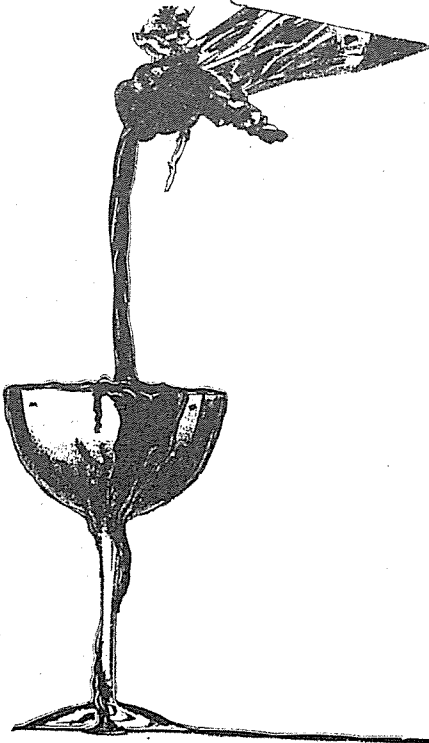


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COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

What is it?

The Community Employment Programme which is operated by FÁS offers a number of options to certain unemployed people, lone parents and those referred by the National Rehabilitation Board to take up part-time employment with a sponsor for one to three years without losing their secondary benefits. Participants on the scheme are paid a set weekly wage. (This shouldn't be less than the social welfare payment they were getting before commencing on Community Employment).

What are these options?

Recent changes in the scheme introduced two options under the Community Employment Programme. These are - the Part-Time Integration Option and the Part-Time Job Option. Participants who commenced Community Employment prior to the 15th April 1996, when these changes came into effect and who meet the new eligibility criteria will transfer to the new options.

What is the difference between these schemes?

The Part-Time Integration Option is generally intended for long-term unemployed people aged under 35 years, with reasonable prospects of employment. The objective of this option is to help ensure that participants find a job or enter full time training/education after one year. Participation will normally be for one year. The Part-Time Job Option is targeted at long-term unemployed people with less prospects of employment. It is intended generally for those aged over 35 and can last for up to three years.

Part-Time Integration Option

What is the Part-Time Integration Option?

Under this option unemployed people and lone parents aged under 35 years are offered part-time work with a sponsor for

one year. It will involve working for 39 hours per fortnight and there will be an enhanced training element.

Who is eligible for the Part-Time Integration Option?

You Must be:

- aged 21 or over and getting an Unemployment Benefit or Assistance or Lone Parent's Allowance for 12 months or more.

- a Traveller of any age in receipt of Unemployment Benefit/Assistance for any period or on the Lone Parent's Allowance for at least 12 months.

- referred by the National Rehabilitation Board

Adult dependants (as defined by the Department of Social Welfare) of eligible participants will be allowed swap their entitlements for participation on this programme. The person exchanging entitlement should continue to sign for credits. (Periods spent on recognised training courses or employment programmes can be combined to make up the qualifying period. Breaks off the Live Register of up to 30 days in the 12 months prior to application are allowed).

How long can you remain on this programme?

Generally for one year. Up to 10% of participants may be re-engaged for a second year.

Who can be a Sponsor?

Public bodies such as local authorities and voluntary organisations may sponsor projects which are for community and public benefit. The projects should not displace or replace existing jobs. Contact your local FAS office for a list of sponsors for your area.

Part-Time Job Option

What is the Part-Time Job Option?

Under the Part-Time Job Option you will have an annual contract of employment renewable for up to three years, subject to places being available with your sponsor. It will be

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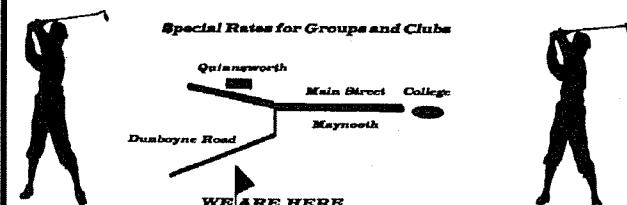
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Who is eligible for the Part-Time Job Option?

You must be:

- 35 years or over and getting Unemployment Benefit/ Assistance or Lone Parent's Allowance for three years or longer.
- a Traveller of any age, on the Live Register or on Lone Parent's Allowance for at least 12 months.
- referred by the National Rehabilitation Board and over 35 years of age. *Adult dependants (as defined by the Department of Social Welfare) of eligible unemployed participants will be allowed swap their entitlements in order to take part in this programme. In this case the person exchanging entitlement should continue to sign for credits. (Periods spent on Community Employment, or recognised training courses may be counted as part of the qualifying period. Breaks of up to 30 days off the Live Register in each of the 3 qualifying years prior to application may be allowed.)*

Can you take up other work as well while on either of these programmes?

Yes, you are free to take up other work if you can get it.

Will I keep my Rent Allowance, Fuel Allowance, Medical Card etc.?

Yes. You will retain all the secondary benefits you were receiving immediately before going onto Community Employment, provided your total income is below £250 per week. You will also retain your Medical Card.

Would I be entitled to Family Income Supplement?

No. Family Income Supplement is not at present payable to those on Community Employment.

What will I be paid?

You will be paid a set weekly wage by the sponsor. This will include a personal allowance and additions for your adult

and child dependants. It should not be less than your social welfare payment.

The Community Employment rates from June 1996 are:

Personal rate	£83.75
Adult dependant rate	£36.60
Child dependant (full rate)	£13.20
Child dependant (half rate)	£ 6.60

Would this affect your DPMA or Invalidity Pension?

People on DPMA, Disability Benefit or Invalidity Pension, who are registered with and referred by the National Rehabilitation Board (NRB), can take up rehabilitative type work; subject to the approval of the relevant Health Board in the case of DPMA or the Department of Social Welfare in the case of Disability Benefit/Invalidity Pension.

A person on DPMA can earn £34.10 per week and still retain full DPMA. A single person on Community Employment would get £83.75 on the scheme and could retain £14.85 DPMA.

(Note: DPMA is to be replaced by a new 'Disability Allowance' Scheme in October 1996)

People on Disability Benefit or Invalidity Pension who have been referred by the NRB would retain their full payment in addition to their CE payment. Both these payments are taxable except for the increase for child dependants paid with Disability Benefit which is not taxable.

(Note: People not referred by the NRB are only allowed to earn £33.30 per week from rehabilitative type work while receiving Disability Benefit/Invalidity Pension. They must have prior permission from the Department of Social Welfare)

Will income from Community Employment affect my Lone Parent's Allowance?

Yes. Your Community Employment payment will be assessed against your Lone Parent's Allowance. However, a certain amount is not counted i.e. £6 general means, £24 of

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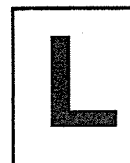
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Will I pay tax?

Your CE income and earnings will be taxable.

What PRSI do you pay?

Workers who take up Community Employment on or after 6th April 1996 will be insured at PRSI Class A9 and this will give cover for all benefits. The first £80 of your earnings per week are exempt from PRSI. You pay 5.5% on earnings over £80 per week.

For example:

If your weekly CE rate is : PRSI of:	You pay Class A
£83.75	£0.20
£120.35	£2.21
£133.50	£2.94
£146.75	£3.67
£159.95	£4.39
£173.15	£5.12

Workers who commenced Community Employment before the 6th April 1996 were insured at Class J. They were given the option to change to Class A by the 30th April 1996.

If you have a Medical Card, a Social Welfare Widow's/ Widower's Pension or a lone parent's payment, or your income is below £188 in a week you will not pay the levies.

If I pay Class A PRSI when will I come into benefit?

If you have exhausted your Unemployment Benefit you will come back into benefit when you have 13 weeks of Class A PRSI paid. If this is your first job, you will come into benefit when you have 39 weeks of Class A PRSI paid. If you would qualify for a reduced rate of Unemployment Benefit, you can opt instead to be paid long-term Unemployment Assistance, if that would be to your advantage and if you qualify.

(Note: the secondary benefits are only granted to those on long-term payments, e.g. long-term Unemployment Assistance, Lone Parent's Allowance, etc. The payment for child dependants stops at 18 years with Unemployment Benefit. It can be paid up to 22 years with long-term Unemployment Assistance if the child is in full-time education).

What kind of work will it involve?

There is quite a variety of work. It could involve helping to run your local G.A.A. club, or other sporting activity, preparing a local amenity, working in an unemployed centre, or your local Citizens Information Centre.

Are there any other benefits?

Yes. You will get work experience, learn new skills, make new friends, help to improve your local community, have the opportunity to take up other employment or to become self-employed, and it is a useful addition to put on your C.V.

Is it harder for older people to get onto CE?

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unemployed for 3 years or more. Up to 75% will be reserved for those over 21 years who have been unemployed for at least a year.

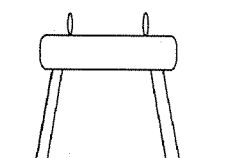
Where do you apply?

You should contact your local FAS office.

Note: eligibility criteria may change and you should check your own position with FAS.

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MAYNOOTH AND 1916

We are pleased to announce that the plaque to commemorate all the Maynooth men who fought in the 1916 Easter Rising, which was vandalised last year, has now been restored to Pound Park. It was originally erected on the 12th May 1991, the 75th anniversary of the Rising. Along with the 1916 bronze in the new square, we hope that it will help to remind residents and visitors to Maynooth of a valuable and heroic part of our history.



Pictured at the Commemorative Plaque, in Pound Park, from L-R: Mattie Callaghan, Gearóid Mc Ternan, Mary Cullen, Hilda Dunne, Tom Flatley and Michael Quinn.

As a further contribution to mark this year's 80th anniversary of the Rising we publish below the first of two extracts from an interview given by the late Joseph Buckley, son of the leader of the Maynooth 1916 men - Domhnall Ua Buachalla, to Mary Cullen, historian, in the late 1960's.

"Domhnall Ua Buachalla (1865-1963) was the son of an Irish-speaking family from Cork. Later he was elected a Member of Parliament for Kildare in 1918 and sat in the first Dail. He voted against the Treaty and fought in the Four Courts during the Civil War. He was captured and imprisoned in Dundalk Jail. He was freed by Republican troops in August 1922. In 1927 he was elected Fianna Fail T.D. for Kildare but lost his seat in 1932. Eamon de Valera and Fianna Fail came into Office in 1932 and de Valera wanted to abolish the office of Governor General of the Irish Free State. The then Governor General, James MacNeill was removed from Office and Domhnall Ua Buachalla was appointed as Seanascal or Chief Steward. He helped de Valera's plan by living quietly in a small suburban house and not appearing in public or at social functions in an official capacity. The post was abolished in the New Constitution of 1937. When Domhnall died in 1963 he was given a state Funeral.

His father opened a shop in Maynooth in 1853. Domhnall went to school in the National School in Maynooth. It was a small school with one or two teachers. He then studied for the Custom and Excise in Dublin. However, his father became ill and Domhnall had to come home to manage the shop as the youngest member of the family, though he had

no great interest in it. He was interested in the Irish language and started a branch of the Gaelic League in Maynooth around 1906, which lasted for a year or so and met in a room in a house on the Main Street. He also had his name in Irish painted on the van which delivered goods from the shop.

On the very first Saturday after this a good customer of the shop who lived in County Meath met the van on its way to his premises. He stopped the van and asked the delivery man who owned it. When he was told it was "Mr Buckley", he said "I see" Go and tell Mr Buckley that that is a heathen language of the past and that he is to take it off the van or he can consider our business dealings at an end". When the man reported the encounter Ua Buachalla's son recalled that his father said nothing, but then went in, took out the accounts ledger, and said "This is the end of this account anyway". He then wrote to the customer saying he presumed that was the end of their business dealings and enclosing his account, he added "I would like you to understand that this is not a heathen language of the past and that younger people like you may find out sooner than you think that that is not so".

He was also summonsed for putting his name in Irish on his shop. The court was held in Celbridge and Ua Buachalla was defended by P. H. Pearse. He was fined but immediately stood up in court and refused to pay the fine. Sometime after the police sergeant walked up to the shop and said he had to execute a warrant for ten shillings, the amount of the fine. He picked up a roll of cloth on sale in the shop and took it to the barracks. He advertised an auction for the sale of the cloth. On the day of the auction only one person arrived, an elderly man, Patrick Fitzsimons, who lived where McNamaras live now. He asked the price and the sergeant said he wanted ten shillings. Mr Fitzsimons paid him ten shillings, said "I'll have that", hoisted the roll of cloth onto his shoulder, walked up the Main Street, into the shop, threw it on the counter behind which Ua Buachalla was standing, and walked home again. This incident happened around 1906.

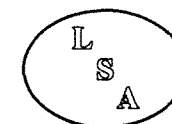
At this time it appears that, though he was friendly with Pearse, he did not yet fully share his political opinions. A couple of years later in 1908, Pearse wrote to Ua Buachalla to say he was opening a school, St. Enda's, in Dublin, asking him to send one of his sons. The eldest son Joseph, was a pupil at St Enda's from its first day in September 1908, until 1916.

Some years later Ua Buachalla became more involved with Pearse's political plans. He started a Volunteer Company in Maynooth around 1914. There was about 15 members and they did a little drilling - not very much according to his son's recollection. One of the members, Tom Byrne, had lived in South Africa and had some military experience in

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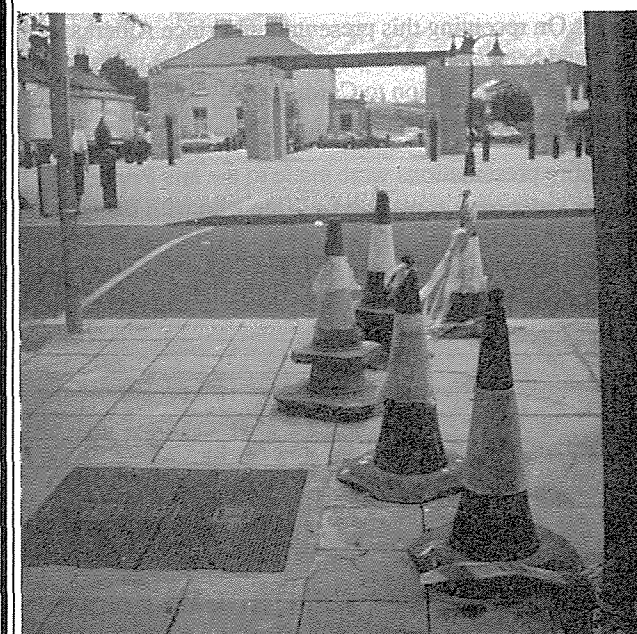
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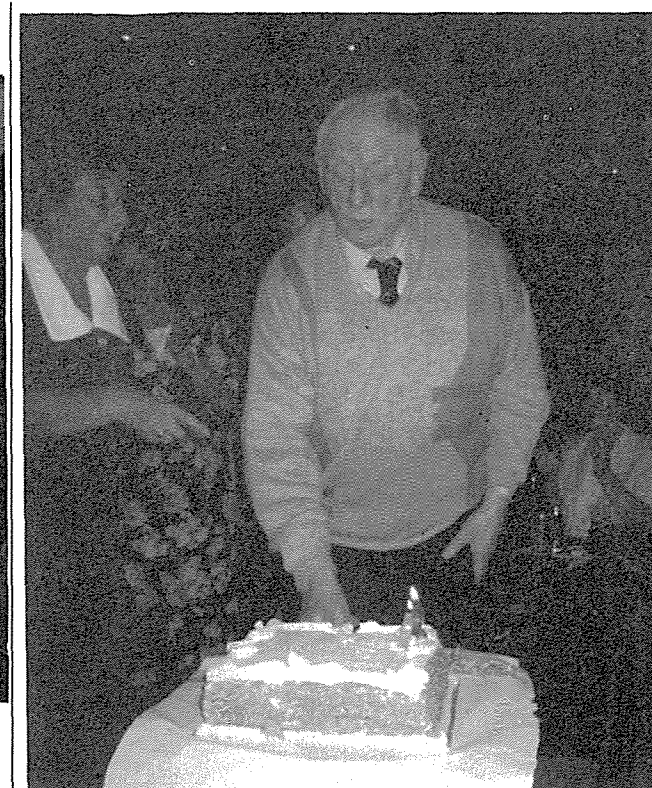
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the Boer War. They also collected what guns they could acquire. Shotguns and ammunition were hidden in the shop behind specially constructed shelves and were never discovered even though the shop was raided a number of times.

In next month's Newsletter, we will publish the second extract covering the events of the 1916 Rising and its aftermath.

The above photo shows members and supporters of the 75th Anniversary committee: Gearóid Mc Ternan, Hilda Dunne, Mary Cullen, Tom Flatley, Mattie Callaghan and Michael Quinn with the new plaque.

Michael Quinn

GRADUATION '96

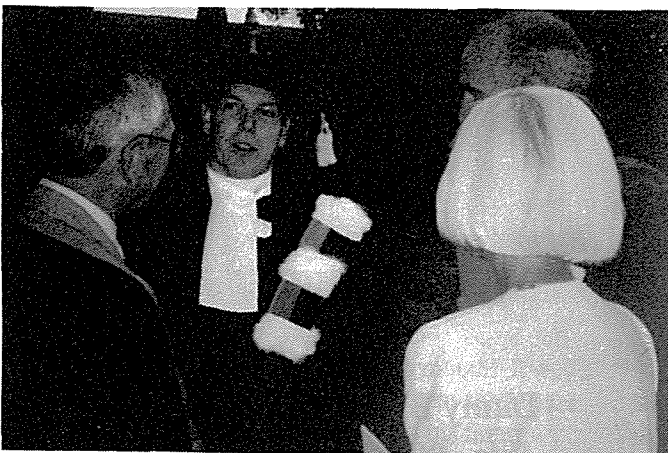
- A ROYAL VISIT TO MAYNOOTH

The beginning of Graduation season in Maynooth was held on 20th and 21st September in St. Patrick's College.

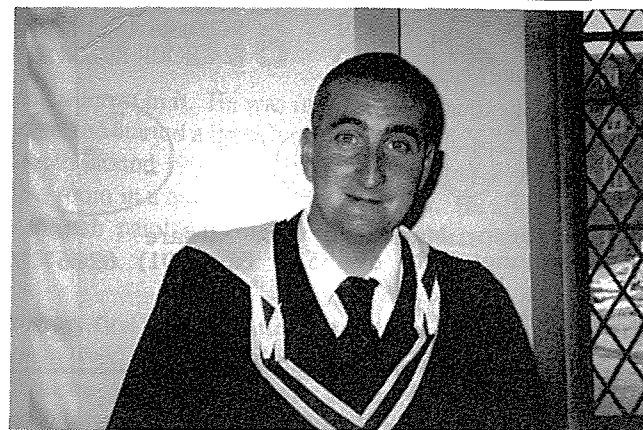
Friday was the day the Science and Information Technology students received their Degrees and Diplomas, and the Arts Graduates were conferred on Saturday. Further Graduations are to be held in November.

Honorary Conferrals

On Friday evening 4 Honorary Conferrals took place in the magnificent College Chapel. Among these was His Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco. The other three also belonged to prominent Irish - American families whose donations to the college have been gratefully appreciated over the years. These were Dr. Catherine Leavey McCarthy, Governor Casey and Archbishop McCarrick. After the Graduation Ceremony took place the unveiling of commemorative stone for Prince Albert's mother, Princess Grace of Monaco and her family the Kelly's of Co. Mayo and Pennsylvania. Princess Grace had been a guest of the College in 1963, when she visited with her husband Prince Rainier, and her 2 children Prince Albert and Princess Caroline.



His Serene Highness, Prince Albert of Monaco, pictured after his honorary graduation.



Colm Walsh, who also graduated recently

Dr. Catherine Leavey McCarthy, another of the Honorary Graduates, opened the proceedings with a lesson from St. Paul to the Corinthians. Cardinal Daly read the responsorial psalm. Another stone was unveiled by Archbishop McCarrick of Newark, New Jersey, in remembrance of his Irish-American Family. There were two stones already unveiled for Dr. Leavey's and Governor Casey's families.

Everyone then retired to St. Mary's where a banquet was held in the exquisite Pugin Hall. After dinner Canon O'Donnell and Cardinal Daly addressed the assembled dignitaries and academics.

Presentations

The Cardinal then made a presentation of a copy of the official photograph of the Grimaldis' visit to the College in 1963, which also included a copy of a page from the Visitor's Book, which had been signed by the Prince's family. On receiving this presentation, Prince Albert said that it had been an honour for him to make this visit and he also made a presentation to Cardinal Daly of a book on the Grimaldi Palace in Monaco.

Two more presentations were made to the late Princess Grace's sister Mrs. Elizabeth Le Vine who with her husband had also made the visit to the College and to Prince Albert's secretary, who had also worked for the late Princess Grace. This brought what had been a very historic and memorable day to a close.

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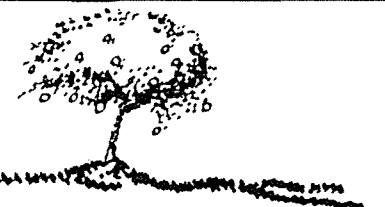
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The service is provided by trained counsellors who have many years experience in their different fields and who will work with the client in total confidentiality. However, they are aware that attending counselling is not the taboo it used to be, more and more people are attending and surprisingly there are many teenagers who now come to counselling. Their problems could range from bullying at school to behavioural problems at home or at school. Unity Counselling prides itself in helping these teenagers with these as well as other relationship problems.

Doctors, Schools, Health Boards and indeed the Church now see the necessity for counselling in this day and age and it is from these organisations that Unity receives many of their clients. Yet daily the numbers are growing, where people themselves decide to see a counsellor who will help them deal with their problems and to look at them from a different perspective.

What makes Unity Counselling different from other services offered in the city is that their offices are in the Main Street in Leixlip, an inconspicuous building, so from the outset they are aware of a person's need for privacy. Another advantage is that you don't have to worry about parking, traffic jams or getting lost as they are only minutes away from Kilcock, Maynooth, Lucan and Palmerstown. Unity also endeavours to make the services available to everyone - so much so that they operate a sliding scale fee for people who are on benefit.

Anyone who is suffering or going through a bad period in their lives have nothing to lose in coming to counselling - but everything to gain. You can make an appointment with Unity Counselling by telephoning; 6247190.

MUSICAL TALENT IN MAYNOOTH

Eleven year old Clara Monahan, from Kilcloon, won the Fleadh Cheoil for Gaelic Singing in Listowel on 24th August '96. Clara has been involved in the Maynooth Variety Group over the last few years. She is also a member of the Community Games Choir who were the County Finals Winners this year, singing in the English Language.

Clara is not the only musically talented member of her family. Her mother, Elizabeth, is a member of Araby, the three piece group who won the International Song Contest held in Glin, Co. Galway, this year. Patrick and Marion McEvoy are the other two members of Araby. If you think you recognise the name you are right, Marion's sister is none other than Eleanor McEvoy who has made quite a name for herself on the International scene.

Araby play at Bewley's once a month and have quite a following around the Country.

Congratulations to both Clara and Elizabeth, and best of luck in their singing careers from all at the Newsletter office.



Pictured above with her winning trophy is Clara Monahan, who won first place in the Fleadh Cheoil for Gaelic singing

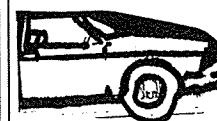
MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's Book Festival in Maynooth Library will begin on Monday 21st of October, and will go on until Friday 25th of October, this year.

All the usual activities and competitions will take place. These include The Looney Limerick, The Book Search, The Colouring Competition, Storytime, etc..... And who knows what other events might take place.

For more details about competitions and events, contact Maynooth Public Library staff, and keep a watch on the Library Notice Board.

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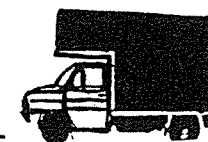
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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Despite the Minister for Education's refusal to ratify a Gaelscoil in Maynooth, Colm O'Cearuill and the parents of Maynooth have decided to take matters into their own hands.

At a recent Committee meeting it was decided to persist with the case, and discussions are ongoing. It is hoped that another proposal will not be needed, and that the Department will look favourably on the proposition.

The school opened its first classroom in rented premises at Newtown Shopping Centre in Beaufield. The classroom is well heated and furnished thanks to the concerted efforts of the parents and committee.

A blackboard and desks were donated by other schools. On 20th September, the A.I.B. bank presented Mr. O'Cearuill with a cheque for £750 towards the ongoing costs of the school.

There will be a fashion show held in aid of the school on 17th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Attending the school are twenty-one pupils aged 4 and 5. Their teacher, Aidín Ní Chonnachtáin, from Kilcock, feels confident that the Minister will reach a more favourable decision before the end of the year.

She cannot help but be moved by the sheer determination and persistence of the Maynooth people in their demand for a Gaelscoil.



Pictured above is Muinteoir Aidín Ní Chonnachtáin with pupils from Gael Scoil Uí Fhiaich

ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

We would like to welcome back all the boys and staff to school and hope they had an enjoyable summer holiday. It is that time of year when our A.G.M. is upon us again. We are holding it on the 17th October at 8.00 p.m. in the Boy's School.

We would request that all parents would attend. Our guest speaker this year will speak on the topic of Homework, which we feel should benefit all parents.

*Claire O'Rourke,
P.R.O.*

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent/Teacher Association A.G.M.

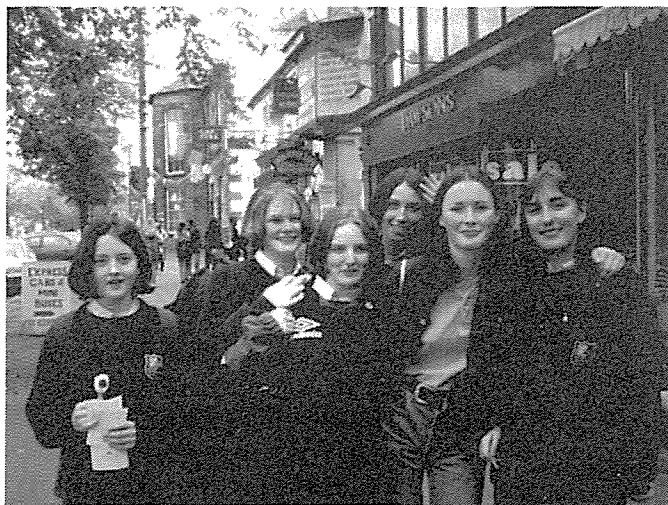
Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),
You are warmly invited/encouraged to the Annual General Meeting of the Parent/Teacher Association which will be held in the new school hall on Tuesday 8th October, commencing at 8p.m. A guest speaker will present a short address to the meeting.

Please continue to show your commitment to "Your child's future" by attending this important meeting and help elect a 25 person committee to continue the good work of the association.

*Chairperson.
D. Nangle.*



The Usual Suspects (l to r):-Ruth O'Reilly, Helen Corrigan, Catriona Duffy, Aoife Cooney,



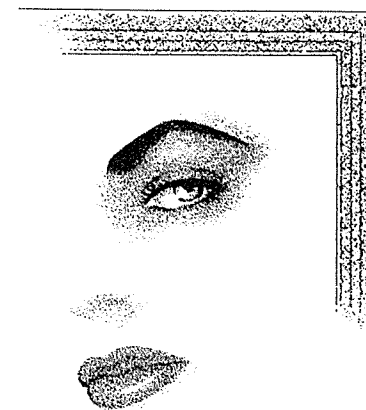
Delighted with their Junior Cert results were (l to r):- Aileen Flatley, Irene Kearney, Jemma Maguire, Susan Farrell, Fiona Cassidy, and Niamh O'Connor

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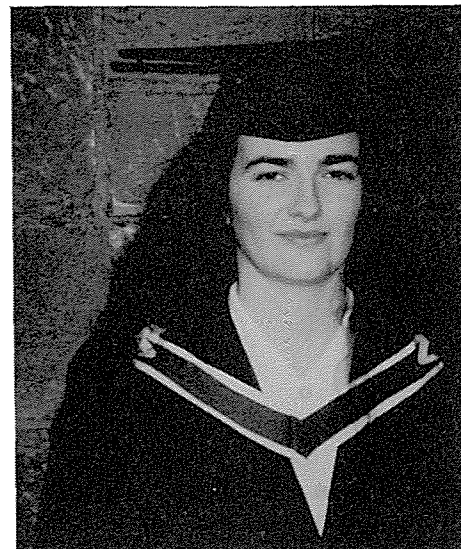
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SCHOOLS OUT !



Pictured after the Graduation Ceremony at Maynooth College are Anne Marie Gallagher and Claire Barnwall

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SCOIL UÍ RÍADA

Last March we sent the following letter to the Minister for Education and the local T.D.s.

"Táimid ag scríobh chugat mar thuismitheoirí dhaltaí ó Mhaigh Nuad atá ag freastail ar Scoil Uí Ríada.

As parents of pupils from Maynooth attending Scoil Uí Ríada we wish to express our reservations regarding the proposed new all Irish Primary School in Maynooth. Our reservations include:

a) Scoil Uí Ríada is currently serving the North Kildare areas of Maynooth/Kilcock. 50% of its pupils are from Maynooth.

b) Scoil Uí Ríada was established by parents from both Maynooth and Kilcock communities in 1986.

c) Management and all ad hoc committees are made up of parents from both areas.

d) During the last ten years parents have put a lot of time, money and effort into the school and with the support of the Dept. of Education and the local business community we have provided a beautiful school which the pupils enjoy today.

e) The schools expansion plan with the Dept. of Education costing approx. 500,000 pounds to provide more class rooms, a library and a sports hall could be put in jeopardy.

f) The establishment of a Gaelscoil in Maynooth could threaten the existing Free Bus Service from Maynooth to Scoil Uí Ríada.

g) There is another all Irish school required in this area: - a Meánscoil, a second level school. This would mean that our children from North Kildare could make the natural progression to a second level Scoil Lan Ghaelach.

We wish to state that we are not opposed to the establishment of new Gaelscoileanna but the establishment of such schools must be done in consultation with any existing Gaelscoil in that area."

ACCORDINGLY, WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DECISION OF THE MINISTER NOT TO APPROVE A SECOND GAELSCOIL IN THE MAYNOOTH AREA AS BEING THE CORRECT ONE, AT THIS TIME.

This year our naíonáin bheaga, (junior infants), classes numbers are 5 pupils short of the numbers required by the Dept of Education for an extra paid teacher. To avoid unacceptable doubling up of other classes, this extra teacher has been employed by the school/parents, at our own expense. Had Scoil Uí Fhiaich not been established Scoil Uí Ríada would have had sufficient numbers to qualify for this teacher.

As Scoil Uí Fhiaich was not granted recognition by the Dept. of Education their parents are also having to fund their teacher's salary, so now we have both schools' parents having to bear heavy costs, which properly are the responsibility of the Dept. of Education!!!

In view of this and other problems, dialogue is urgently required to bring about a sensible solution to our mutual dilemma. We will be inviting the parents of Scoil Uí Fhiaich to a meeting in the near future and, with the interests of the children uppermost in all our minds, we hope to bring about a resolution.

Finally, we wish to highlight our Mór Shiúil, or our Annual Sponsored Walk, which will be held on Sunday 6th October, starting from the school at 3 p.m. All proceeds go towards School Funds.

Go raibh míle maith agat do mhuintir Maigh Nuad a thugann an-chabhair do Scoil Uí Ríada I gconáí.... "Ní neart gan cuir le chéile".

Signed: Noelle Nic Tiarnan, School Board of Management, Moyglare Village. Jerome Reilly, Michael Quinn, Brian Higgins, Susan Brennan, Alan Carroll, Miriam O Keeffe-Ahern, Pat Hendrick & Gerry Flynn.

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For participants who join classes after their commencement enrolment will take place on **Monday, 14 October from 7-9 pm in Room T8, Language Centre, Arts Building.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at this number:
(01) 7083737.

**Claire Albrecht,
Secretary.**

Features

RITA DOYLE SCHOOL OF DANCING

Ceili & Set Dancing News in Maynooth

Well since the last Newsletter notes, the "floor is hopping" every Monday night down in the Boys National School. What is happening, I hear you ask? Between toes tapping, hands clapping and mouths yapping, all to the sounds of the diddley-dee music, the place is buzzing. We have the Ceili and Set-dancing bug.

Firstly, from 6.15 p.m. onwards boys and girls from all ages take to the floor and join in a walls of Limerick or learn how to do an easy reel or jig. Join Rita any Monday night and partake in some fun. The main emphasis is to mix and enjoy the class, and learn a bit of culture as well. In fact the class is so popular, a new class is starting on WED 2ND OCTOBER in the I.C.A. Hall (near the Harbour Field). Details of times, etc. are below.

Once the kids are gone home, it's time for the adults to take to the floor. We come in all shapes and sizes from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures but it doesn't matter when you get up on the floor. Even if you think you have two left feet, that won't stop you! We grab a partner, put on the music and sure there's no stopping us. You think you would like to 'dance around the house and mind the dresser', well come along to the Adult Ceili and Set-dancing classes also on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall and book your spot on the floor. What a better way to keep fit than swinging your partner around the floor and learning a few steps as well. We certainly have a bit of fun. So come along any Monday night and see for yourself. We even stop for a cup of tea and a few biscuits. Make new friends and have a bit of Craic!!!

Children's classes

Every Monday night in the Boys National School Hall
4-6 yr olds 6.15 p.m. - 7 p.m.
7 yr old and upwards 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday in the I.C.A. Hall (beside the Harbour Field)

Little ones 2.15 p.m. - 3 p.m.
1st class and upwards 3.15 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.

Adult classes

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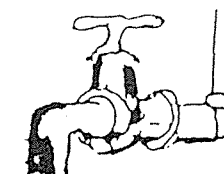
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Mesopotam

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For ancient sacred church called Byzantine
Sited on a rise she rides lush sea of green
And holds the harsh Dinaric Alps at bay.

From over by Foniq across the vale
He hurries, brown-skinned rustic all-agog
And babbling excuses. Then he bends
And reverently unlocks the low side-door.
Solemnly he draws us in. Within, our eyes are
burned
With blinding black, till, slowly from the
gloom
Emerges blue; ethereal, unreal. And faded
mosaics loom.
Gilded images appear, betelling of a worship
Made in stalls, still standing, shaming bestial
Abuse and ritual rape and raid of faith.

From shadows diffidently out he draws
Slim candles, which when lit, shimmer dim
In blue, glinting 'gainst the gold, and,
Briefly giving light to crumbling carved art.

Wonderstruck, we step into dazzling sun.
The door's relocked. The wiry peasant runs
To join his tinkling flock and we must ford
again
The stream whose rocks our bruising feet have
torn.

Above, she stands alone, ochre on azure
Forsaken by her faithful. She'll endure.

Catherine Altendorf.

Last month Catherine Altendorf also submitted 'Albanian Girl' and 'Quietude', we apologise for omitting the authors name.

Disintegration

How many more desecrations
And disillusion will it take
For a church to disintegrate?
Discovery that those who led us
Who condemned us were themselves
More worthy of damnation
Chills, sickens, irks.

We were like children
Guilty of innocence.
Our faith's besmirched
With sinning fingers priest reaches
For child, for woman and for man.
For love? Perhaps. Love was long lost
In centuries-laden rules.

It seems the time is ripe
For some surviving scion
Of Luther's kind to shine
And come right to the fore
To reform and restore
The structures people need
With which to shape their lives.

How long more must we live
With this hypocrisy?
Were people without guile
In early Christian time?
Could pagans be more wise?
We could revert, but we have grown
So complicated
Sophisticated
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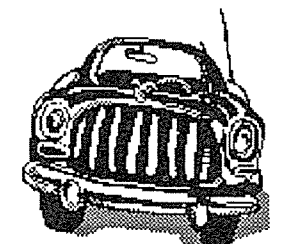
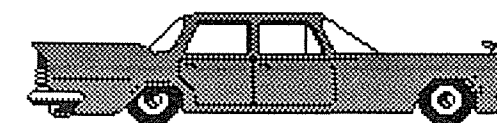
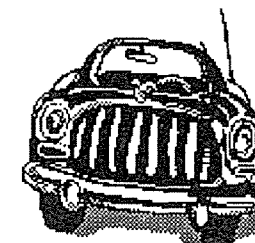
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STREET TALKING HOUSING CRISIS?

New shop in Glenroyal: The Mobile Phone Centre.

As some of you may have noticed there is a new shop in the Glenroyal Shopping Centre. It specialises in mobile phones and is an official Eircell dealer. It is run by a private company who have three other shops around the Dublin area.

The company was set up in 1991, and is based in Killiney. There are nine employees altogether and the Managing Director, Mr. Aidan Doran is a local man from Kingsbry, Maynooth.

The company are also opening an Internet Café behind the mobile phone centre. This provides facilities for Internet users and for computer game fanatics to play like-minded opponents world-wide over the 'net. These will include several of the popular Virtual Reality Games now on offer. The Internet Cafe opens in October.

Mill Wine Cellar.

It may have come to your attention that the Mill Wine Cellar has changed hands. The new owners are James and Berna Hatton. Some of our readers may be familiar with their popular and well-established pub 'The Weeping Ash' in Garadice, Co. Meath.

James and Berna plan to extend the opening hours of the Mill. It will now open from 10.30a.m. to 10.30p.m. every day except Sunday when the opening hours will be 12.30p.m. to 2.00p.m. and 5.00p.m. to 10.30p.m. They plan to hold wine tasting and promotions on Saturday afternoons in the future.

The Mill is extremely well stocked with a great variety of wines from every wine making region. If however, you require a particular wine which is not readily available, James or Berna will be happy to order it for you.

They will both be on hand at all times to offer their own personal service and attention. Students also will be welcomed and well-catered for.

The warm, charming atmosphere at the Mill Wine Cellar plus the friendliness and enthusiasm of the owners, is invitation enough for any passerby who would wish to sample their wares!

Their new phone number is 6291022.

There have been rumours that the accommodation situation in Maynooth is reaching crisis point this Autumn.

Every September and October hundreds of new students arrive in our town looking for somewhere to spend the next three or four - or even more - years, living and studying. Many find it difficult to settle initially, often changing houses quite frequently before finding a home - and housemates - that they find agreeable.

Accommodation Shortage

This year, despite the fact that many new houses and apartments have been erected, there still seems to be a shortage. Perhaps it is because the new apartments are almost exclusively targeted at the executive class who have more spending power. There is a great demand for cheaper flats and apartments for single people or couples.

Maybe the taxman is clamping down on sub-letting and private landlords are eager to avoid his eagle eye. Or perhaps students who would previously have settled for less than perfect conditions are now being more choosy.

The Accommodations Officer, Mrs. Kelly, sees no problem, however. She has been able to place all who have approached her office, and the Students Union Housing Officer has reported a similar success story.

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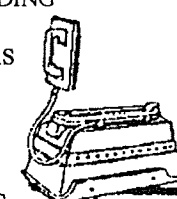
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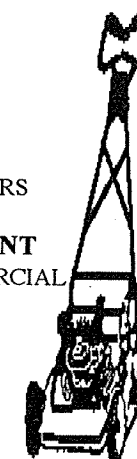


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END OF SUMMER BONANZA A ROARING SUCCESS

The Quinnsnorth/Maynooth Shopping Centre End of Summer/Back to school £500 giveaway and spot prizes went exceptionally well. The children all enjoyed the balloons and face painting and their parents enjoyed a new aspect to the tedious task of the weekly shopping. The winners were as follows:

1st Prize: Breda McKenna, £500 Vouchers.
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2nd Prize: Brian Queeney, Microwave supplied
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3rd Prize: Louise Egan, Stereo Unit supplied
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The other prize winners were as follows:

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Brendan Burns (Soda Stream)
Rosaleen Higgins (Barbeque)
Jimmy McLoughlin (Hoover)
B. Breslin (Bicycle)
K. Flanagan (Toaster)
Alison Price (Microwave)
Margaret Philips (Back to School Bag)
Catherine Cotter (Card of Stamps)
Pat Craig (£100 Voucher)
Cyril McAree (Pitch 'n' Putt Voucher)
Fiona Collins (T.V.)
Nancy O'Farrell (Ham)
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NEW GYMNASTICS CLUB FOR MAYNOOTH

As you may remember from the August Edition of the Newsletter, Leonard Bhattachayia is taking Des Hogan's place as the Gymnastics coach in Kildare. Mr. Hogan is retiring, and the prize-winning former Cork Coach, Mr. Bhattachayia is delighted to be taking his place. Leonard has worked with several clubs in Cork, and all of his gymnasts have done well, many winning national and international prizes.

Gymnastics is a great way for a young child to learn discipline, gain suppleness and strength, and to meet other children. The preferred starting age is 4 or 5, as their little bodies are so much more flexible then. All classes are recreational, but students who show promise are encouraged to go competitive.

The classes will be held in the Parish Hall and there are still places for new members. It is a wonderful sport for children of all ages, and places will be snapped up quickly so make your move now! Details are available in the Classified Column.

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VIDEO REVIEW

HEAT (18'S)

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Verdict: See It Now!!

JUMANJI (PG)

Robin Williams plays Alan Parrish, who has been trapped inside the Jumanji game for twenty six years. He is eventually freed by two children playing the game in the attic and goes in search of the girl he was playing the game with, when he entered the board at twelve years of age! He must find her in order to finish the game they started all those years ago, for if they don't the board will release all of the game pieces; elephants, crocodiles, lions, rhinos and other wild animals to cause havoc on the streets of their town. This is a role-playing game with a difference!! Great storyline, great special effects good direction and a very good performance from Robin Williams make this a most enjoyable movie that should appeal to everybody, especially the kids!

Verdict: Excellent

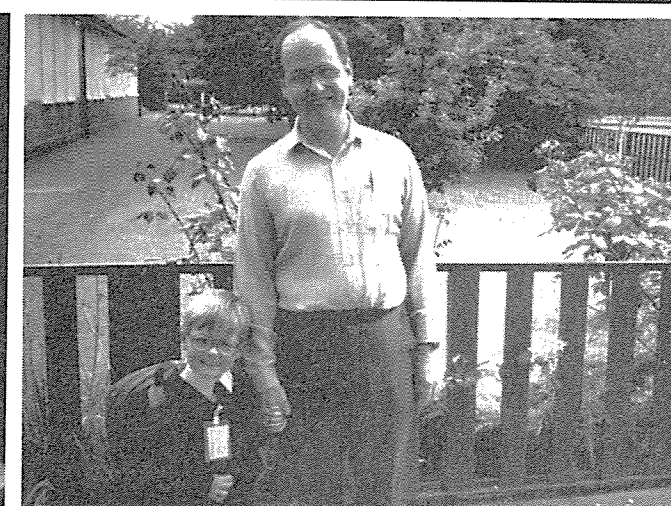
INNOCENT VICTIM (15'S)

Tim Hennis (Rick Schroder) is a young army sergeant with a promising military career ahead of him when he is falsely arrested for a series of brutal murders. He is tried and convicted on circumstantial evidence, and sentenced to hang. The story of how his parents strive to prove his innocence even in the face of a military judicial system that is more interested in punishing somebody - anybody - for the killings, makes for a compelling film. There are strong performances from all concerned, not least from Hal Holbrook and Rue McClanahan as the father and mother. Rick Schroder over the years has blossomed into a fine young actor and gives a very good performance in the lead role.

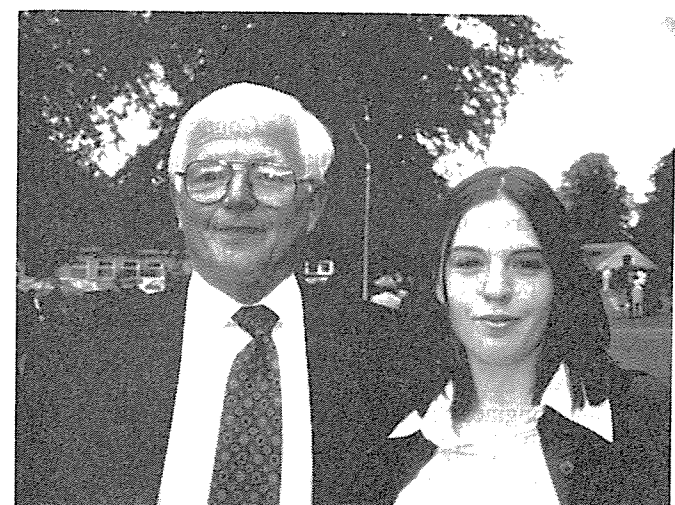
Verdict: Highly Recommended.



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Holding on for dear life.....young Christopher Geraghty, as he leaves his daddy to go to school



Pictured above is Pearse O'Connell with his daughter Shauna, after her graduation in Maynooth College.



We pictured these 4 & 5 year olds in the Spud & Spoon race at the Beaufield Sports Day



Pictured above are Maynooth Town Ladies Soccer team:- back row (l - r) Emma Kilduff, Ciara Baxter, Ginny Breslin, Shelley Breslin, Antoinette Mooney, Leah Newman, Maedbh Flood, Cáith Ledwith, Tony Kelly (Team Sponsor); front row (l - r) Irene Kearney, Leanne Hughes, Enda Kelly (Mascot), Laura Kearney, Paula O'Shea, Bríd Ann O'Shea, Frances Kearney (Manageress),.

Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES OCTOBER 1996

Parson Street Improvements.

Cllr. John McGinley's motion that traffic calming measures for Parson Street be provided from the 1996 Road Block Grants was agreed at the Area meeting of Kildare County Council on the 15/12/95. Subsequently a sum of £25,000 was allocated for this purpose from the Road Block Grants. The County Engineer was asked to consult with the Residents Association so that agreed measures could be undertaken.

The Residents Association put their proposals in writing to Kildare County Council on the 17/6/96. Nothing further was heard from the County Engineer until the 10/9/96 when he sent his proposals to the Residents Association and your local Councillors.

These proposals involve putting a footpath and kerb on the river side of the street and some road markings at the residential side. Cllr. John McGinley has advised the County Engineer that putting a footpath at the river side will only make matters worse, i.e. moving traffic towards the houses, and that a combination of the Residents proposal (creating parking bays at the residential side) and strategically placed decorative bollards (as used in Grafton Street) would make the road much safer.

Bond Bridge.

Cllr. John McGinley and the Area Committee are still awaiting a reply from the County Engineer on his motion:

"That special development levies be increased to £4,000 per house on all future planning permissions granted for housing west of Bond Bridge in order to secure the financing of the new bridge."

The County Engineer promised to circulate a report at the Area Meeting on the 29th July.

Special development levies of £3,000 to £4,000 per house are common in Dublin, whereas, the levy for Bond Bridge has remained more or less the same for the last 15 years.

Planning permission has recently been sought for a further 205 houses in the Newtown area. As the money required for the new bridge is £500,000, special levies of £2,500 per house would be enough to alleviate the suffering of the people in the area. Cllr. McGinley and Minister Stagg will do everything possible to take County Council Officials out of their paralysis on this long standing problem.

Convent Lane (old Dunboyne Road).

Cllr. John McGinley's motion, to have a weight restriction placed on this road in order to divert the heavy traffic to the new Dunboyne Road at Blacklion was considered by the Area Committee of Kildare County Council at its meeting on the 13/9/96. It was agreed that as a first step a "No Lorries" sign would be erected at both ends of this road and if this did not work that procedures would be put in place to have a weight restriction imposed.

Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D. stresses that a traffic count should be conducted shortly after the "No Lorries"

signs are erected and if heavy traffic continues to use the road, the procedures for imposing the weight restriction should commence immediately.

The County Engineer has also advised Cllr. McGinley that £6,000 will be spent in October 1996 setting back the kerb and widening Convent Lane. Cllr. McGinley has also asked the Engineering Department to surface dress the road at house numbers 11 -18 Leinster Cottages, when they are in the area.

Old Greenfield Estate.

1. New Names.

The Residents Association have carried out great work in getting agreement on new names for the roads in the Estate. In order to ensure that residents are fully aware of the proposed new names for their area, the Council will write to each resident asking them if they are in favour (a prepaid envelope will be included). This is a procedural matter in order to eliminate any confusion.

2. Litter Bins.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide the 8 litter bins already agreed with the Residents Association some time ago. He has further told the Council that this should not interfere with the Annual Grant towards the upkeep of the Estate.

3. Exposed Stream.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to fence off the stream left exposed by Lark Homes when they were building the houses at the bottom of the lane. He has also asked that fast growing trees be erected behind the fence.

4. Back Lane.

The County Engineer has assured Cllr. John McGinley that he will fill in the post holes immediately and that he will investigate what drainage is required before resurfacing.

The new light has helped greatly, however, Cllr. McGinley has asked for another two lights to be installed in order to make the Back Lane safer.

5. Cul de Sac Signs.

Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested the reinstatement of 2 Cul de Sac signs at the entrance to Old Greenfield.

Taking In Charge Newtown Court.

Arising from requests from local residents, Minister Stagg has made representations to Kildare County Council concerning the taking in charge of Newtown Court.

A number of matters remain to be completed which include technical requirements in relation to the Foul Sewage Pumping Station, Boundary Fencing of the main open space and a dispute over surface water outfall with an adjoining developer. Minister Stagg will continue to monitor progress on the resolution of these matters.

S.I.P.T.U. Midlands Region Conference.

S.I.P.T.U. Midlands Region held their second Conference in Maynooth College on the weekend of September 20th. The Conference was opened by Minister of State Emmet Stagg, T.D. In his address he thanked S.I.P.T.U. for choosing Maynooth as their venue yet again.

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Gardening HINTS

Bright Ideas for Darker Days

Planting the Winter Garden

You're less likely to spend time in the garden in winter, so it's important to site winter plants carefully in order to enjoy them to the full. Try planting a specimen tree with brilliant white bark at the end of the garden - but ensure that it's framed within a window view. Tiny winter flowers such as Iris, Crocus and Snowdrops should be given pride of place in a tub or bed outside a patio window where you can enjoy them from your armchair. And precious scented shrubs are best grown near a front door where their perfume will greet you whenever you enter or leave the house.



Planting Pointers

Autumn is a good time for planting hardier plants, as well as the spring bulbs. The soil is warm enough to encourage good root growth, so plants will establish quickly. There's also less chance of them becoming stressed by drought conditions, though if the season proves to be dry, regular watering is necessary. Conifers and some of the more tender evergreens may need protection from icy winds in their first year, so check before buying and delay their planting until April or protect them with a windbreak of polythene or fine netting.

When choosing trees and shrubs, opt for several that have more than one season of interest - i.e. flowers in summer, berries in winter or good autumn foliage. Choose types that will suit both your soil types (acid/alkaline) and the planting position. Check that the eventual height and spread of trees and shrubs will be a suitable size for your garden. Give plants a good start by removing all weeds and digging in lots of garden compost or other organic matter. Dig a hole large enough to fit the plant comfortably and add a handful of bonemeal at planting stage to encourage root growth. Water in and firm well. Stake trees and tie in wall shrubs and climbers and check regularly that they haven't been lifted by the frost or winds.



Garden Havens

Feeding the birds is child's play



Providing food and shelter for birds and animals is a great way to fill your garden with colour and life. An easily-made nest box will help encourage new and fascinating visitors to your trees and lawns.

Birds need food regularly and once you start feeding them in the winter it's important not to stop suddenly, cutting off the food supply they've been taking for granted. If you keep up the routine, it's more likely that they will choose your garden as a nesting site, due to the ready availability of food.

A well stocked garden with berry-bearing shrubs, hedges - which also provide nesting sites - lawns and compost (both of which yield worms and other small grubs) and flowers with attractive seeds will also provide plenty of natural sustenance.

Bread can also be put out for the birds, provided that it is soaked beforehand. Porridge oats, dried fruit, cake and cooked potatoes are trustworthy alternatives.

Never give birds food containing either salt or desiccated coconut as both are fatal.

Birds will perish without water, so if there is no natural source in frosty or icy weather, provide some for them. Almost any sturdy container will do - a dog's bowl or an upturned dustbin lid are two old favourites.



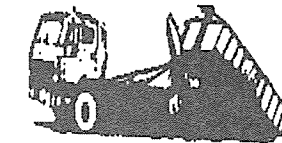
Early Birds

Aristotle, (384-322 BC), may well have been the first serious bird-watcher, carefully recording his observations.

The first bird book is thought to have been printed in the mid-16th century, in the north of England, and perhaps the first record of birds using an artificial nest site occurred in June of 1782 when Thomas, brother of naturalist Gilbert White, nailed scallop shells under the eaves of his Lambeth house.

According to White's journal, house martins were settling in only half an hour later.

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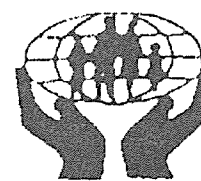


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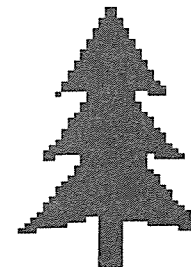
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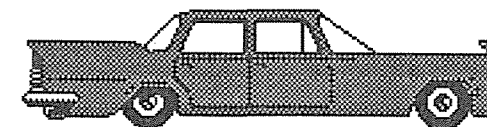


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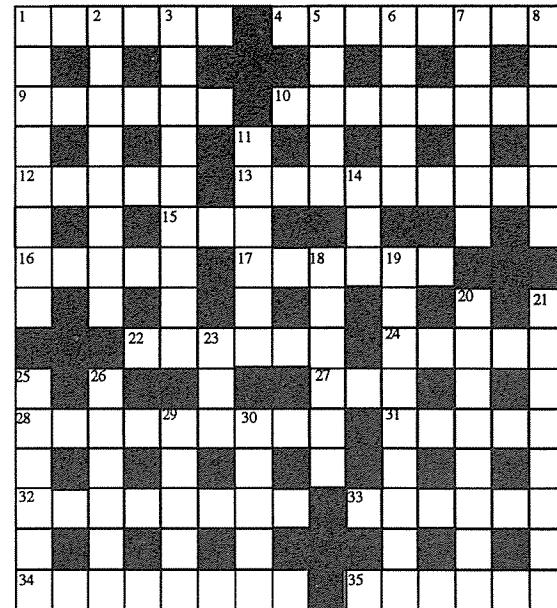
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HOME IMPROVEMENTS
V.H.I. Group Membership

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Crossword No. 107



Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, October 18, 1996.

Name _____

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Across:

- 1 Bowman (6)
- 4 Spider (8)
- 9 Opened up (6)
- 10 Timber beam (8)
- 12 Din (5)
- 13 Cancelled (9)
- 15 Land of Dreams (3)
- 16 Happening (5)
- 17 Secure (6)
- 22 Assassin (6)
- 24 Desire (5)
- 27 Unit of area (3)
- 28 Gradual development (9)
- 31 Ingenuous (5)
- 32 Wicker cradle (8)
- 33 Game bird (6)
- 34 Move to a lower position (8)
- 35 Symbol of Justice (6)

Down:

- 1 Put in order (8)
- 2 Musical instrument (8)
- 3 Basic (9)
- 5 Propeller (5)
- 6 Hang on (5)
- 7 Annul (6)
- 8 Scoff (6)

- 11 Bovine parasite (6)
- 14 Choose (3)
- 18 Beach (6)
- 19 Irregular (9)
- 20 Customary (8)
- 21 Arbiters (8)
- 23 Rear on board (3)
- 25 Limb (6)
- 26 Fish fin (6)
- 29 Employing (5)
- 30 Incompetent (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 106:

Across: 1, Window; 4, Stumbles; 9, Rights; 10, Flounced; 12, Ruing; 13, Expedient; 15, Oar; 16, Ocean; 17, Repent; 22, Placid; 24, Realm; 27, Doc; 28, Cathedral; 31, Imago; 32, Trombone; 33, Escort; 34, Exterior; 35, Astral.

Down: 1, Wardroom; 2, Negligee; 3, Octagonal; 5, Tulip; 6, Mound; 7, Locker; 8, Sedate; 11, Ferric; 14, Ere; 18, Paddle; 19, Narcissus; 20, Paramour; 21, Immortal; 23, And; 25, Scythe; 26, Utmost; 29, Ember; 30, Rondo.

Winner of Crossword No. 106:

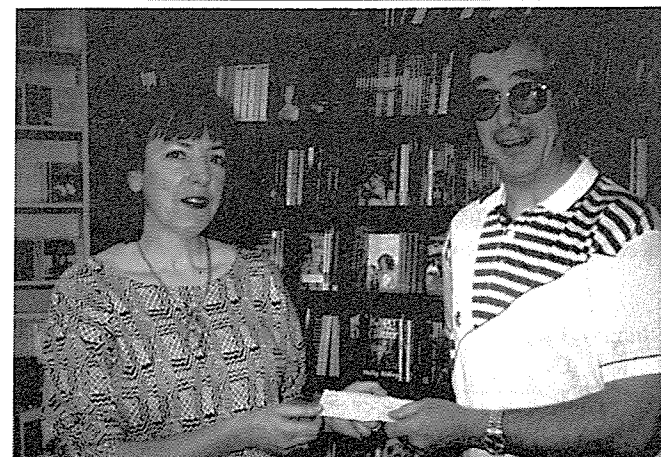
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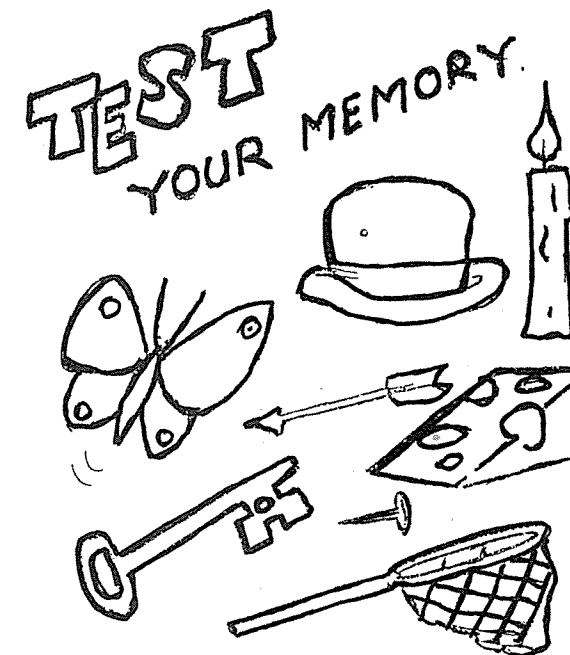
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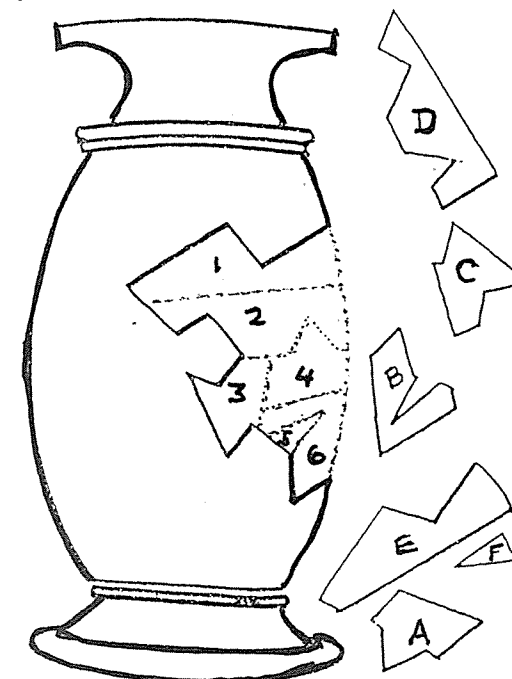
Children's Corner



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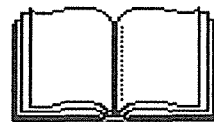
Hobbies and Interests

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LAMB and APRICOT PIES

For the Pastry

450g/1lb plain flour
pinch of salt
115g/4oz butter, cubed
115g/4oz white vegetable
fat cubed



Makes 8

For the Filling

2 tbsp olive oil
350g/12oz lean minced lamb
1 small onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tbsp chopped fresh rosemary
1/4 tsp ground allspice
grated rind of 1/2 orange
1 tbsp white wine vinegar
1/2 tsp caster sugar
salt and pepper
4 ready-to-eat apricots, thinly sliced
beaten egg, to glaze

- 1 Make the pastry: Sift the flour and salt and blend in a food processor with the butter and fat until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Or rub in the fats with your fingertips. Add enough water to mix to a firm dough. Knead lightly and chill for 30 minutes.
- 2 Make the filling: Heat the oil, add the lamb and fry quickly to brown. Add the onion, garlic, rosemary, allspice, orange rind, vinegar, sugar and season. Simmer for 15 minutes, then cool.
- 3 Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Roll out the pastry and line 8 individual Yorkshire Pudding tins or tartlet cases. Reserve trimmings for the tops.
- 4 Pack the meat filling into the cases and cover with the apricot slices. Brush the edges of the pastry with beaten egg. Roll out the trimmings, cut into thin strips and use to decorate. Glaze the pastry with beaten egg and bake for 35 minutes or until golden. Leave to cool in the tins, then lift out using a palette knife.

P.S. Pork and Cranberry Pies:

Make as above using minced pork instead of lamb. Substitute sage for the rosemary and 115g/4oz fresh cranberries for the apricots.

TRICOLOUR PASTA SALAD

Impress our Italian friends with this stunning salad in the colours of the Italian Flag.



Serve with Italian Breads. A green salad and Chianti to drink.

500g/1 1/2 lbs pasta spirals (or other pasta shapes)
250g/8oz mozzarella cheese
5 sun-dried tomatoes in oil
125g/4oz blackolives
150ml vinaigrette dressing (made with 3 parts virgin olive oil to 1 part wine vinegar or lemon juice, plus salt, pepper and a pinch of mustard powder)
5 stems marjoram
3 stems basil.

PLUM & CARAMELISED ALMOND PAVLOVA

Serves 8

The almond meringue can be made up to a week in advance and kept in an airtight container.

For the Meringue
85g/3oz flaked almonds
1tbsp icing sugar, sifted
4 egg whites
225g/8oz caster sugar
1tsp cornflour
1tsp almond essence



For the Filling
700g/1lb 9oz dessert plums, stoned and quartered
2tbsp caster sugar
200ml (20cl) tub crème fraiche
300ml/1/2 pint vanilla yogurt
fresh plum or damson leaves, to decorate

- 1 Preheat the grill to hot. Spread the flaked almonds over a baking sheet, dust with half the icing sugar, then briefly cook under the grill until caramelised and golden. Shake the sheet to turn the almonds over; dust with the remaining icing sugar; then grill again until golden. Watch the almonds all the time as they caramelize very quickly. Cool, finely chop two-thirds and set aside.
- 2 Pre heat the oven to 140C/275F/Gas 1. Line a large baking sheet with non-stick baking paper and draw a 20cm/8in circle in the centre.
- 3 Make the meringue; whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks, then gradually whisk in the caster sugar and cornflour, whisking well, until you have a stiff, glossy meringue.
- 4 Fold in the chopped almonds and almond essence, then spread the meringue within the circle, right to the edges and slightly hollow the centre to make a nest shape.
- 5 Scatter with half the remaining almonds, then bake for 1-1 1/4 hours until pale golden and crisp. Turn off the oven and leave the meringue inside for 1 hour before removing.
- 6 Make the filling: cook the plums and sugar in a pan until the juices start to run, then leave to cool.
- 7 Just before serving, whip the crème fraiche until softly peaking, fold in the yogurt, then spoon into the centre of the meringue. Arrange plums on top, scatter over almonds and decorate.

1 Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling water until just done about 12 minutes. Drain the pasta and rinse in plenty of cold water to keep the shapes separate and stop it cooking further. Place it in a large mixing bowl.

2 Cut the mozzarella into small cubes and the sun-dried tomatoes into small strips. Stone the olives, if liked. Mix the dressing ingredients, shaking them in a bottle or blending them in a liquidiser.

3 Snip or chop the marjoram and basil into small pieces. Combine the cooled pasta with the cheese, olives and tomatoes. Add enough dressing to lightly coat the pasta, then add the herbs. Stir well, and leave at room temperature, lightly covered, for about an hour for the flavours to combine. Serve at room temperature.

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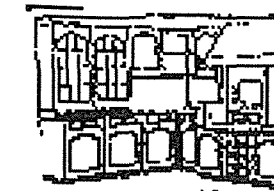
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the season now in full swing results are coming to hand quickly, and early indications are that the club is in good hands and honours may not be too far away this season. From our under eights up to senior level, teams are being fielded each week with the respective managers looking forward to a fruitful campaign.

Congratulations to senior player Gerry Thompson and his wife Tina on the birth of their son Mark.

Some match Results to date:

Leinster Football League, Premier Division, Sun.

Maynooth Town 2 Ormond F.C. 2

Maynooth opened their league campaign with this tough home game against city rivals Ormond. Maynooth opened brightly, but conceded the first goal inside half an hour. With Maynooth calling for offside having been flagged by the linesman, the referee waved play on and Barry Desmond had no chance. Maynooth drew level six minutes later when Dermot Myles laid on a chance for Fergal Barton. Ormond took the lead early in the second half but Maynooth kept battling away and with time running out Paul Murray headed a late equaliser for Maynooth.

Best for Maynooth: Barry Desmond, Fergal Barton and Ger Thompson.

St. Vincents 2 Maynooth 2

Maynooth gained their second successive draw of the campaign against a side widely tipped for honours. Maynooth opened the scoring in the eighth minute when the home keeper dropped a James Delargy corner at the feet of Donncha McCarrick who made no mistake from close range. Paul Flood denied St. Vincent's with some top class saves to send Maynooth in at half-time leading by the only goal. The lead however was soon wiped out when Vincent's got on terms with an easy chance. Maynooth put Vincent's under extreme pressure but were caught by a quick break and fell a goal behind with sixteen minutes remaining. As in their

previous outing Maynooth would not give in and with Michael Kelly driving forward like a man whose life depended on the game, it was only fitting that he should carve the opening for Fergal Barton to lay on the equaliser for Paul Murray.

Best for Maynooth: Mick Kelly and Paul Murray.

Maynooth Town 5 Inchicore Rgs. 2

It took Maynooth a long time to stamp their authority on a game which should have been made safe long before the closing minutes when the home side finally wrapped up the points. The main feature of the game was a Dermot Myles hat trick which provided the icing on the cake. Adolar Acacio laid on the first for Myles before James Delargy sent Joey Dempsey away to set up the second goal for Paul Byrne. Inchicore pulled a goal back before half time to set up a nail biting second half. Maynooth paid for their first half misses when Inchicore equalised shortly after the interval Maynooth upped the tempo in the final 15 minutes with some clever play and regained the lead with seven minutes remaining when James Delargy sent our Spanish signing Federico Bros scampering down the right before setting up Fergal Barton for the lead goal. Dermot Myles got his second following a Joey Dempsey pass. Myles completed his hat-trick near the end following a Robert Thompson pass. Best for Maynooth were Dermot Myles, Ger Thompson and Michael Kelly.

Maynooth Town 1 Aston Village Utd 0

Maynooth had to show strong defensive qualities in securing three valuable points. This win preserves Maynooth's unbeaten record and is in stark contrast to last season when the opening four games proved pointless. Maynooth tried hard to carve out the opening goal and good early efforts by Adolar Acacio, Michael Murphy and Federico Bros were fruitless. Maynooth persisted with an all out attack and the deadlock was broken in the 27th minute when Fergal Barton headed home a James Delargy corner. The visitors proved to be most durable and Maynooth were finding it tough against strong opposition. Maynooth's defence was in top form and was the rock on which many an Aston Village attack floundered. The back four of Ger Thompson, Fergal Barton, Paul Byrne and Martin McTiernan made the points safe for Maynooth.

Division 1 Saturday

Jobstown 4 Maynooth 1

The inexperience of Maynooth showed in this their first game of the season. Newly formed to give fringe first team players a weekly game there were many pleasing aspects in this performance despite the one sided look of the scoreline. Alan Millett and Colm Carroll were in good form for Maynooth and it was only fitting that "The Doc" should secure Maynooth's consolation goal.

Maynooth Town 6 Bacchus F.C. 1

Maynooth bagged a round half dozen in this one sided rout of a Bacchus side who were ripped apart by some exciting open play. Paul Byrne opened the scoring in the 26th minute to set the scene for a high scoring game. Derek Dolan



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increased Maynooth's lead with an unstoppable shot. Our Spanish speaking duo Adolar and Federico combined for the former to increase Maynooth's lead. A Bacchus own goal followed to increase Maynooth's lead further. Federico once again made the opening for Adolar to get his second. Alan Doyle made the chance for Adolar to complete his hat trick with nine minutes remaining. With time almost up Bacchus grabbed a late consolation goal. Best for Maynooth: Alan Doyle, Johnny Thompson, Robert Thompson, Federico and hat trick hero Adolar.

Swords F.C. 3 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth were unlucky not to share the points in this rip roaring game against top of the table Swords. Maynooth can feel heartened by this display and will certainly learn from the experience. Brazilian Samba artist Adolar was once again to the fore in all that Maynooth created and his two superb goals were not enough to rescue a point for his adopted club. His impending departure to his native Brazil will create a great void and will be a great loss to the many friends he has made since his arrival. Derek Dolan, Andy Dunne and Barry Desmond were also in good form for Maynooth.

Maynooth Town 7 Ansley Ath. 1

It was a case of seven up for Maynooth in this one sided game at Dublin Road. In sweltering heat Maynooth put on the style for a large gathering. Maynooth's style of play quickly upset the opposition and it was no surprise that the home side took the lead in the eleventh minute. Alan Millett crossed into the box for Federico Bros to score his first goal for the club. Michael Murphy and Federico combined to create a chance for Adolar to score. Ansley got a goal back but were soon overrun by a rampant home side. Colm Carroll swung over a cross for Michael Murphy to smash home. Shortly afterwards Murphy set up a chance for John Murray who made no mistake. Andy Dunne finished another Michael Murphy pass with a deft touch for Maynooth's fifth goal. Substitute John O'Sullivan, entered the fray and duly got on the scoreboard with Maynooth's sixth goal. With time running out Colm Carroll completed the scoring.

Best for Maynooth were Michael Murphy, John O'Neill, Federico Bros and Owen Maloney.

D.D.S.L U/18 Div. A1

Ballybrack Boys 1 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth made their long awaited appearance in this division after several cancellations. Being at a distinct disadvantage due to their late start in the league Maynooth were slow into their stride but improved steadily as the game progressed. Ballybrack proved to be tough opposition and supported by a large following they made life difficult for Maynooth in the early stages. Maynooth fell behind in the 20th minute following a spell of Ballybrack pressure and the signs looked bad for Maynooth. With Damian Doyle in top form Maynooth soon got to grips with Ballybrack and began to show their class. Ballybrack were unable to curb Maynooth's new passion and received a number of cautions

for over physical play. Following another act of indiscretion by Ballybrack, Maynooth were awarded a free kick just before half-time. Declan Buckley's free kick hit the back of the net via a defender. Maynooth kept plugging away and with fifteen minute remaining another free kick reaped the desired award. Such was the force of Declan Buckley's free kick the Ballybrack keeper was unable to hold the shot and the ball spilled over the line for a deserved score. Maynooth were deserving winners with many good individual performances notably from Damian Doyle, Antonio Bros, Alan Nugent and Declan Buckley.

D.D.S.L. U/17

Mourne Celtic 0 Maynooth Town 8

Mourne were no match for a rampant Maynooth side who were totally dominant throughout. Maynooth could easily have reached double figures if not easing the pressure in the closing stages of the game. Darren Naughton scored with a free kick from the half way line for the main scoring highlight with a Martin Byrne effort from the edge of the penalty area being particularly outstanding. Maynooth scored at will and Mourne were most relieved to hear the final whistle.

Maynooth's top performers were T. Dalton, P. Carroll, M. Byrne and D. Naughton.

The Maynooth goals came from P. Carroll (2)

D. Naughton (2), M. Byrne, B. Collins, D. Leavy and a Mourne own goal.

D.D.S.L U/15 A

Glebe North 0 Maynooth Town 7

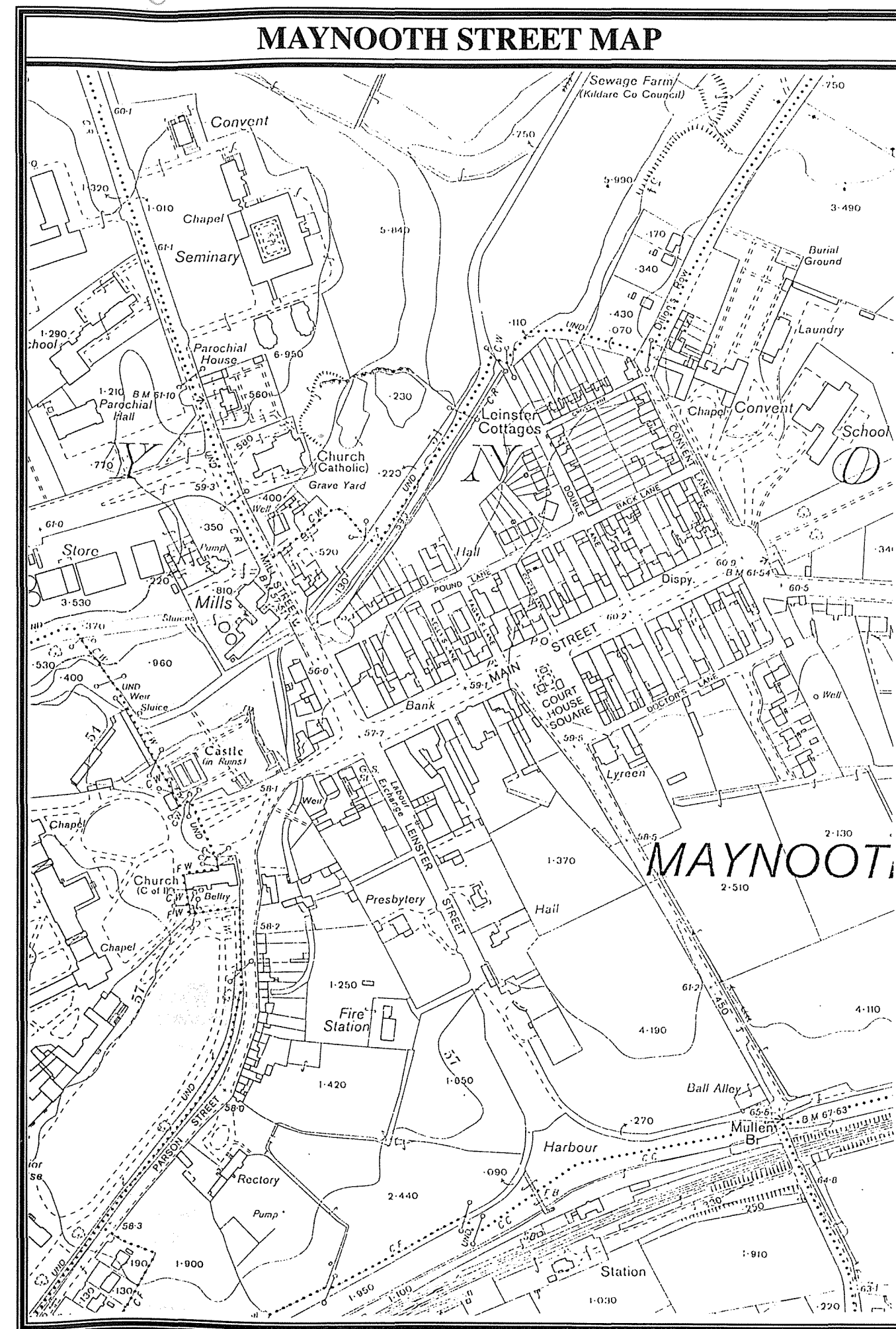
Maynooth visited the coastal town of Balbriggan on the North East coast and came away with all three points after a highly polished performance. Maynooth were on top throughout and scored at will against a side who had no answers to their dilemma. Eoin Deegan led Maynooth by example and set the standard which his team mates duly equalled. Trevor McMahon took the scoring honours with a hat trick with Sean Brady, Mark Kavanagh, Kevin Langan and Juan Bros adding to the total.

D.D.S.L U/15 A

Maynooth Town 4 St. Paul's 3

It looked as if Maynooth had this game wrapped up at the interval with what looked like a comfortable two goal lead. St. Pauls' came more into the game in the second half and got on terms with two quick goals. Those setbacks did not upset Maynooth who came again to grab the points with goals from Trevor McMahon and Juan Bros. Goals by Kevin Langan and Trevor McMahon had given Maynooth their first half lead. Mark Kavanagh was best for Maynooth with Trevor McMahon and Juan Bros also prominent.

The club is pleased to announce the sponsorship of our ladies team by Tony Kelly Heating and Plumbing. This is a major boost to the club and we much appreciate this generous sponsorship. A new set of playing gear was recently presented by Tony which ensures that our ladies will be well up there in the best dressed category.



Acknowledgements, Birthdays

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Kelly: The family of Ted Kelly, Main Street, would most sincerely like to thank the many, many people who called to the house, attended the funeral services and supported us in a thousand different ways.

We would especially like to thank Fr. Supple and Fr. Coogan for their attention to Ted over the last few months. He appreciated their discretion and kindness as much as we did. We appreciate also the sympathy and support of the staff of Maynooth College and the Student's Union. Our grateful thanks also go to Messrs. Reilly, Undertakers, for their kind attention. A Mass will be offered for all of you.

Malone: The Husband, Brothers, Sisters of the late Maureen Malone, 28 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement.

Those who attended the Removal and Funeral Mass, sent Mass Cards, sent Floral Tributes, those who called personally to the house.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Peter Dowling, Fr. Brendan Supple, Fr. Denis Cogan, Dr. Cowhey, ambulance crew and the Gardaí.

Also a very special word of thanks to Bridie O'Brien, Lily O'Riordan, Joan Carroll, Catherine Fay, the staff of Caulfields and all our neighbours and friends who helped us out.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

SYMPATHY

Husband, Son, Sister, Brother, Daughter-in-law, Grandchildren, Nephew, Nieces, Relatives, Friends, of Alice (Cissie) Richardson (nee Burke) Mariaville, Maynooth.

Husband, Sons, Daughters, Sister, Brothers, Brothers-in-law, Sisters-in-law, Relatives, Friends of Angela Byrne (nee Keelty) Rail Park East Maynooth.

Wife, Son, Daughters, Relatives and Friends of Edward (Ted) Kelly, Main Street, Maynooth.

Paddy Collins, 12 Rail Park, on the death of his sister Mary Rooney, who died 11th September 1996.

Husband, Son, Daughters, Brothers, Sister, Sons-in-law, Grandsons, Relatives and Friends of the late Ethna McDonald.

Richardson: The Husband and son of the late Cissie Richardson, Mariaville, Maynooth, would like to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. All those who sent mass cards, wreaths and letters of condolence.

A special word of thanks to Fr Cogan, Fr. Liam Ryan and Fr. Meaney. Dr. Cowhey and the Medical Staff in Blanchardstown Hospital. To Oliver Reilly Undertakers for their help and efficiency in handling the funeral arrangements. Also our kind neighbours and friends, we hope this Acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation.

Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Imelda Carroll and her husband who successfully negotiated the seven-year itch and celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on September 10th.

BIRTHDAYS

Wishing Anne Birchall a very Happy Birthday from Margaret and Mick.

Happy Birthday Anne, Love Mam & Elizabeth.
To Mammy: Happy Birthday: Lots of Kisses, Andrew & Alex.

Tom Nolan, Greenfield, October 4th, from the Brady Bunch.

Rikki McTernan, Laurence Avenue, Age 5, September 8th.

Keith McTernan, Dunboyne, Age 18, September 9th.

Aileen McTernan, Moyglare Village, Age 11, September 22nd.

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